

**SOCIAL MINISTRY: Food Pantry Collections**

466.2 lbs Total for Jan-May donated to MSM  
39.4 lbs Weekly Donations (June)  
505.6 lbs Year-to-date to Main Street Mission

**Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive**

Did you leave food by your mailbox last month? The "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive, facilitated by the US Postal Service, collected **10,913** pounds of food locally for Main Street Marketplace and Meeting Place.

**NOW Collecting (Through end of Sept)**



- Shampoo/Soap/Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Feminine Products
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

*Drop donations in collection boxes in the Narthex and by the mailboxes. Look for the label "One Can Do More"*

**A message from Main Street Mission → Main Street Marketplace and Meeting Place: *NEW NAME...SAME MISSION.***



**MAIN STREET**  
MARKETPLACE  
MEETING PLACE

Main Street Mission was founded from the vision of a small youth group to meet the needs of our neighbors and impact the community in a positive way. The same is still true today. As Main Street Mission continues to grow and evolve, our core mission remains. In an effort to further our outreach, we launched our Bridges Initiative just 4 short years ago. This allowed us to not only respond to a crisis need, but to move beyond one way giving and into a partnership where healthy relationships are formed between differing economic classes. Through this program, resources are built and our neighbors continue to be empowered to contribute to the solution of our community's needs.

As our community needs grow and change, Main Street Mission intends to continue to grow and change to accommodate those needs. Along with continuing to offer classes and workshops that build resources, Main Street Mission is expanding. Main Street Marketplace (our newly renovated space) will house our grocery and clothing items and Main Street Meeting Place (the current facility) will house our workshops, classes and provide a space for building relationships and community. We invite you to come and visit us soon!! Join us where everyone has a place at the table, including you. An Open House for the new space will be held soon. In the meantime, check out the new website: [www.marketandmeeting.org](http://www.marketandmeeting.org).

**FISH FRY NEWS**

*-Contributed by Robin Bernhardt*

Save the date! October 13, 2018, will be our 10th Annual Fish Fry. TEN YEARS! Our recipient this year is 51-year-old Scott Brady. On May 16, 2017, Scott was told by his doctor and specialist that a breast lump was most likely hormonal changes in his breast and to keep watch over the coming weeks and months. Fourteen days later his place of employment told him his position was being eliminated. This left him without income and without insurance. He was no longer able to see his specialist without insurance and during this time, the lump metastasized and spread.

On January 2, 2018, he received the diagnosis of Stage 3C Breast Cancer, a rare aggressive form of cancer. Scott has taken chemotherapy and has been hospitalized several times due to side effects of the chemo, he is currently disabled due to the cancer. Scott is scheduled for surgery July 6 at Levine Cancer Institute in Charlotte, after which he will have a recovery time of 8-10 weeks, followed by radiation treatments (5 days a week for 6 weeks). Scott attends Memorial United Methodist Church in Kannapolis and is engaged to Kristie Joyner. Please keep Scott in your prayers as he continues his battle against cancer.

Proceeds from the BBQ Cookoff in May were designated for the Men In Mission and were used to purchase a commercial hushpuppy fryer for the Fish Fry. If you would like to volunteer in Fish Fry preparation or on the day of, contact Mike Yost.

Continue to keep our past Fish Fry recipients and their families in your prayers. Now 5 years old, Austin Mowery (2016 FF recipient) is experiencing a cancer recurrence.

## NC SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT

-Contributed by Kim Cloninger

Kim Cloninger and Tim W Sloop represented Grace Church as voting members at the 2018 NC Synod Assembly in Raleigh on June 1-2. The theme of the Assembly was, "We are the Church for the sake of the world." Here are just a few highlights from the 2-day event.

### **Pastor Shortage**

- Two years ago, there were zero pastors under the age of 30 in the NC Synod; now, we have 44 pastors age 25-44.
- Two years ago, there were 27 ELCA congregations in NC looking for a pastor; now, there are only 7.
- There are 189 pastors in the NC Synod aged 55-70.
- One year ago, there were 330 First Call vacancies but only 91 available seminarians.



With the shortage in pastors, Bishop Smith encouraged pastors and lay members to notify Synod staff of those being called to serve as rostered leaders in ministry. Synod staff will contact them and inform them of the call process.

A shortage of seminary students threatens the future of the Church. A program, *Opening Doors, Answering the Spirits Call*, launched last year and has raised \$627,000 to help eliminate debt for seminarians. Congregations are being asked to participate in the campaign and Answer the Spirits Call.

### **NC Synod Staff Changes**

- Tammy Jones-West was installed at Deacon as Assistant to the Bishop. Tammy has served as Director of Youth & Family Services since 1994.
- Conference deans were installed and rostered leaders serving in ministry 25 years or greater were recognized.

### **Mission Congregations**

Three mission congregations were featured, giving assembly participants to hear specifically about their struggles, joy and growth

- Living Waters – Cherokee Reservation in western NC (Native)
- Emmaus – West Charlotte (Partner with local schools)
- Grace – Hendersonville (Latino)

Additional Mission Congregations in the NC Synod are Arbol de Vida, Durham; Joy of Discovery, Raleigh; Christ's Beloved, South Winston Salem; Agape, Gastonia; Christ, South, South Charlotte

### **ELCA Global Musicians – GLOBAL / LOCAL**

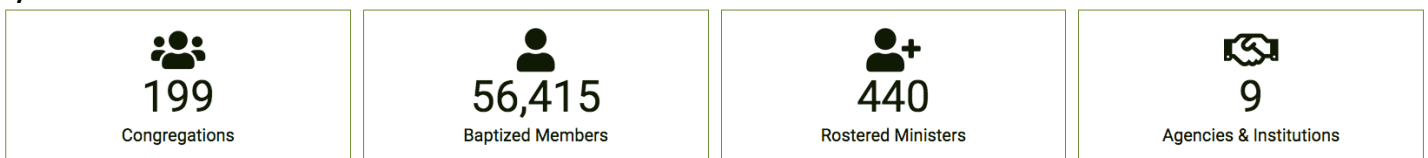
A diverse musical group lead the assembly members in song thru voice, instruments and drums. The Church of Papua New Guinea and Costa Rica were represented in song by combined musicians of the synod.

### **Business Addressed**

- Approval of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ordination of women
- Increase in paid paternal leave
- Resolution for Acceptance & Re-settlement of Refugees
- Ratification and elections – Please see the [nclutheran.org](http://nclutheran.org) webpage for a full listing of elected positions and review of the assembly events.

If **you** have never had the opportunity to experience the annual assembly, I strongly encourage you to consider attending. Our synod is strong and active in many ministries throughout the world. Remember, **We are the Church for the sake of the World.**

### **Synod Facts**



# HOMELESS SHELTER HELP NEEDED

Date	Group	Contact
January 2nd (will be open next year)	Dan Overcash Sunday School (Change month for next year to March or April ??)	Sheila Basinger
February 6th	Sisters of Grace	Megan Bame
March 6th	Mt Ulla Elementary 5th Graders and Staff	Julie Heilig
April 3rd		
May 1st	Men in Mission	Dan Roseman
June 5th	Christian Fellowship Sunday School Class	Pam Roseman
July 3rd	Youth Group	Angela Lippard
August 7th	Men in Mission	David Linker
September 4th	Christian Fellowship Sunday School Class	Pam Roseman
October 2nd	Boy Scouts	
November 6th	Julie Heilig Family and Friends	Julie Heilig
December 4th	Patty Reynolds and coworkers	Patty Reynolds

## What is involved?

-You are responsible for providing a warm, home cooked meal to the ones staying at the homeless shelter.

-If needed, you can check with the shelter to see what food is available.

-No cleanup! There is kitchen help there to wash dishes and wipe everything down.

-Wear hats in the kitchen. State health regulations require this.

-Sign in the log of arrival time and when you leave.

-Keep a count of how many you serve.

-Record weight of food brought in. Scale is on the floor as soon as you walk in.

-No children under the age of 13 is allowed in the kitchen.

-Keep a positive attitude, a smile, and prayers.

-Please contact Julie Heilig if any questions: 704-223-7311

## Rowan Helping Ministries Outreach

For many years, Grace has ministered through Rowan Helping Ministries to serve supper on the first Tuesday of the month and breakfast on the first Wednesday of the month at the overnight shelter, located at 226 N. Long Street, Salisbury.

Grace has a faithful crew who rise and shine early to prepare a hearty breakfast every month; however, we rely on various groups or individuals to volunteer and fulfill our commitment for the Tuesday supper.

We've got this year covered, but there is room for others to help! If you would like to be put on the calendar for next year or if your group would like to change months (this may require coordination with another group), let Julie Heilig know.

Kristi Miller has volunteered for several years with the Sisters of Grace and says, "The experience is so humbling and makes me feel so blessed with the things I do have! It's an honor to share the love of Christ by providing a hot meal, a friendly smile and an encouraging word to someone in their time of need."

## Council Action Report

This Report is for information only. The Minutes for the meeting will be the official record of action taken by the Council. This report shows actions approved at the June 10, 2018 meeting.

- Minutes from the May 13, 2018 Council meeting were unanimously approved.
- A motion was made to accept Marius Doyle into membership. Motion carried.
- A motion was made to refund \$2,000.00 to Wayne and Dolly Moose for cemetery plots. The motion carried.
- A motion was made to approve van rental and travel for the Youth of Grace to go to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, June 27-July 1. The motion carried.
  - A motion was made to approve a Boy Scout camping trip June 16-22. The motion carried.

## Address Correction

Mattie Lee Sloop  
Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab  
820 Klumac Rd.,  
Salisbury, NC 28144

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### **A Peek inside Trinity Living Center**

-Contributed by Susan Moffatt

On Wednesday, June 20th, I traveled to Salisbury to deliver our donations to the Trinity Living Center or as the sign said, “**TLC**”. I thought to myself, Trinity Living Center=TLC; tender loving care=TLC; how appropriate! I rang the doorbell and a joyful lady bounded through the door to help me. We carried the heavy tub of donations into the guest area. I was not prepared for what I saw next!

Oh my! Hula skirts, leis, wooden instruments and lots of smiles and giggles! The residents were having a Luau. About 33 people of all ages with different challenges were enjoying the bright, colorful atmosphere. Two guests, in particular, caught my eye - a man dressed in a suit and a lady who seemed to be missing someone; both getting special attention. I walked around while they diligently worked on sandscapes.

I didn't stay long, but what I took with me was memorable. What a small part we play with our Kleenex, plates, cups, plastic utensils, wipes, towels, toothbrushes, etc. Nonetheless, the supplies were much needed and most appreciated. David Linker's mother and our own member, Steve Williams have enjoyed the care that “TLC” offers. Anyone who has cared for loved ones in their home knows how much we need each other and how resources like Trinity can provide a respite for the caretaker and a joy-filled day for our loved one.

Just another local ministry we support? No. It is a place that gives us much more than we give them. If someone you know needs help with senior care, contact Lutheran Services of the Carolinas, 704-637-2870. Another option available is the new Group Respite Care Program at St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Salisbury, NC. It is a half-day respite group program designed to help local caregivers by giving care to their loved ones. Contact St. John's at 704-637-3940. Read the *Salisbury Post* article, “**Trinity Living at St. John's to offer group respite care**”, Monday, June 18, 2018, for more information.

## **Nike-Reuse-A-Shoe Program**

### How It Works

1. We collect worn-out athletic shoes for recycling, regardless of manufacturer.
2. Shoes are transformed into Nike Grind, a material used for athletic and playground surfaces.
3. Nike Grind is recycled into sports surfaces, which create safe surfaces for children to play.

Our Goal is: **2500** worn-out shoes!  
Let's help build an outdoor basketball or tennis court, playground, soccer field, or running tracks.

Find those worn-out athletic shoes, NOW!  
(no cleats)



**Place in the Bins!**  
**Keep those worn-out shoes out of our landfills!**

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE FINALLY HERE!

-Contributed by Megan Bame

When I was tasked by Council to coordinate a new pictorial directory, my communications committee was lukewarm. Do you remember the bulletin survey? Yeah...that may have been a delay tactic. Some committee members suggested we ask for names of those desiring a directory so that we could call on them when we needed volunteers to make appointments, make reminder phone calls, serve as a host, etc. We decided anonymous surveys were best.

Some committee members had been involved with directories of the past and considered it a difficult task. Do you remember the time that everyone had their photo made and the company went out of business before the directories were printed? Those directories never happened. The most recent directory was 4.5 years ago. I know that because the Weddington triplets had just come home from the hospital and they managed an outing to church for a quick photo op. They'll be five in October. But those are the changes—babies becoming kids, children becoming teens, our youth getting married and starting families—that most convinced me that, yes, it was time; we needed to do it. I also have many friends who didn't grow up at Grace and they refer to their directory...the one that's almost 5 years old...to put names with faces, to make connections in the community. Our community is growing and our new members deserve some updated photos to figure out who's who. We even considered including a couple family trees...just kidding...sorta.

The book itself looks different than past versions. It's called a "Community Book." It's smaller and can be updated (and reprinted!) annually as long as Lifetouch (the photography company) can book 15 appointments for new or updated photos. You'll notice in the corner of each photo is a label "2018." This is so that if we were to reprint the directory next year to include new members, new babies, members who missed out this time, or anyone wanting an updated photo, the books would be reprinted without the "hassle" of EVERYONE getting a new photo, but the date on the photo would specify the year the photo was taken. And, as I understand it, everyone would get a new book. It seemed like a great option. One thing

### YOUTH GATHERING

Here's some raw insight to how our Grace Youth have been experiencing the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. We'll be sure to include a full report in future newsletters, but here's a down and dirty list reported from Houston.

Awesome!!

- Mass gathering in the stadium
- Shopping for stickers at The Old Lutheran store
- Good food
- Arena-fun and games
- Being together
- Meeting new friends
- Great speakers
- Learning how to use public transportation
- Learning how to sleep sitting or even standing

Not so Awesome

- Learning that being a follower and not a leader is also important
- Attitudes from being tired
- Crowds
- Moving 30,000 people out of NRG Center
- Waiting for the bus
- Drinking too many sodas
- Organized confusion

you may miss are the photos of various church groups. It simply was not an option with the Community Book; a trade-off we opted for with the thought of having a more frequently published directory.

Directories will be distributed to members who had a photo taken or who submitted a photo. All members can view the directory online at <https://mobiledirectory.lifetouch.com/382415/grace-lutheran-church>. The online directory is password protected. The "access code" for the online directory is available from the church office.

If you are entitled to a printed directory, but do not want it, or if you would prefer to use the online directory, let us know and we will keep it to have extras on-hand for new members. If any of your contact information is incorrect in the directory, please provide Carol Denhard (church secretary) or Megan Bame with the correct information.

When I met with the Lifetouch representative back in January, I thought that we'd have the books in-hand by mid-April. Well, it's July, but the last step is here...getting the books in the hands of our members. My favorite memory of the experience was when one church member called to make an appointment. We had had a nice conversation, got her set up for an appointment and she offered these words of encouragement, "I know it's hard doing the directory, but it will be over soon." I had a good laugh; I feel like I've been inducted into a new sisterhood. It has been "a task" but it has not been terrible. I would do it again (wait, am I really going to put that in print, on record?); well, maybe next time someone else can be lead and I'll volunteer to assist.

All directory portraits (free 8x10s) that were received at the church have been distributed. If you have not received your photos, or if you had a problem with your order, please call Lifetouch Customer Service at 1-800-521-4611. Any corrections to the directory should be given to Megan Bame or Carol Denhard, church secretary.



## BBQ COOK-OFF REPORT

-Contributed by Mike Stout

The 2018 Grace Lutheran Church 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BBQ Cook-off was held on Saturday, May 19. Six teams competed this year for the honor of "Being the Best." We had two new teams competing along with four returning teams. Every type of grilling was represented this year, including Handmade Tow Behind Gas Grills, Egg Ceramic Grills, Hardwood Pellet Grills, Charcoal and Lump Charcoal Grills. All teams had significantly different types of grilling techniques, capacities, and cooking times. Teams were lighting their grills between 1:00am and 4:30am and collectively cooked a total of 32 Boston Butts. Two butts were submitted for competition and the rest were served for the public BBQ dinner at 5:00pm later that day. As last year, the best time of the event was sitting with the other teams in the wee hours of the morning, prepping your meat entry, managing your grill temperature and smoke, and just relaxing with each other.

Over 200 people showed up for the busy day of Competition Judging (by panel), People's Choice Judging, and to enjoy a Great BBQ Dinner. There was enough BBQ left over to provide a dinner at Rowan Helping Ministries. Here's a look at the tools and techniques each team brought to the Cook-off and a run-down of the award placements.

### Blackout BBQ

2018 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award

New for 2018, this team was the family team consisting of Rob Ross and April Gaither with Michael Ross and Ryan Gaither. They entered the competition with a Rec Tec Pellet Grill and impressed everyone with their cooking style and "Bull Horns" on the grill. This was their 1<sup>st</sup> time entering a BBQ Competition and the talent, fun and enthusiasm they brought was enjoyed by everyone.

### Rimertown's Best

2018 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award

This team is made up of husband and wife, Donnie and Kim Stout, along with Chuck Morgan. The team entered the competition with a handmade "Tow-Behind Gas Grill" that is not a stranger in the community. It has served many, many events in the community, such as weddings, party's, 4th of July events, Godstock events, church events, etc. For 20+ years Donnie's established reputation as a "Veteran BBQer," Kim's success in the catering business, and Chuck's "downhome knowledge" made this a very formidable team.

### Stay Saucy

2018 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Award

This new team in 2018 was also a family affair. Heading the group is Mike Stout (Papa), Billy Stout (Son) and Jacob Manning (Grandson). Their grill of choice was a Pit Boss Pellet Grill. Despite their hesitation entering a BBQ Cook-Off, this was the 1<sup>st</sup> competition for this team and they enjoyed every aspect of the Cook-Off. They will be repeat competitors. Jacob wearing his "Bacon Socks" might have been their secret weapon.

### Double "S" Farms

2018 People's Choice Award, 2017 1st Place Award

Returning Champions, Chris and Bob Sloop, proved once again they are the team to beat. They came and did what they needed to do to provide "Competition BBQ" along with a "Brisket" treat and sausage for the other teams. Entering the Competition with a handmade charcoal grill, made from parts from around the farm, but upgraded with "Bluetooth" technology, the "Little Grill that Could" performed remarkable for the 2<sup>nd</sup> straight year.

### Carolina Grills

2017 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award

This veteran team consisted of Randy Basinger and Dennis Hartsell. These two have cooked and provided meals for many large events for more than 20 years. They entered the competition with a large, handmade "Tow-Behind Gas Grill," which was a new addition to their team. As a matter of fact, they were still working on it one week prior to the competition. The unknown nuisances of a grill they had never grilled on did not hinder this crowd-favorite team from producing a "Top Quality" BBQ that was enjoyed by all participants.

### Sons of Brisket

2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Award

This Award Winning "Egg" Team is made up of Wayne Wirz and David Diggs. They entered the competition with not one, but two XL Green Egg Ceramic Grills fueled by Lump Charcoal. They had so much fun participating last year, they entered this year with 2 eggs for "twice the fun." The handcrafted cabinetry that nestled both of the massive Green Eggs was very impressive. The team also provided chicken as the "Wee-Hour Meal" for the other teams, to keep them focused.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LMIM-NO MEETING	2 6:30PM-BOY SCOUTS	3	4 <u>FOURTH OF JULY OFFICE CLOSED</u>	5 CIRCLE OF HOPE CIRCLE OF LIFE (NO MEETINGS) 7:00PM-FINANCE MTG.	6 SISTERS OF GRACE: GIRLS NIGHT OUT	7 10:00AM-ZUMBA
8 7:30AM-COUNCIL MEETING  VBS TEACHERS MEETING AFTER WORSHIP	9 6:30PM-BOY SCOUTS	10 6:30PM-QUILTERS	11 9:00AM-QUILTERS	12	13	14 10:00AM-ZUMBA
15 8:30AM-THRIVENT BREAKFAST MTG.	16 6:30PM-BOY SCOUTS	17 10:30AM-GRACE SRS. 6:30PM-QUILTERS	18 9:00AM-QUILTERS	19	20 <u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u>	21 10:00AM-ZUMBA
22  <u>5:15PM VBS Meal</u> 6:00-8:00 VBS	23 NO BOY SCOUTS  <u>5:15PM VBS Meal</u> 6:00-8:00 VBS	24  <u>5:15PM VBS Meal***</u> 6:00-8:00 VBS	25  <u>5:15PM VBS Meal***</u> 6:00-8:00 VBS	26  <u>6:00PM VBS Program</u> followed by Potluck Meal	27	28 10:00AM-ZUMBA
29	30 6:30PM-BOY SCOUTS	31		<u>***NO QUILTING DURING VBS</u>	<u>***NO CHOIR PRACTICE IN JULY</u> <u>***NO TUES OR THURS ZUMBA IN JULY</u>	

## VBS Reminders!

- July 8: All donations turned in (Donation box in Narthex, or place is the classroom beside the Pastor's Office)
- July 8: Meeting of VBS Leaders in Parrish Hall after worship
- Please pre-register (adults, children, volunteers) so we can plan the right amount of food/supplies.  
Register here: [goo.gl/UopHrQ](http://goo.gl/UopHrQ) (this is an online form)
- July 22-25: A meal will be served at 5:15 nightly. At 6:00, we will divide into groups by age for scripture lessons, music, games and more.
- July 26: We will the closing program at 6:00, followed by a potluck meal
- During VBS, Be a Super Hero to Others by donating school supplies, food or money for Main Street Mission.

