

The Weekly Epistle

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES, JANUARY 6:

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 A.M. ~ WORSHIP AT 10:30 A.M.

BIBLE TEACHERS SUNDAY (see page 2) ~ MEN'S CHOIR AT 2:00 P.M.

YOUTH & FAMILY COMMITTEE AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM (*This meeting is open to youth, youth parents, and congregational members interested in our youth program.*)

FINANCE COMMITTEE AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTING ROOM

Kathy Ketchie Circle will meet today at **4:00 p.m.** with Donna Lyerly will be hostess/leader
At 5:00 p.m. the circle will attend the quarterly meeting.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S QUARTERLY MEETING AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AND PARENTS MEETING AT 5:00 P.M. TO PLAN 2019 MISSION TRIP

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Property Committee (Conference Room).....Monday at 9:00 a.m.
All organizations, committees, groups, and individuals who are to turn in reports to the church office for the ANNUAL REPORT, please do so by 10:00 a.m. on Monday.

Hama Lingle and Grace Ridenhour Circles will fellowship and eat supper together at the East Innes Blue Bay on Monday at 6:00 p.m.

Melissa Lura Circle and Families will meet at Katie Funderburk's home with a January Christmas Get Together on Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Staff Meeting (Counting Room).....Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

HOPE CLASS, sponsored by the Parish Nurse Ministry, will meet on **Tuesday** at **1:00 p.m.** in the Counting Room. Please sign up on the Friendship Pads if you will be attending. Thank you.

Executive Committee (Counting Room).....Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Bonnie Bost Circle will meet **Tuesday** at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Conference Room** with Terri Powlas as hostess/leader.

Girl Scouts Troop 743.....Tuesday at 6:45 p.m.

Bulletin announcement deadline Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Adult Choir (Music Room).....Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation (Conference Room).....Wednesday from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

WOMEN OF FAITH will meet on **Thursday** at **11:00 a.m.** in the Conference Room. Following the Bible Study the group will go out to lunch at a local restaurant. Please sign up on the Friendship Pads if you will be attending. Thank you.

On **Thursday**, the **Lutheran Men** will meet for their regular meeting at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall** for fun, food, and fellowship.

Removal of Christmas Decorations (see page 2).....Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Removal of Luminaries.....Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

On Saturday, a Gold Workshop will be held at the Rowan Public Library for our Girl Scouts.

NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES, JANUARY 13:

CHURCH COUNCIL AT 8:00 A.M. ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 A.M. ~ WORSHIP AT 10:30 A.M.

CONGREGATIONAL CATERED MEAL FOLLOWING WORSHIP (see page 3)

MEN'S CHOIR AT 2:00 P.M.

GRADE SCHOOL YOUTH AT 3:00 P.M. ~ MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH AT 4:00 P.M.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE AT 3:00 P.M. IN CONFERENCE ROOM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE AT 4:00 P.M. IN COUNTING ROOM

ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFERS TRAINING AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY (see below)

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE AT 5:00 P.M. IN CONFERENCE ROOM

*The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Cecil Bernhardt's birthday on January 6, by his children.*

OUR LOVE and **SYMPATHY** is extended to Julie Jaramillo and Family on the death of her cousin, Angie Laney.

***OUR LOVE** and **SYMPATHY** is extended to Gay and Spencer Newsome and Family on the death of Bo Newsome, on Sunday, December 30.*

:: Please contact the church office if you or any of ::
:: your family members need to change your ::
:: address, telephone number, or email address for ::
:: the 2019 yearbook as soon as possible. ::

*Today designated gifts will go to the support of the **BIBLE TEACHERS** at East Rowan and Carson High Schools. Our annual budgeted amount of \$1,801 for 2019 is to help make the message of Jesus Christ available in our local high schools. You can help with your special support of these ministries.*

TREASURERS' REPORTS

The **Audit Committee** will be in the Ladies' Parlor after worship services on January 6, 13, 20, and 27, to receive all books for auditing. The deadline for turning in the reports for the Annual Audit is Sunday, January 27.

Saturday, January 12, at 9:00 a.m. the beautiful **DECORATIONS** from the **CHRISTMAS SEASON** will be taken down, packed carefully, and stored for another year.

The Youth Programs will meet **Saturday, January 12, at 9:30 a.m.** to store the Luminaries.

There is much work to be done and everyone is encouraged to come and help complete the task.

*Calling ALL youth between 4th grade-12th grade! We need YOUR help in serving as **Acolytes & Crucifers** during Sunday services. On **Sunday, January 13, at 4:00 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary** the Coordinators will be available for training. Those who are already serving are invited to a refresher course during this time.*

This month, the Lutheran Men will be providing the Bingo at the NC Veteran's Retirement Home on **Tuesday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m.**

*The **Friendship Club** will meet (weather permitting) for food and fellowship at **10:30** on **Thursday, January 17.** Please bring a covered dish for the luncheon. Rowan Helping Ministries' shelves are always bare this time of the year. If you care to, please bring a can or two to share with those less fortunate and in need.*

Planning will begin soon for the **2019 St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue**, to be held on Saturday, April 27th. Thanks to your generosity of time, talents and resources this signature St. Paul's event has raised over \$140,000 since 2012 to assist persons facing acute medical situations or other financial need.

One of the first topics to be considered each year by the planning committee is to decide on a beneficiary of the coming event's proceeds. Last year's Cruise 'n Barbecue raised over \$19,000 for St. Paul's Helping Hands Fund so that multiple persons could be helped throughout the year. If you would like to nominate an individual person or family in the congregation or community whose financial need is critical, to be considered as recipient of this year's Cruise 'n Barbecue proceeds, please contact the church office for a **NOMINATION FORM**. The form, which must be completed and returned by February 1st will describe the nomination process and list the information required.

Mark your calendars now for April 27th - another great day, and a time when the love of St. Paul's congregation is demonstrated to the community!

CONGREGATIONAL CATERED LUNCH - Sunday, January 13, following Worship

On Pastor DJ Lura's last Sunday with us, January 13, there will be a catered meal in the Fellowship Hall following worship, as we take one last opportunity to be with DJ and his family, and to wish them well.

Please indicate on the friendship pads or contact the church office by January 7, how many in your family will be attending so we can know how many to tell Debbie Suggs to prepare for.

The menu will include chicken, country style steak, potatoes, green beans, salad, roll and dessert. Please plan to attend what is certain to be a bittersweet time of remembrance, as we thank God for the Lura's five years here as a part of our church family.

YOUTH NEWS...

Girl Scout Troop 743 News...

During the month of January the Girls Scouts will resume meetings on Tuesday evenings from at 6:45 p.m. beginning on January 8.

Upcoming 2019 Events/Activities:

- January 12 a Gold Workshop will be held at the Rowan Public Library.
- January 19 a training for Program Aid at the Rowan Public Library will be held.

During the month of January and February our Girl Scouts will be selling delicious cookies. If you are interested in purchasing cookies, please contact Nicole Amos or see a Girl Scout. Most cookies are still \$4.00 a box with several new cookies at \$5.00.

Youth Schedule

JANUARY 6 - High School Youth Mission Trip Meeting with Parents and Youth at 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 9, 16, 23, & 30

Confirmation at **7:00 p.m.** in Conference Room
JANUARY 12 - Removal of the Luminaries at 9:30 a.m.

JANUARY 13

Grade School Youth at 3:00 p.m.

Acolyte and Crucifer Training at 4:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

Middle School Youth at 4:00 p.m.

JANUARY 20 - High School Youth (Time TBA)
will visit and play noodle ball with the residents of Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab

JANUARY 27 - Grade and Middle School Youth
at 3:00 p.m. to go bowling

Members of St. Paul's to remember in Prayer:

Clara Canup - health concerns
Myralyn Goodman - health concerns
Jack Hendren - health concerns
Peyton Holland - blood disorder
Richard Hughes - health concerns
Don Lentz - health concerns and pneumonia
Genine Miller - health concerns
Betty Monday - health concerns
Oleba Sebastian - recovering from stroke at home
Dottie Stancil - health concerns
Barbara Upright - health concerns
Helen Wagoner - health concerns
Joyce Wilhelm - health concerns

Friends of St. Paul's to remember in Prayer:

Dustin Chapman - Catawba Student/Adult Choir member, health concerns
Delinda Chilson - daughter-in-law of David and Carole Chilson, recovering from a stroke
Catie Critchfield - great granddaughter of Ed and Betty Niedens, heart issues
Gary Hinson - son of Wayne and Bonnie Hinson, recovering from heart related surgery
Lynn Lindsay - brother-in-law of Rick Murphy, health concerns
Linda Smith - friend of Brenda Julian, health concerns
Elizabeth Tancordo - niece of Bill and Linda Behrendt, health concerns
Pat Wiles - mother of Elaine Bowles, recovering from heart surgery
Brian Wilhelm - brother of Kim Wilhelm, recovering from heart surgery

Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. If a correction is needed or you would like a name removed or added please contact the church office. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis.

Homebound and Long-Term Care:

Autumn Care: Bonnie Casper
Genesis: Mary Sherrill
Lutheran Home: Catherine Allison, Kathleen Brown, Riley Burton, and Barbara Whisnant
Other Nursing Home Facilities: Betty Carver (Ivy Hall in Georgia), Martha Hopkins (Oak Park), and Dico Wilhelm (Five Oaks)
Home: Lloyd Casper, Edna Chapman, John and Louise Cornelison, Barbara Deese, Sonya Eller, Phillip Harkey, Ruby Heilig, Jack Hendren, Chuck and Linda Hess, Shirley Hoosier, Doug and Susan Lyerly, Betty Monday, James Monday, Mike and Joyce Morris, Zelia Padgett, Carrie Reavis, Bill Reissner, Carolyn Rufty, Oleba Sebastian, Willie Shaver, Dorothy Sherrill, Delcie Smith, Walter Smith, Henrietta Tallardy, Jane Troutman, Arline Weaver, Polly Webb, and Kathy Yost

Ministry Partners to remember in Prayer:

Binns-Counts Community Center
Food for Thought
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ
Lutheran Services Carolinas
Meals on Wheels
Rowan Helping Ministries
Rowan One Church One Child
Samaritan's Purse

RHM items for January are: Instant Oatmeal, Instant Grits, Breakfast Cereals, and Individual Fruit Cups. *Thank you all for your continued support and ministry! The shelves are bare and needs are plenty.*