



WORSHIP Together

Online/Recorded Worship

Our weekly services live-streamed each week and may be viewed on our website and on our YouTube channel. Prior services are available on our website for about 2 weeks. A more complete list of prior services can be viewed on YouTube.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
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Mt. Ulla, NC 28125

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September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 10 am Pastor's Study Group WELCA 6:30 pm	3	4
5 7:45—LMM Family Breakfast 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Adult Sunday School	6	7	8	9 10 am Pastor's Study Group	10	11
12 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Worship 12:00 God's Work Our Hands Luncheon 6:30 –Kingdom Kids 6:30—Confirmation Session: Grace	13	14	15	16 10 am Pastor's Study Group	17	18 9 am New Mom's Group
19 7:30am—Council Meeting 9:00 am – Adult Sunday School 10:00 am – Worship	20	21 Newsletter article Deadline	22	23 10 am Pastor's Study Group	24	25 6pm Parent's Night Out
26 9:00 am – Adult Sunday School 10:00 am – Worship 4:00 pm—Blessing of the animals 6:30—Kingdom Kids 6:30—Confirmation Session: Prayer	27	28	29	30		

Upcoming Activities and Events

9/12	God's Work Our Hands Luncheon	After Worship	Next Month		
9/25	Parent's Night Out	6:00pm+	10/16	Fish Fry	11am-7pm
9/26	Blessing of the Animals	4:00pm	10/22	SLY Lock In	TBD
			10/31	Reformation Sunday with Confirmation	

Pastor's Message

Well, as Lela says, August/September is getting busy!

Baptisms, 1st Communion, Gods Work Our Hands events and Sunday celebration, info and early registration for 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering, Blessing of the Animals, change to 10am worship, preparing for Fish Fry and Ingathering, making plans for Christmas Catanta, Confirmation catch-up classes, congregation meeting & decision & contract for activity building flooring, Blood Drive, work on the sidewalks and driveways...

Its not quite back up to pre-Covid pace, but it is getting much closer.

That's encouraging. But lets be aware and sensitive to the other side of this too – COVID is still wrecking havoc with Delta variant and numbers are spiking again, our precautions are feeling a bit like swinging pendulum, many folks have friends and family that are ill, and there are still quite a few of our members that are not ready yet to come back or be fully involved.

May we be ambassadors of grace.

We can respect and work with both those that feel we can return to normal and those that are not ready. There may be inconveniences for some and a bit more adventure than desired for others. As a family that cares for each other we can work together, we can try and have patience for those that are not in the same fast lane, or slow lane, as we ourselves might be.

Remember Jesus words about loving and serving others and not insisting on our own way and preferences. That is part of our witness to the world.

Pastor Scott

Special Announcements

New Mother's Group: We will have our first meeting Saturday 9/18 at 9am-10am. Grab and go breakfast will be provided. Kids are welcome! We are trying to have child-care provided.

LMM: Host a family breakfast the first Sunday of the month at 7:45am. All are welcome to attend!

WELCA: meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend!

God's Work Our Hands: will have a luncheon after worship on 9/12. Projects to follow afterwards. Mulching of Mt. Ulla Elementary school date is TBD at this time.

Stewardship Committee: Make stewardship your way of life. God has given us all that we have. He invites us to be disciples and disciples are good stewards.

Prayer and Spiritual Life

Wisdom from the Celtic Christian Tradition:

The Holy Spirit doesn't only make you dance and speak in tongues. It also makes you apologize, shut up and examine yourself.

Fun Food & Fellowship

Saints on the Go

Got something you think sounds fun to do? Invite others to go along with you! Make some new friends & build relationships. Simple and informal. Let us know, we will post it.

2021 Ingathering Projects

Let the Holy Spirit lead your imagination – what might be good candidates for ingathering projects for 2021? Individuals and committees are encouraged to imaginatively consider projects that can add to, improve, renovate our buildings, equipment, decorations or any other element of St Lukes. Hmm... Could an Ingathering Project be the core elements needed to start a new ministry? Could it be something that contributes to the spiritual life of the congregation? Let the Holy Spirit lead your imagination.

Worship

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE to 10am on Sept 12

Update your calendars & reminders on paper and gadgets. Beginning on Sept 12 we will start worship at 10am. Adult Sunday School will meet prior to worship. Until further notice children will continue gathering for "Children's Church" during the service.

Summer "Worship in the Grove" – Continues Until??

Given the current COVID spike and resulting necessary precautions Worship & Music has decided to continue meeting outdoors in the grove where we can sit with much less risk, sing with gusto, not wear masks and enjoy our wonderful cathedral of trees. W&M will review that plan monthly.

Of course, in case of rain, we gather inside in both the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall.

Due to current COVID spike, worship in the Sanctuary will return to "Mask Required" and Fellowship Hall will be "Mask Recommended"

Alter Guild Schedule

9/5—Paula Owen

9/12—Steve and Betty Massey

9/19—Jennifer Kennerly

9/26—Julie Poteat

Worship Video Streaming

Our worship video systems for both livestream online and Fellowship Hall are fully operational once again after repairs & replacements due to the electrical spike.

STAFFING NEEDS

We continue our search for candidates to serve as (1) pianist/keyboardist (short term) and as organist/choir director (long term). If you are aware of any possible candidates please contact Jody Perrell or Pastor Scott.

Worship Audio/Video Servants Needed!

We so very much appreciate our crew of A/V operators during worship – but we really, REALLY need a few more folks that can share that effort so everyone can take vacations or participate in worship in other ways. Will you please consider joining that rotating team? Anyone can learn! Please contact Pastor Scott

Friends and Relatives on our Prayer List

We thought it might be helpful if all of us know the relationship to our congregation of the people on our prayer list. We ask that as names need to be added or removed, you contact the church office. Prayer is a powerful entity and as we pray for ourselves, we strengthen our faith in love and service.



Martha Ann Barringer	<i>friend of Sandy Arrowood</i>	Tim Peede	<i>bro-in-law of Debbie Clary</i>
Bill Hall		Diane Rivers	<i>friend of Alice Weaver</i>
Don Killian	<i>cousin of David Arrowood</i>	Billy Sigmon	
Karen Knox	<i>friend of Lori Corriher</i>	Doris Strickland	<i>mother of Debbie Clary</i>
David Lentz	<i>relative of Eleanor Ijames</i>	Ron Turbyfill	<i>friend of Jennifer Perrell</i>
Danny Marsh	<i>father of Angie Connelly</i>	Michael Walker	<i>cousin of David Arrowood</i>
Cindy Morgan	<i>dau. of Reid & Margaret</i>	Kim Watkins	<i>friend of Alice Weaver</i>
Jerry Overcash	<i>cousin of Bonnie Russell</i>	Cindy Webb	<i>sister of Kathy Webb</i>

Members and Friends Serving in the Military

Eric Corriher	<i>husband of Dana Corriher</i>	Vince Price	<i>nephew of David Arrowood</i>
Jon Faust	<i>son of Margaret Faust</i>	David Terry	<i>son of Beverly Terry</i>

The Church in the World

The NC-LYO "Free Rice Challenge"

The Lutheran Youth Organization of the NC Synod has challenged everyone in the NC Synod to earn **FIVE MILLION** grains of rice through FreeRice, an educational trivia game that helps you get smarter while making a difference for people around the world! Each right answer helps end hunger by generating the cash equivalent of 10 grains of rice for the UN World Food Programme. **You can help!** Download the FreeRice App or visit freerice.com. Create a free account, choose the group *NC Synod*,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Victoria Lee Jones	1
Ava Ann Jones	1
Sue Ellen Moore	1
Patsy Myers	3
Robin Hampton	3
Arnold McDaniel	3
Evelyn Foster	4
Brooklynn Hoffner	7
Julie Hoffner	12
Reid Morgan	13
Aidan Connelly	13
Donna Beaver	17
Seleia Kerr	19
Faye Peeler	20
Judy Getzlaff	22
John Owen	25
Michael Stanley	30

BAPTISMAL

ANNIVERSARIES

Charlotte Presley	2
Debbie Morgan	5
Jeff Poteat	6
Wynne Burns	6
Jason Connelly	6
Chase Hovis	10
Karley Clawson	11
Tammy Garczynski	14
Deanna Allison	14
Mary Harkey	17
Helen McNeely	19
James Cameron	21
Julie Edwards	21
Kallie Clawson	23
Louise Cashion	24

Meals on Wheels

Volunteer Schedule for August

3	Nancy Harris
7	Sally Morgan
8	Karen Moore
10	Jeff Poteat
14	Sally Morgan
17	Nancy Harris
21	Paula Owen
22	Alice Weaver
24	Linda Clodfelter
28	Diane Davis
29	Debbie Clary

OFFERINGS AND FINANCE

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	Current	Benevolence	Worship
July 4	\$4,643.40	\$125.00	-
July 11	\$2,900.00	\$25.00	76
July 18	\$2,720.00	\$25.00	52
July 25	\$2,697.48	\$174.23	71

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Current	Benevolence	Restricted	Total
Beginning Balance 7/1/21	\$39,733.28	\$0.00	\$174,064.11	\$213,797.39
Receipts July 2021	\$12,960.88	\$349.23	\$4,209.00	\$17,519.11
Charges/Fees July 2021	(\$16.57)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$16.57)
Transfers July 2021	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disbursements July 2021	(15,583.48)	\$0.00	(\$10,017.31)	(\$25,600.79)
Ending Balance 7/31/21	\$37,094.11	\$349.23	\$168,255.80	\$205,699.14

DISCIPLESHIP

“Children’s Church” Our younger children gather for Bible story & activity for a portion of our worship, and then join us again for prayers and communion. *Please share your time and faith joining the rotating team to lead our kids.*

Adult Sunday School gathers every Sunday after worship in the Fellowship Hall, currently studying a video & discussion series about the land and people of the Bible.

Prayer & Spiritual Direction Group is on pause during this time.

Thurs Study Group – “The Apocrypha”

Thursday study group is starting a study of the Apocrypha, a set of ancient books considered good and valuable, but not worthy of inclusion in our official “canon” of scripture. They are often included in many Bibles, however, placed between the OT and NT and considered worthy of study. Pastor Scott leads this study. Join us Thursdays at 10am via Zoom or at the church. Drop in as you can.

SLY Youth

SLY and Kingdom Kids joined together at a pool party to celebrate the new school year starting. SLY will be busy planning our Parents Night Out on September 25th. Coming up in October, we will have a lock-in where we will be doing some fun Halloween activities. We are also beginning to prepare for the Youth Gathering next summer and registration is just around the corner. With the youth gathering, comes fundraising. Be on the lookout for some pink flamingos coming to your yard! Don’t worry too much, it’s just a fundraiser from SLY.

Confirmation

Youth Confirmation continues to work on “catching up” after COVID. August sessions included “Doubt” by Jason Connelly and “Big Picture of the Bible” by Joe Hampton. September session topics include “Grace” by David McBride and “Prayer” by Jason Connelly. Celebration of Confirmation is planned for Reformation Sunday in late October. Lutheridge has announced the restart of their Faith Alive Confirmation mini-camps, and we will be checking those dates and topics, probably resuming our trips after the new year.

Upcoming Sermon Series

If you were play a game with God, what would it be? Chess, hide and seek, telephone? Starting mid-September, we will be starting a sermon series on “Playing with God.” How can we think about these games and how we communicate or interact with God? Sometimes a simple shift in perspective can change the way we communicate and interact with God.

Council and Leadership Section

Aug 15 Congregational Meeting : Decisions

On Sunday Aug 15, after worship, the congregation gathered voted on two items

- Approved installation of multi-purpose safety/athletic flooring in the Activity Building. That contract is being signed and the floor will hopefully be completely installed by mid-December.
- Decided to move to 10am worship with 9am Sunday school. Worship & Music was committee is commissioned with deciding on the date. At their meeting on August 22 they chose to change on Sept 12, giving time for announcements and publicity.

Parsonage Proposals – Deadline Oct 1

Congregation Council is inviting all parties to submit specific and reasonably detailed proposal for the future of the Parsonage building. We’ve had 18 months of many ideas and lots of discussion, including two congregational gatherings. Time to narrow this down and make a decision!

Proposals will be reviewed by the Parsonage Plan Team, who will follow-up as needed and then present to council and congregation. Deadline for proposals is Oct 1, 2021. Submit proposals via paper or electronic version to the church office.

Proposals must include:

- Name and contact info of the person(s) making the proposal
- Description of the idea and use, and ministry use if retained by St Lukes
- Name of Responsible Party - the individual that will take responsibility for helping make this happen (if chosen)
- Financial Summary with immediate and long-term costs and/or income to the congregation
- Timeline of when this could/would occur, including any deadlines that may apply

Some simple ground rules:

- Not general ideas or “someone should...” or “we should” submissions
- If the Responsible Party is not you, make sure that they agree to serve in that role.
- Cost and/or income estimates should be adequately researched so as to be reasonably accurate.