

The Weekly Epistle

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES, FEBRUARY 3:

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

REV. KEN FINK, GUEST PASTOR AT 10:30 A.M.

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

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FOLLOWING WORSHIP (see page 2)

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S CALLED MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP PIANO-SIDE TRANSEPT (see page 2)

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

High School Youth will meet at Katie Funderburk's at 6:30 p.m. to fellowship and watch the Super Bowl

The deadline to sign up to attend the Valentine's Fundraiser Dinner is today

Please sign up TODAY if you will be attending **Women of Faith** this week.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Hama Lingle Circle meets Monday at 7:00 p.m. with Alice Davis, Leader, and Abby Walker, Hostess.

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

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

Grace Ridenhour Circle meets at St. Paul's on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. with Jeanne Shaver, Hostess/Leader.

Ellen Bumgarner Circle meets in the Counting Room on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. with Becky Lyerly, 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 , 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Women of Faith will meet in the Conference Room on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. for their Bible Study. Following their meeting the group will eat lunch at a local restaurant.

Black Light Game Night will be held on Saturday in the Fellowship Hall. The Grade and Middle School Youth will play games from 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Supper will be provided. The High School Youth will be joining in the fun from 7:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Friends are invited to attend. **Parents are asked to pick up their Grade and Middle School Youth at 7:30 p.m.**

NEXT SUNDAY'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.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS TRAINING AT 3:00 P.M. (see page 2)

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 (see page 2)

*The Lutheran Women will have a called meeting following worship on **Sunday, February 3**, at the piano transept to discuss and vote on: \$150 towards Adult Chaperone expenses to attend the LCMC Youth Event in Savannah, GA on March 22-24 and providing up to \$600 for a smart TV and wall mount for the Counting Room.*

Each year, around the time of the Super Bowl football game, **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** mobilizes youth to collect dollars and cans for hunger-relief organizations in their local communities. 100% of the money they collect goes directly to their charity of choice.

Our Middle and High School Youth will be collecting donations on **Sunday, February 3**, following Worship. These will be delivered to Rowan Helping Ministries on Monday, February 4.

Supply Pastor Schedule

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

All **Communion Assistants** are invited to attend a **Training on Sunday, February 10, at 3:00 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary**.

*Melissa Lura Circle will meet **Monday, February 11**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Conference Room** with Danielle Canup, Hostess/Leader.*

The **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** needs your **HELP!** If you are willing and able to be at our congregational events, we need help with preparations for meals such as providing drinks or tea, general set up for meals, and clean up. Please contact Terry or Myra Jane Eller or Kay Moody.

Valentine's Fundraiser Dinner

*On **Sunday, February 10th**, at **6:00 p.m.** the youth will be hosting a **Valentine's Dinner** for the congregation in the Fellowship Hall.*

For entertainment three "families" of 5 people will play St. Paul's Family Feud. If you're interested in participating, please contact Katie Funderburk at your earliest convenience.

The menu is: barbeque chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, and dessert.

*Please come out and enjoy a home cooked meal to support our **2019 Mission Trip** to Blue Knob, PA. **Sign up on the friendship pad by Sunday, February 3**, if you will be attending so the youth will know how many to prepare for.*

If you have any questions please contact Katie Funderburk.

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.

HOPE CLASS, sponsored by the Parish Nurse Ministry, will meet on **Tuesday, February 12**, at **1:00 p.m.** in the Counting Room.

*Please sign up on the Friendship Pad if you will be attending by **Sunday, February 10**.*

Executive Committee will meet **Tuesday, February 12**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the Counting Room.

On **Saturday, February 16**, the Church Council will hold its annual retreat beginning at **9:00 a.m.** at the South Salisbury Fire Department. This is an opportunity to study and evaluate the past year's accomplishments and a time to discuss and set priorities for the coming year.

Due to the Council Retreat the Church Council will not meet on Sunday, February 10.

*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.*

Youth & Family Committee will meet **Sunday, February 17**, 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.)

*The **Outreach Committee** will meet at **2:00 p.m.** on **Sunday, February 17**, in the **Counting Room**.*

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet at **4:00 p.m.** on **Sunday, February 17**, in the **Conference Room**.

*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.***

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

Youth Schedule

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - Canned Goods and Donations for *Souper Bowl* following Worship High School at 6:30 p.m. at Katie Funderburk's for Super Bowl

WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20, & 27 - Confirmation at **7:15 p.m.** in Conference Room

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 **Black Light Game Night** (Supper will be provided.)
5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Grade/Middle School ~ 7:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m. High School

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

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
- Myralyn Goodman** - health concerns
- Jack Hendren** - health concerns
- Peyton Holland** - blood disorder
- Emerson Holder** - heart related issues
- Richard Hughes** - health concerns
- Don Lentz** - health concerns and pneumonia
- Jan McCanless** - recovering (back surgery)
- Genine Miller** - health concerns
- Mike Morris** - health concerns
- 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
- Jack Wiles** - stepfather of Elaine Bowles, under Hospice Care

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 - 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 Ruffy, 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

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

Sunday School Attendance (1/27).....	95
Sunday Worship Attendance (1/27).....	224
General Fund Offering Received (1/27).....	\$14,725
Other Offering Received (1/27).....	\$1,038
Wednesday Evening Attendance (1/30).....	31

*For January, St. Paul's collected 158 pounds for donation to **Rowan Helping Ministries**. Thank you! 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.***