

The Weekly Epistle

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES, FEBRUARY 10:

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

REV. MARTY RAMEY, GUEST PASTOR AT 10:30 A.M.

We are thankful for Pastor Ramey for sharing the Word with us today.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS TRAINING AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

Kathy Ketchie Circle will meet in the Conference Room at 5:00 p.m. with Alison Moore, Hostess/Leader.

YOUTH SET UP FOR DINNER AT 3:00 P.M.

VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISER DINNER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 6:00 P.M. (see page 2)

Deadline to sign up for February Hope Class.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall).....Monday from 2:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Melissa Lura Circle will meet Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room with Danielle Canup, Hostess/Leader.

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

HOPE CLASS, sponsored by the Parish Nurse Ministry, will meet **Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.** in the Counting Room.

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

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

Bonnie Bost Circle will meet Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room with Teresa Linker, Hostess/Leader.

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

Wednesday Evening Service (Sanctuary).....Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Adult Choir (Music Room).....Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.

Confirmation (Conference Room).....Wednesday from 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Church Council Retreat (South Salisbury Fire Department).....Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES, FEBRUARY 17:

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

REV. DON SAFRIT, GUEST PASTOR AT 10:30 A.M.

CLASSICAL CONVERSATIONS PRESENTATION AT 10:30 A.M. (see page 2)

YOUTH & FAMILY COMMITTEE will meet 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.)

OUTREACH COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTING ROOM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AT 5:00 P.M.

Our Love and sympathy is extended to Elaine Bowles and family on the death of her step-father Jack Wiles on Wednesday.

The Rail Flower is given in honor of Staff Sgt. Luke Ziegler for his service to our country by Angela, Gracelyn and Lauren Ziegler.

Valentine's Fundraiser Dinner

Thank you to all who have registered to attend the **Youth Valentine's Fundraiser**. Dinner is **tonight at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

*We are excited to continue our partnership with Community Blood Center of the Carolinas with our first **2019 Blood Drive on Monday, February 11, from 2:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall with a goal of **35** units.*

Average in and out time is less than an hour. Making an appointment helps to prevent a backlog of donors during the collection period.

Appointments may be made by contacting Alice Davis (704) 855-4930 or pherford1@yahoo.com.

Each week we have a **Classical Conversations Homeschool** group that meets at the church. We are grateful to be able to provide them with a place to educate and guide children and youth in a Christian Environment.

On **Sunday, February 17**, during the worship service, the **Classical Conversations** group will share a presentation with the congregation.

*This month, the Lutheran Men will be providing the Bingo at the NC Veteran's Retirement Home on **Tuesday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m.***

"Souper Bowl" Results

Last week's "**Souper Bowl of Caring**" donations totaled **\$246.88** with **91 food items** collected for Rowan Helping Ministries.

The Rams won substantially with \$150.88 and 61 food items compared to the Patriots \$93 and 30 items. Obviously, the actual game did not support our votes! Thank you to everyone who gave so generously. **RHM** appreciates your help!!

Friendship Club

St. Paul's Friendship Club will meet **Thursday, February 21, at 10:30 a.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. David Freeze will meet with us again with pictures and stories of his run from Murphy to Manteo. Hopefully he will also share the summer bicycle trip. David always has a good presentation. A covered dish luncheon will be served. Everyone is always welcome to join us for a morning of fun, fellowship and good food. We hope to see you on the 21st.

Helen Gordon

HEALTH CABINET will meet Thursday, February 21, at 5:30 p.m. in the Counting Room.

The **February men's meeting** will be held on **Thursday the 21st** instead of the 14th (Valentine's Day). All men are encouraged to attend the meeting which begins with a meal at **6:30**, followed by an interesting program.

**Ash Wednesday
And Mid-Week Lenten Services**

March 6 - April 10 at 6:30 p.m.



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the forty-day season of Lent. Its name is taken from the ancient biblical tradition of using ashes as a sign of repentance and human mortality.

We come together on **Wednesday, March 6**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary** in humble and honest reflection on our own sinfulness, trusting in the forgiveness of our merciful Lord, and in the promise that he has won for us in the cross.

The Lenten season is one that is somber and reflective as we gather together to recall Jesus' final acts of ministry and the events that led to his death. We come in humility knowing that our sinfulness is no different than any humans that have come before us, but that we ask God to forgive us and make us his new creatures in the waters of our baptism.

Please join us each Wednesday through April 10 for the Lenten Services.

2019 LENTEN EVENING SUPPERS

**Wednesdays, March 6-April 10
5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Before each Lenten Evening Service, beginning on March 6, suppers will be provided at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Please sign up on the Friendship Pads so those serving will know how many to prepare for. Thank you!

March 6 - Kathy Ketchie/Grace Ridenhour Circles

March 13 - Hama Lingle Circle

March 20 - High School Youth

March 27 - Open

April 3 - Open

April 10 - Lutheran Men

Please note, we have 2 Wednesdays open. If your group can provide a light meal for one of these dates, please contact the church office.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCK **UP** AN HOUR FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINNING ON **SUNDAY, MARCH 10**, AT **2:00 A.M.** IF YOU FORGET, YOU WILL BE LATE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

ALL LOOSE OFFERING AND DESIGNATED GIFTS given at all Lenten Services will go to Rowan Helping Ministries to help the needy. We hope to support RHM with \$17,153 this year. So, please give generously as a part of your Lenten discipline.

Youth Schedule

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - Dinner Setup at 3:00 p.m. ~ Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser at 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 13, 20, & 27 - Confirmation at 7:15 p.m. in Conference Room

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - High School Youth at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - Grade School Youth at 3:00 p.m. ~ Middle School Youth at 4:00 p.m.

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

- Genevieve Baker** - recovering (foot surgery)
- Clara Canup** - health concerns
- Terry Eller** - health concerns
- Mary Gentry** - recovering (eye surgery)
- Myralyn Goodman** - health concerns
- Jack Hendren** - health concerns
- Peyton Holland** - blood disorder
- Emerson Holder** - heart related issues
- Richard Hughes** - health concerns
- Christine Maloney** - recovering (neck surgery)
- Jan McCanless** - recovering (back surgery)
- Genine Miller** - health concerns
- Mike Morris** - health concerns
- Melinda Redding** - recovering from surgery
- 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
- Linda Smith** - friend of Brenda Julian, health concerns
- Elizabeth Tancordo** - niece of Bill and Linda Behrendt, health concerns

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.

Supply Pastor Schedule

- Sunday, February 10 - Pastor Marty Ramey*
- Sunday, February 17 - Pastor Don Safrit*
- Sunday, February 24 - Pastor Eddie Pless*
- Sunday, March 3 - Pastor Ken Fink*

Homebound and Long-Term Care:

- Autumn Care:** Bonnie Casper - recovering from knee surgery
- Genesis:** Mary Sherrill
- Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:** Catherine Allison, Kathleen Brown, Riley Burton, Betty Monday-Palliative Care and Barbara Whisnant
- Other Nursing Home Facilities:** Betty Carver (Ivy Hall in Georgia), Martha Hopkins (Brookdale Assisted Living), 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, 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

*The following is a suggested list, although all items are greatly appreciated. **RHM items for February** are: Bags of Rice, Canned Fruits, Canned Vegetables, Seasonings, Salt, Sugar, Coffee Creamer, Ketchup, Mustard, and Pepper.*

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

Sunday School Attendance (2/3).....	91
Sunday Worship Attendance (2/3).....	191
General Fund Offering Received (2/3).....	\$11,026
Other Offering Received (2/3).....	\$2,364
Wednesday Evening Attendance (2/6).....	41