

VOICE OF EMMANUEL SEEDS OF HOPE!



Announcing new Synod Staff

While sad to say goodbye to Pastor Sara Ilderton this week, we are also blessed and excited to share with you not just one but two calls the synod council issued last week.

We called Deacon Wendy Roberts at 60% time to be our Candidacy Coordinator. The umbrella of Candidacy includes preparation for rostered ministry and the Advanced Lay Ministries program (Lay Preachers and Synod Authorized Ministers).

We also called Pastor Cassie Overcash to be a full-time Assistant to the Bishop. Her main responsibilities will be Boundaries and Inclusion education, misconduct response, conflict response, call process, synod staff liaison for synod worship services, and other general duties as a representative of the bishop's office.

Please meet them below.

Deacon Wendy Roberts received her first call to children, youth, and family ministry at Morning Star, Matthews in 2011. She later became Deacon of Discipleship there, with an emphasis on connecting others with fulfilling ministries that value their God-given gifts. Wendy has served long-term with the synod's candidacy committee, including the Executive Team, and has a passion for raising up leaders in this church. She and her husband, Chris, love exploring anything in the outdoors and live in Charlotte with their teenage daughter and beloved mutt. Their young adult son attends college at UNC Wilmington.



Originally from New Jersey, **Pastor Cassie McIntosh Overcash** has been part of the NC Synod since 2003. She grew up attending Abiding Presence, Fuquay-Varina, was an active member of the LYO Board, and served as a camp counselor at Agapé+Kure Beach Ministries. She



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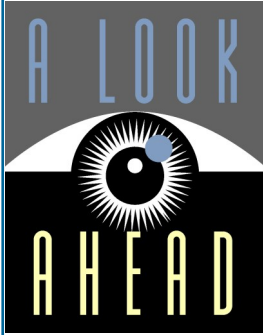
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Mission Statement:

As the body of Christ,
fed and nourished
through worship, we
are called to serve all
people, through the use
of our gifts to proclaim
God's justice, mercy
and love.

*Our Vision: Striving to
Thrive with Vitality!*



August 20

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Philosophy from Lenoir-Rhyne and a Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Most recently, she was pastor at Grace, Thomasville. She has served as a member of synod council and is excited to work with congregations across North Carolina to promote collaboration and innovation. Outside of work, you can find Pastor Cassie hosting game nights, throwing pottery, and traveling with her family.

We look forward to having Deacon Wendy and Pastor Cassie on synod staff beginning in mid-September. Join me in praying for this time of transition for them, their congregations, and the synod office staff.

Walking with you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Timothy M. Smith'.

The Rev. Timothy M. Smith
Bishop



Two men were marooned on an Island. One man paced back and forth worried and scared while the other man sat back and was sunning himself. The first man said to the second man, "Aren't you afraid we are about to die." "No," said the second man, "I make \$10,000 a week and tithe faithfully to my church every week. It's Stewardship Month at my church. My Pastor will find me."



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?

The hymn How Great Thou Art is based on a poem. The poem was written in what language?

1. English
2. German
3. Norwegian
4. Russian
5. Swedish



Answer: 5

The Cab Driver and the Pastor

A cab driver had reached the Pearly Gates in Heaven and announced his presence to an Angel, who looked him up in the Big Book.

Upon reading the entry for the cabby, the Angel invited him to grab a silk robe and a golden staff and to proceed into Heaven. A Preacher was next in line behind the cabby and had been watching these proceedings with interest. He announced himself to the Angel.

Upon scanning the Preacher's entry in the Big Book, the Angel lifted his brow and said, "Okay, we'll let you in, but take that cloth robe and wooden staff." The Preacher was astonished and replied, "But I am a man of the cloth. You gave that cab driver a gold staff and silk robe. Surely I rate higher than a cabby."

The Angel responded matter of factly: "In Heaven, we are interested in results. When you preached, people slept. When the cabby drove his taxi, People prayed."

Ministry in Action - August - September

	August 27	September 3	September 10	September 17
Greeters	Todd Lanier Vera Lanier	Phyllis Scronce Susan Boyd	James Gantt Margaret Christopher	Ben Robinson Emily Robinson
Lector	Ruth Murphy	John Cromer	Chuck Yoder	Jennifer Huskey
Crucifer	Matthew Heavner	Jennifer Little	Mary Ellen Bridges	Jennifer Little
Acolyte	Julie Leonhardt	Jennifer Huskey	Quinlyn Cornwell	Hannah Brooks
Communion Asst	Vera Lanier	Cathy Lounsbury	David Bynum	Ben Robinson
Altar Flowers	Available	Available	Available	

Monthly Duties August 2023

Councilperson	Ben Robinson			
Altar Guild	Betty King	Vera Lanier	Rhonda Thompson	
Ushers	Rudy Rudisill (Captain)	James Gantt Guy Rudisill	David Bynum Steve Lounsbury	

Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Faith5 Corner by Bob Lake

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Share: Share your highs and lows

Read: Romans 12:1-8

Talk: Slowly reflect on the reading. What is the church? Many pastors will tell you that the church is the body of Christ. Do you find Paul's imagery compelling? Do you consider yourself part of the church? If so, what are your gifts? What are the gifts of those around you? Are they different gifts? God has given each of us different gifts. Isn't this a blessing from God? God expects us to live together, work together, and love each other. When we do that aren't we doing what Jesus taught us to do? Are we not then the church, the body of Christ?

Pray: Lord, we thank you for all the different gifts that you have given each of us. Help us work together so that can do your work with our hands. Help us be the people that Jesus, Your Son, taught us to be. We want to truly be one body in Christ.

Bless: "_____, God blessed you with many gifts."



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Shirley Barnes, Susan Boyd, Polly Bryant, Kathy Cromer, Laura Cromer, Max Edwards, James Gantt, Suzette James, Betty King, Nancy McCoy, Trudy Perkins, Jim Sain, Paula Turner, Joan Warren, Pat Wilburn, Rick Norine and family (cousin of Barbara O'Neill), Evelyn Cochrane (neighbor of Susan McConnell), Barbara Stillwell (sister-in-law of Rusty Rhyne), Tommy London (father of Tonya Lawson), Sherri Beam (friend of Julie Leonhardt), Drew Milholland (Pastor Mike), Jane Smith (mother of Kathy Cromer), Larry Clark (John Lawson), Anna Lineberger (John Lineberger), Judy Bullard (John Lineberger's grandmother) April Wellman (Susan Boyd), Rosa Guerra (Susan Boyd), Rob Gregor (Susan Boyd), Anita Cable (Ashley Peaslee), Charles Ferguson (son-in-law Judy Blanc), Doug Norwood (Dara Jarrett), Bill Gibbs Jr. (Amy Brown), Bobbie Robinson (Kirk Herbertson)



On the first day of school, Battleground teachers were treated with breakfast and snacks.

The beautiful star was made by Betsy Williams.





It's time to start rehearsing again.

Chancel Choir will begin on Wednesday, September 6 at 7 PM
in the Choir Room.

Bell Choir will begin on Wednesday, September 13 at 6 PM in
the Sanctuary.

Saturday, September 9 at 9 AM

The clean-up will be primarily in our sanctuary, north wing and fellowship hall. By having members clean periodically we avoid having to hire a cleaning service. With enough volunteers, the cleaning can be accomplished in an hour. We have a few dedicated members that clean our offices and education building on a weekly basis. Council Members cleaned the nursery and upstairs Sunday School rooms in July.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Adam Long	8/01
Tonya Lawson	8/11
David Wise	8/13
Heather Lackey	8/15
Colleen Lounsbury	8/15
Betty King	8/18
Jim Williams	8/18
Emerie Stinson	8/19
Larry Blanc	8/20
Allison Brown	8/25
Mindy Denton	8/25
Jennifer Little	8/26
Hayden Doehling	8/28
Wayne Little	8/29
Michael Hance	8/31



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Sunday worship, study and
fellowship opportunities

Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Service is live streamed on
Facebook at 10 am each Sunday
and will be posted to YouTube.