

# St. Paul's Monthly Epistle

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Go back to Day Camp in July for a comment that has staying power. At the end of camp one day, Julie Goodman was out at the shelter to pick up her oldest daughter, Reese, when I walked up to say “hello.” Julie looked down at Reagan, her younger daughter, and asked, “Who’s that?” Reagan looked up at me and smiled, then said, “The Creature.”

Not content with one rendition, she asked again, “Who’s that?” Reagan looked me over once more to make sure I was the preacher at St. Paul’s, then repeated, “The Creature.”

Just a couple weeks ago, I was visiting the Goodmans and, upon entering their home, Julie asked her who I am again. Then her Nana asked her (like, six times). Then her Dad came into the room and asked her. Every single time, she responded with that cherubic little smile, “The Creature.”

And now, other folks from other families in the congregation delight in calling me “The Creature.” It is better than some things I’ve been called. Truth be told, I think it’s wonderful. Of course, I like it. It’s things like this that start long-lasting relationships between two people like Reagan and her creature, but also between this congregation and its pastor.

One of the reasons for this is that picking is a family thing; it binds us together. Another reason is that people who don’t know the Goodmans that well will now start getting to know them, if only to be able to ask Reagan who “that guy” is. It’s a fun thing to do; ask her this Sunday morning. Introduce yourself, then look at the shortest Goodman, point in my direction, and ask her the increasingly popular question.

Indeed, ask her over and over like Nana Linda does. It’ll do your heart good to laugh.

But don’t laugh too hard; there’s a creature loose in these parts.

See you in church,  
Pastor Ryman

## **Please, please, please...**

Call the church office. Ask Pam to schedule a visit with Pastor Ryman in your home. Pastor would love a chance to visit with you. He wants to visit with everyone so take a moment before you read this newsletter any further and call the church office. (704-633-0922).

**Biscuits & Beverages** will be available in the fellowship hall at **8:30am on October 3rd**. Be sure to stop in and enjoy breakfast before Sunday School.

**Sunday Worship Service** at 10:30am in the sanctuary is mask optional. Please join us. If you choose to listen from your vehicle in the parking lot, tune in to 104.5FM. Services are also available on the church website, and on our Facebook page ([www.splcweb.org](http://www.splcweb.org) [www.facebook.com/StPaulsLCMC](https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsLCMC)).

## **Adult Confirmation and Membership Classes**

Pastor Ryman has begun teaching confirmation classes for adults that focus on reading the Bible through the lens of the Catechism. This ongoing class serves as a solid grounding in Lutheran doctrine and theology for those who are new to the Lutheran church as well as those who want a refresher. From time to time, a three-week membership class will instead be taught those interested in joining St. Paul's.

## **Lutheran Men**

**The regular monthly meetings of the Lutheran Men will move to the fourth Monday of each month beginning October 28th.** We look forward to having all men join us on this new night!

## **Outreach Committee**

During the month of October, the Outreach Committee will collect gently used items for the Binns-Counts Community Center. Donations of used clothing and household goods will be greatly appreciated. Your donations may be brought to the church, or dropped off on the back porch of the Canup residence at 1708 Old Concord Road. A bin will be in the narthex of the church for your items. Items will be delivered in November.

**Men's Choir and Handbell Choir** will start practices on Sunday, October 3rd. The Men's Choir will practice at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall. The handbell choir will practice at 6:30pm in the choir loft. Contact John Brock for more information.

## **Lutheran Women's News**

### **Carolinas Lutheran Women (CLW)**

Eleventh Annual Convocation

**This event has been postponed until April 2, 2022.**

**Womens' Sunday is October 3rd.**

**Executive Planning Meeting** on October 3 at 4:00pm

Chairperson or representative from each circle should attend the planning meeting.

**Womens' Quarterly Meeting** in the conference room on October 3 at 5:00pm

**Kathie Ketchie Circle** – No meeting in October

**Hama Lingle Circle** – Monday, October 4, at 7:00pm

**Grace Ridenhour Circle** – Tuesday, October 5th at 6:30pm

**Ellen Bumgarner Circle** – Wednesday, October 6, at 9:30am in the ladies' parlor

**Melissa Lura Circle** – Monday, October 11, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall

This circle is responsible for October homebound cards.

**Bonnie Bost Circle** – Tuesday, October 12th at 7:00pm

In November the women collect bingo prizes and donations for stocking stuffers for Trinity Oaks (quarters most asked for).

New, unwrapped children's Christmas gifts will be taken to Binns-Counts Saturday, November 27th. The last date for donations is November 19.

## **Date and Time Change for "A Grown-Up Christmas Wish"**

The Christmas Pageant will be presented on Wednesday, December 22 and Thursday, December 23, at 7:30pm.

Calling all Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men & Other Important Helpers. Let it be our duty and delight to present "A Grown-Up Christmas Wish" as this year's SPLC Nativity Pageant.

We need your help to make this a success. Please consider volunteering as a member of the cast such as an angel, shepherd or wise man. For those of you who like to work behind the scenes, we need a large crew to help with sets, costumes, lighting, and sound. Anyone from grade school age on up who is willing or would like to participate is welcome. Please contact Brenda Julian to let her know how you want to help.

Call 704-647-2077 or email breadnose@yahoo.com.

## Upcoming

**October 1-2** – Grade school youth camp-out, **6:00pm**

**October 2** – Grade School fishing at Tim and Karen Deal's

**October 3** – Lutheran Women's Sunday

**October 3** – Breakfast before Sunday School, **8:30am**

**October 15** – Girl Scout Sleep-over, fellowship hall, **7:00pm**

**October 16** – Parsonage Open House, **4:00pm - 8:00pm**

**October 22** – Johan Gidden Concert, fellowship hall, **7:00pm**

**October 23** – BlockWork for Middle/High School, **6:30am-5:00pm**

**October 31** - Trunk or Treat, **4:00pm - 6:00pm**

**The Trunk or Treat event will be held on Sunday, October 31st** at the picnic shelter and in the front parking lot. Hayrides and hotdogs beginning at 4:00 until 5:30. Trunks will be open beginning at 5:00pm. All activities will be outside this year.

Volunteers are needed to help with food prep, food serving, trunks, hayrides, parking, and security. Forms are in the narthex. We also need candy and soft drink donations.

Leave your donations on the pews in the fellowship hall. There will also be a box in the narthex for candy donations. Contact Amy Barringer at 704-633-6368 or [abarringer@bellsouth.net](mailto:abarringer@bellsouth.net) for more information.

**Our Middle and High School youth** will go to **Binns-Counts Community Center** on November 27th to deliver and help sort Christmas gifts for the children there. They will return home on the 28th.

## Stephen Ministry Opportunity

Have you ever sent a sympathy card to anyone, or called a friend who just got home from the hospital? If you have, then you have done lay ministry. This is what Stephens Ministry is all about — Christian care.

We have six active Stephens Ministers at St. Paul's, and we could use 16 more. If you are a good listener, have an empathetic soul, and love being a Christian, please prayerfully consider taking the care-giving course. We will get started just as soon as enough of you sign up.

Our lay ministers meet every so often over breakfast, where we discuss any problems they may have (always maintaining confidentiality), and enjoy some fellowship. We're a happy bunch, doing God's work, showing "love with skin on." Please join us. Contact me for an application at 704-857-6923 or email [janmccanless@aol.com](mailto:janmccanless@aol.com).

**Parsonage  
Open House  
Saturday  
October 16th  
4:00–8:00PM**

Please come see all the hard work  
the Property Brothers and Sisters  
put into improving the parsonage...

as well as the landscaping and decorating  
done by Susan and Mark.

Come for a tour, food, and fellowship  
any time between 4 o'clock  
and 8 o'clock PM.  
on Saturday, October 16th.  
The House Blessing will be at 7:00PM.

Once parking in the parsonage grass is full,  
please use the church parking lot  
so that people may come and go  
as they please from the parsonage driveway.

## ***Memorial Gifts***

A gift was received in memory of James Poe, husband of Nancy S. Poe for the Capital Building Fund from  
Wayne and Bonnie Hinson

A gift was received in memory of James Poe for the General Fund from  
Bobby and Joan Rusher

A gift was received in memory of Bill Reissner for the Capital Building Fund from  
Guerry and Michelle Mashburn

A gift was received in memory of Delcie Smith for the Capital Building Fund from  
Wayne and Bonnie Hinson

A gift was received in memory of Victoria Squires, mother of Patricia Goodman, for the General Fund from  
Dana and Crystal Bost

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Wayne and Bonnie Hinson

A gift was received in memory of Mark Watson, son of Larry and Leilani Watson, for the Helping Hands Fund from  
Harold and Dot Goodman

A gift was received in memory of Gerald Williams, father of Nick Williams, for the General Fund from  
Dana and Crystal Bost

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Ben and Susan Bernhardt  
Dana and Crystal Bost  
Alice Davis  
Harold and Louise Eller  
Frank and Cindy Hinson  
Wayne and Bonnie Hinson  
D.W. and Judi Honbarger  
Lindsay and Judy Lowman  
Sunday School Class #5

## ***Prayers for God's Peace ~***

*Victoria Squires, mother of Patricia Goodman, passed away on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.*

*Larry Mark Watson, son of Larry and Leilani Watson, and brother of Pamela Cottingham, passed away on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.*

*Rylie Burton, who served St. Paul's as Organist for more than 24 years, passed away on Friday, September 17, 2021.*

*Mrs. Antionette Camerlin, mother of Don Camerlin, passed away September 21, 2021 in Rhode Island.*

## *Thanks*

Dear Pastor Ryman and church family,

I would like to thank each of you for your prayers, visits, cards, phone calls, and the delicious meals that you brought while I have recovered from knee surgery. I do appreciate your many kindnesses. Thank you again and may God bless each of you.

Also, thank each of you for the prayers that you offered for my extended family, (nephew and niece), Seth and Abigail Eagle, during their bout with Covid. They are much better and back in school. Again, thank you for your kindness.

Helen Gordon

Our Church Family,

Thank you all for prayers, cards, calls, and for kindness shown to our family. Mark grew up in this church. We are glad that we were able to have his funeral at his home church, giving thanks to God for his life.

A special thanks to those who took time out of their day to help with the funeral — Pastor Ryman, Johnsie Taylor, Wayne and Bonnie Hinson, Terri Powlas, Perry Bernhardt, and Tim Deal. We are grateful for you.

Prayers are much appreciated as we move on with our lives without Mark, but knowing that he is in God's care.

Larry and Leilani Watson family



Reformation Day ~ October 31, 2021

## **Lights Out**

When leaving the church, **please be sure** that you have turned lights out in bathrooms, hallways, etc. Also, please be sure all doors are locked (check doors from the outside) when you leave. Thank you.

## **Street Address Information**

Anyone who receives mail at a post office box, please get in touch with the church office to be sure we also have your physical street address. We would like to have a complete record in our data base on all our members. Thank you.

## **Income and Expenses for August 2021**

Income: \$ Expenses: \$

Expense over Income for August: \$

Income over Expense for the Year: \$

**Capital Building Fund** as of August 31st: \$

September income/expenses will be in the November Newsletter.

**Rowan Helping Ministries'** wish list for the food pantry includes canned corn, green beans, mixed vegetables, canned beans, dry beans, rice, pasta, potato flakes, breakfast cereals, and oatmeal. Items needed in other areas of RHM are listed in their newsletter online at <http://www.rowanhelpingministries.org/wish-list>. Your generosity is appreciated.

*You shall love the  
Lord your God  
with all your heart  
and with all your soul  
and with all your mind  
and with all your strength.*

Mark 12:30

## Girl Scout Wreaths Across America

Girl Scout Troop 743 will be placing Christmas Wreaths on graves at the Salisbury National Cemetery Annex on December 18th. Each wreath is \$15. Make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and put them in the offering plate. Checks made payable to Girl Scout Troop 743 should be given to Nicole Amos or Alison Moore.



*Join Us in Our Mission*  
Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach

★ **December 18, 2021** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



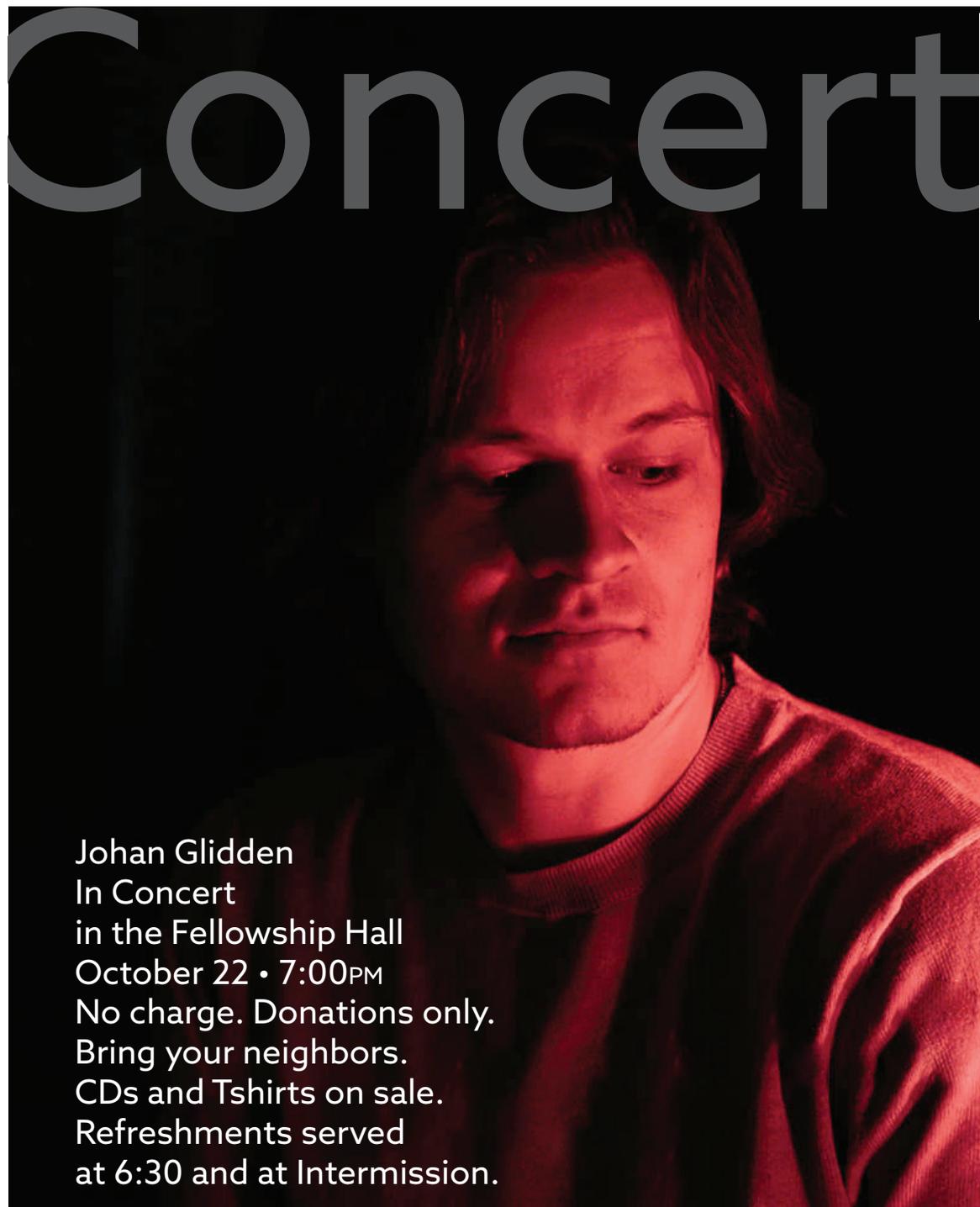
Please help  
Girl Scout Troop 743 by  
sponsoring a wreath today to be  
placed on a Veteran's grave  
this December at  
Salisbury National Cemetery Annex

Just scan the QR code to your right with your  
smart phone camera to make a donation online or  
visit [wreathscrossamerica.org/NC0277](http://wreathscrossamerica.org/NC0277)



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# Concert



Johan Glidden  
In Concert  
in the Fellowship Hall  
October 22 • 7:00PM  
No charge. Donations only.  
Bring your neighbors.  
CDs and Tshirts on sale.  
Refreshments served  
at 6:30 and at Intermission.

# Reformation Day

Find the 26 **bold** words from the paragraph below.

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In **remembrance** of the Reformation, **Reformation Day** is celebrated on 31 **October**, in between **All Hallows' Eve (Halloween)** and **All Saints Day** (November 1) during the **triduum** of **Allhallowtide**. According to **Philip Melanchthon**, **Martin Luther's** colleague, October 31, 1517, was the day Luther **nailed** his 95 **Theses** on the **door** of the All Saints' **Church** in **Wittenberg, Germany**. This event, though unconfirmed by other sources and perhaps legendary, is considered the beginning of the Reformation. Most **Lutheran** churches, as well as many Calvinist churches and others, celebrate the event as Reformation **Sunday** on the last Sunday of October. Reformation Day is an official **holiday** in some German states and in **Slovenia** and **Chile**.

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