

Wittenberg Witness



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Mission Statement

As the people of Wittenberg, our mission is to learn and grow spiritually with traditional Christian values while reaching out to the community.

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What's in a name?

Our names are pretty important. They are the first thing we generally share with new people and strangers. "Hello, my name is..." We use names when we greet old friends and family. It's no wonder that name tags have never gone out of style - because we know that knowing and using names is a powerful reminder of who we are and something that builds up a community. I know as the new pastor at Wittenberg, I've got my work cut out for me to start the important work of linking faces with names!

Not only do names help bring communities together, names can hold and express powerful meanings and memories. Certainly famous last names like Washington, Bush, Clinton, Luther automatically invoke strong emotions and experiences in us! Or when we share together the names of loved ones who have died, like Aunt Mildred, or Grandpa Tim, it warms our hearts to remember and bring alive those who are no longer with us in flesh and bone.

When we think about what's in a name as Christian sisters and brothers, though, things become radically different than the ways of the wider world. Jesus throws the importance of family names and bloodlines out the window in Mark 3:33-35, when he asks, "Who are my mother and my brothers? Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." And while that might disorient and alarm us, Jesus makes room for an even more meaningful understanding of names and the power that they hold. Because beyond the club and membership cards that we carry in our purses and wallets (or even our birth certificates!), with our names printed upon them, we are first and foremost named as Children of God. Our identity - who we are - is shaped first and foremost by the relationship in and with Jesus Christ, the Son of God. No wonder we use our first names with Jesus' when we baptize at the font, or when we affirm the gift of the Holy Spirit in our youth when hands are laid upon their heads and hear their name being prayed aloud at their confirmation!

And while the good news that we are Children of God might sound like pretty old news for some of us, we must always remember that unlike being named as Bates, or Luther, or Washington, but instead we are linked to the great and universal family name of Christ, which alters our identity, life, and world in amazing and unbelievable ways! God gives God's name

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to Moses: I AM (Exodus 3:14). The angel tells Mary to name her baby Jesus, which means "He will save" (Matthew 1:21). In through that saving name, all the world shall see salvation and healing, grace and mercy, wholeness and love. At the name of Jesus Christ, from whom we get our true and great family name, "every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 3:10-11).

Thanks be to God that we are now known and loved by our shared name of Beloved Child of God through Jesus Christ. May we use that name not only to meet and greet one another, but to love, grow, and share God's love with a world beyond that desperately yearns to encounter the living body of Christ!



Wittenberg Preschool

Our classes are FULL for the 2017-2018 school year!

Our Meet and Greets, for parents and students are scheduled for the last week of August.

Our 2 Year Old teachers are Joan Gasque and Margie Miller, our 3 Year Old teachers are Christy Cook and Joan Gasque, and our 4 Year Old teachers are Kristy Hudson, Lisa Clement, and Sarah McVay. Please keep our teachers and students in your prayers.

A donation wall has been placed in the hallway at church for members to purchase supplies needed for the next school year, which starts in September. Please take an "apple", purchase the item and return it by August 20th. Thank you for your continued support!

A BIG thank you to all who have donated, prayed for and helped our Preschool. We have wonderful teachers, that the children love, and we provide a great first school experience for children.



WELCA NEWS

WELCA will not be meeting in August

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On Monday, August 14th, the Peeler-Wood Sunday School Class is responsible for the Rowan Helping Ministries evening meal.

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REMINDER: Now is a good time to buy items for your Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. Look for those Back to School Specials that are in the stores at this time of the year. Just save your items until the shoe boxes and information are available later in the year.

A Called Congregational Meeting results:
Kyle Bates was voted in as our new pastor and his
compensation package was approved.



* Look for June and July Council Minutes in the September Newsletter.

Called by God
and
the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Kyle J. Bates

will be ordained to the
Ministry of Word and Sacrament

on Saturday, August 12,

2:00 p.m.
at

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
405 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403

The Reverend Dr. Timothy Smith, bishop of the NC Synod, presiding;
the Rev. Mark Bernthal, Florida-Bahamas Synod, preaching.

Your prayers and presence are requested.
All rostered ministers are invited to vest and process.
Red is the color of the day.

A light reception will follow the service.

Kyle will serve as pastor at Wittenberg, Granite Quarry, N.C.



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In Memory of Eloise Peeler



Columbarium Fund

Don and Nancy Trexler

Phyllis Fisher

Norman and Barbara Beck

Improvement Fund

J.B. and Jane Faggart

Dick and Gail Finger

Billy and Jean Swadley

Mickey York

Helping Hands Fund

Karl and Diane Ahrens

Pat Fisher

The Marcum Family

Sandra Phillips

Ronnie and Susan Loflin

Chris and Angie Carman

Naomi Brown

Gordy and Carolyn Peeler

Bryan and Heather Loflin

Memorial Fund

Gail Robins

Geraldine Hurley

Thomas Eller

Larry Corl

P.H. and LaVerne McKinney

Annie Seaford

Catawba College

John and Joy Fisher

Alease Cline

Betty Brown

In Memory of



A donation was given to the Memorial Fund for in memory of Eloise Peeler, Jeanne York and Neil Marcum given by Nancy Wright.

A donation was given to the Improvement Fund for in memory of Eloise Peeler and Ray Kirby given by Ron and Ann Kepley.

A donation was given to the General Fund for in memory of Ted Graham given by Sandra Phillips.

A donation was given to the Youth Fund for in memory of Tessie Crowell McCullough given by Mike and Pam Crowell.

Prayer Concerns

Our Members:

Charlotte Mikolajski, Renita Peeler, Renee Wiles, Joe Lyerly, Joe Beattie, Ronnie Kepley, Catherine Kimball, Karl Ahrens, J.B. Faggart, Tom Graham, Brenda Galliher, Betty Peeler, Mildred Peeler, Allison Garner, Annie Kepley, Jean Swadley, Jean Cauble

Grieving Families of: Bobby Shive, Charles Hobbs, Gilbert Russell, Mike Murphy, Eloise Peeler, Sheryl Duke, Marcus Smith, Ray Kirby, Wallace Peeler, Tessie Crowell McCullough, Ted Graham, Eleanor Eller, Don Julian, Rosana Thiban Vils, Neil Marcum, Marilyn Peeler

Active Duty: J. Michael Shuping, Daniel S. McDonald, Dakota Mace, Garry Perry, Conor Honeycutt, Brett Bryant, Toler Alexander (USCG-Pastor Cuttino's brother), Brad Bryant

Deployed Military: Isaac Jones, Anthony Burton, Brandon Smith

And relatives and friends:

Fred Corriher, Bonnie Corriher, Carrol Smith, Ralph Rowell, Dorothy Johnson, Jane Edwards, Dawn Holder, Sue Perell, Tamara Brendle, Bob Bishop (Husband of Pastor Carrie Bishop), Ronnie Helms, Roger Harwood, Brenda and John Alexander, Trevor Gould, Steve Spiewak, Charlie Fisher, Keri Shirley and family, Joe & Connie Jones, Family of Patti Oliphant, Ron Thompson, Michelle Whitson, Craig Tucker, Mike Stoner, Kip Shores, Tammy Hill, Bennett Petrea, Brenda G., Jesse Musick, Samuel Towne II, Zach Thompson, Vanessa Sabo, Pat Allen, Anne Dellinger, Joyce Horne, Pat Brown, Becky Yost, Virgil Hagerman, Brian "Bernie" Stockford, Lynn Stewart, Abel Greene, Jessica Draper, Lori Lippard, Button Rudisil, Madison Peters, Linda Storie, Lucy Buie, Jean Shuping, Gary Russell, Rowan Helping Ministries, and all Unspoken Prayer Requests.

***If you would like to add someone to the list, please write their name on the additional prayers sheet at the side door in the sanctuary or let the church office know.**

Monthly Lectionary

Below, you will find a bookmark with the Bible readings.
We invite you to detach this list and use it in your Bible this month.



01	Psalm 119:12-128 1 Kings 4:29-34 Ephesians 6:10-18
02	Psalm 119:121-128 Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33 Mark 4:30-34
03	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Proverbs 10:1-5 Philippians 4:10-15
04	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Isaiah 51:17-23 Romans 9:6-13
05	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Isaiah 44:1-5 Matthew 7:7-11
06	<i>Lectionary 18</i> Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
07	Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21 Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29
08	Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Romans 1:8-15 Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29
09	Deuteronomy 26:1-15 Acts 2:37-47 Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29
10	Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35 Matthew 15:32-39 Psalm 85:8-13
11	1 Kings 18:1-16 Acts 17:10-15 Psalm 85:8-13
12	1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40 Acts 18:24-28 Psalm 85:8-13
13	1 Kings 18:41-46 Matthew 16:1-4 <i>Lectionary 19</i>
14	1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15
15	Matthew 14:22-33 Psalm 18:1-19 Genesis 7:11—8:5
16	2 Peter 2:4-10 Psalm 18:1-19 Genesis 19:1-29
	Romans 9:14-29 Psalm 18:1-19 Job 36:24-33, 37:14-24
	Matthew 8:23-27

Worship Assignments ~August

Lay Readers

Martha Graham
Allen Gould

Acolytes

Avery Carman
Haley Loflin

Torchbearers

Noah Wiles
Jordan Loflin

Crucifer

Allie Jones
Bible: Jordan Loflin

Ushers

The Whitley &
Gantt Families

Altar Guild

Cathy Kirchin
Martha Graham

Sunday School

Greeters
Billy and Jean Swadley

Coffee

Providers
06 John Wiles
13 Joe Lyerly
20 Allen Gould
27 Mickey York

Sound

Brenda Marcum

Meals on Wheels

August 14-18
Margie Miller and Cathy Kirchin

Food Wagon Suggestions

Sugar, Flour, Cornbread
Mix



August

01 Chris Lyerly	15 Susan Beatty	28 Mary Floyd
03 Jane Faggart	16 Joy Fisher	29 Bob Anderson
04 Linda Phillips	17 Nena Jones	30 Joyce Yates
04 Brandon Harrison	17 Chase Lyerly	
07 Naomi Brown	20 Chelsea Lyerly	
10 Gary Drye	22 Edith Fraley	
11 Terry Crook	24 Tracie Rowell	
14 Allie Jones	28 Shelia Smith	

31	Ephesians 5:1-6
30	Jeremiah 14:13-18
29	Psalm 26:1-8
28	Matthew 26:6-13
27	Romans 11:33-36
26	Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39
25	Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32
24	1 Samuel 7:3-13
23	Romans 2:1-11
22	Matthew 16:13-20
21	Psalm 138
20	Isaiah 56:1-5
19	Matthew 14:34-36
18	Lectioary 20
17	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
16	Psalm 67
15	Isaiah 56:1-5
14	Matthew 14:34-36
13	Lectioary 20
12	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
11	Psalm 67
10	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
9	Matthew 15:10-20
8	21-28
7	Psalm 87
6	2 Kings 5:1-14
5	Acts 15:1-21
4	Psalm 87
3	Isaiah 43:8-13
2	Romans 11:13-29
1	Psalm 87
31	Isaiah 66:18-23
30	Matthew 8:1-13
29	Psalm 138
28	Ezekiel 28:11-19
27	1 Corinthians 6:1-11
26	Psalm 138
25	Ezekiel 31:15-28
24	2 Corinthians 10:12-18
23	Psalm 138
22	Ezekiel 36:33-38
21	Matthew 16:5-12
20	Lectioary 21
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>*Sunday Schedule 8:00AM Handbells 8:30AM Coffee Fellowship 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship Service</p> </div>		1	2	3	4	4
6 *Sunday Schedule 10:00AM -Worship	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 * Sunday Schedule 10:00AM - Worship	14 7:00PM – WELCA 6:00PM -Peeler Wood Homeless Shelter Meal	15	16	17	18	19
20 * Sunday Schedule 10:00AM - Worship	21 6:30PM Council Meeting	22 Witness Deadline	23	24	25	26
27 *Sunday Schedule 10:00AM – Worship	28	29	30 12 Noon – Lunch Bunch at Slice of Heaven	31		

A Prayer For Our Students

Lord, thank you for the **unique gifts** of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with **fresh enthusiasm** and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your **enduring love**, give them **confidence and grace**, and equip them with the ability to **persevere** through trials. Bless their teachers with **wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve**, as they embark on the journey together! **Amen!**



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