

# Life-Lines



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## WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

October is generally considered a very German month, even in North Carolina of the United States of America. Oktoberfest happens sometime in the month with people doing their best to replicate the German fest. The men's group will do that during their October meeting.

At the end of the month is Reformation, we will begin the second 500 years of celebrating the Reformation.

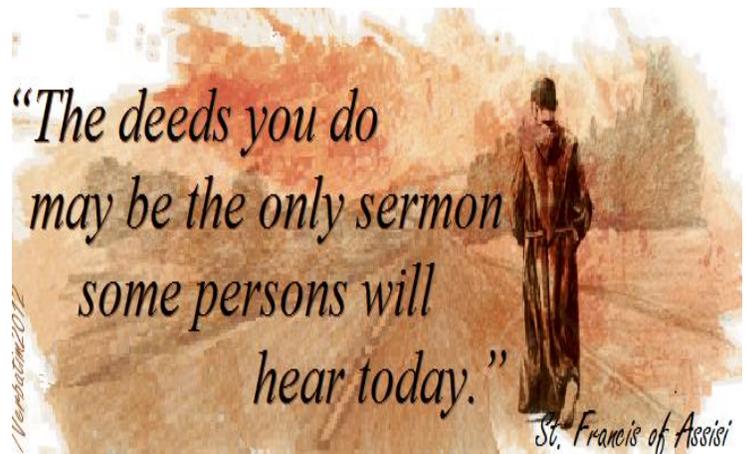
We also commemorated St. Francis on October 4 and celebrate his life by continuing the tradition of Blessing the Animals on the Saturday closest to his commemoration, this year on October 6.

William Tyndale, an English martyr, is commemorated on October 6. He translated the New Testament into English and was burned at the stake. Teresa of Avilla lived in Spain. She was a Carmelite nun, author and contemplative theologian.

I mention these non-Germans because traditionally the Lutheran Church was a church of Germans or Scandinavians. If we look around at the congregation, we can see that is no longer the case here and that is a good thing. We have folks who have sought us out not just because they have German or Scandinavian or Lutheran background. I hope it is because, as Matthew 24 states, the Good News of Jesus Christ is preached here by our words and deeds. Some have experienced that Good News in our liturgy. I have heard people say our liturgy is unique from other Lutheran churches. Some worship with us because it gives them the opportunity to sing in the choir. Others have been drawn to us by our

Blessing of the Animals, or our "field Trips" to the Mudcats, Camp Agape "O Holy Night", or in general our community service.

None of our ministries take on any projects for their own benefit, but for the benefit of the community. That is what I consider preaching the Gospel by our deeds and we are known by that and diverse people are drawn to that because we welcome all to join such efforts that benefit the community.



In the Triangle October has been known for two walks that benefit the community. First, on October 13<sup>th</sup> is the "Making Strides for Breast Cancer Research" walk in North Hills Raleigh which begins at 10 am. I have signed us up again as the Lord of Lifers. On October 28<sup>th</sup> is the CROP walk to end hunger. All are welcome to preach the Gospel by walking the gospel in either of these two events.

~ Pastor Wayne



## From the desk of your congregation council:

The Lord of Life Church Council met for the September monthly meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Regular business included review of committee reports, financial reports, and minutes.

A major item of discussion for Church Council was the storage shed break-in that occurred on August 27<sup>th</sup> and over \$8K of equipment was stolen from Able to Serve and Lord of Life (LOL). LOL has coordinated with the Garner Police Department and our insurance. Lord of Life had four items stored in the shed, including a zero-turn mower, backpack blower, hedge trimmer, and weed-trimmer. The cost for the Able to Serve equipment was likely much higher. Shannon spoke with Carlton about the break-in. It appears that whoever did this knew the locations of the cameras and accessed the shed from somewhere other than the parking lot.

The Property Committee recommends that we replace the mower and hedge trimmer and decide if we need commercial grade equipment. There was discussion that we should try and coordinate our efforts with Able to Serve in order to save money. Council voted to authorize funds up to \$7,500 out of the infrastructure fund for replacement of non-commercial, comparable zero turn mower and hedge trimmer before insurance reimbursement with the caveat that replacement estimates may be higher than expected and require reconsideration.

Able to Serve had an outpouring of support after the break-in. Carlton believes that lighting needs to be installed and areas of vegetation need to be trimmed. He wants to trim lower tree limbs and trim up bushes ASAP because of the safety concern. Council agreed that sight lines need to be addressed. Council voted to give Carlton permission to do any trimming of vegetation and bushes that he feels necessary to ensure safety following the break-in. Council also voted to give ATS permission to upgrade and install lighting as needed and replace the hasp on the storage shed. Finally, Council discussed

and voted to install a "No Trespassing and No Parking between 10 pm and 5 am" to possibly help with Church safety after-hours.

There is an issue with someone flushing paper towels in the toilets. This clog required a plumber come remove the obstruction at a cost of \$250 last month. A bilingual sign instructing folks to not put anything but toilet paper in the toilets will be installed and the Property Committee will put up shelving with extra rolls of toilet paper. Pastor will coordinate with Los Vos Di Dios to install bathroom signs.

There was a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of using visitor slips or the red books. Laura reported last month that new books would be costly. Council voted to use our existing older red books beginning in October for a three month trial and use this information in December to determine if it has improved our capturing of visitors' information.

There is a new school, Bryan Road, that ATS is trying to accommodate with Backpack Buddies. ATS can pack 145 bags per week. ATS may have additional funds to pay for Backpack Buddies, but may not be able to pack them as they are at capacity. Mary suggested there may be an opportunity for Lord of Life volunteers in the future.

Yours in Christ,  
Lord of Life Council Members:

Shannon Thomsen, Lindsay Crocker, Don Craig,  
Karen Post, Mary Cook, Alecia Harrison,  
Sarah Watkins, Dan Hayes, Becky Babel,  
Dave Hash, and Pastor Dubnansky

NC Women of the ELCA 

Who: NC Women of the ELCA

What: Triangle Conference Fall Gathering

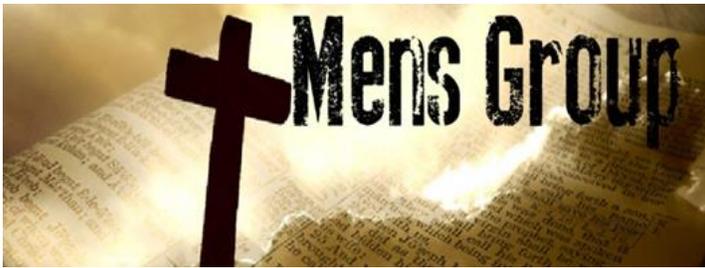
Where: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Durham, NC

When: October 6, 2018

9am-2pm

Cost is \$8 and includes lunch!!!





I again invite all of the men of the church to participate in the Men's Group monthly meetings here at the church. They are held on the first Friday of the month at 7:00 pm.

On Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our German Night in which we bring our favorite German dishes to share with the group. We will then be sharing the remaining dishes with the church members on Sunday.

On Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be holding our annual November Pizza Night. We will be serving our home baked pizza along with various breads, salads, and desserts that complement our main dish. We will again on Sunday, share the pizza with the congregation.

On Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our annual Christmas Party for the congregation. We have decided to bring back the White Elephant Gift Exchange. We will provide seating so that no one will have to stand throughout the event. We encourage everyone to bring an exchange gift and share in the excitement! So for good food and a good time, we will see you on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

John Leuenberger,  
President



I must confess the theft of equipment (yours and ours) made me very angry. But God has been more than faithful in reminding me that in every situation He will be glorified.

It also reminded me that without your willingness to allow the grounds to be part of our lease, we would not be where we are today. So thank you – from all of us!

~ Carlton McDaniel  
Able to Serve

# Thankful & Blessed

Lord of Life Congregation,

On behalf of our family, we wanted to thank you for all you did for Jack's Celebration of Life. The hugs, the cards, desserts and more meant so much to all of us!

Folks came to me during Jack's Memorial and told me after how uplifting the service was! Folks said everyone was kind and welcoming and they were very comfortable at our church. We are blessed by everyone's kindness.

*For all your help and the kindness you showed,*



~ Alice



## Blessing of the Animals

October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the outdoor chapel. Please bring a bag of pet food for the SPCA Food Pantry. Monetary gifts will also be accepted.

**Social**

**Concerns**

**Ministry**



*"The one who blesses **others** is abundantly blessed; those who **help others** are helped."*

*Proverbs 11:25, NIV*

Thank you, thank you, thank you for another successful Lord of Life Yard Sale. Proceeds from our Yard Sale always goes to community outreach. This year, our proceeds will go toward Hurricane Florence Relief, Summer Camp Scholarships and Angel Tree gifts for area elementary schools. The Social Concerns committee abundantly appreciate everything that was donated, all that helped with pricing, selling and cleaning up the collected goods, and those that helped with advertising. Thanks to Jerry Hart for allowing the committee to borrow his "floppy guy" flag for the sale day Saturday to encourage people to stop to investigate the Yard Sale. And a special thanks to Harry Albert for storing Yard Sale items over the year.

The Social Concerns committee continues to send 10% of their profits from providing the Rotary breakfast each week for the North Carolina Synod Benevolence. We also provide up to \$200 per month for the Social Worker at Creech Road Elementary School which has over 90% free and reduced lunch participation. We also send \$200 per month to support Garner Area Ministries. We are honored to be able to support Shannon Thomsen in his annual MS Bike Ride and an annual donation to the (church-wide) Women of the ELCA. We strive to be good stewards of our funds and are grateful that we are able to help those that we reach.

We have the ongoing collection of food supplies for Garner Area Ministries. Thank you for the abundance of this collection! We used to deliver donations to GAM once a month. Now Dan Hayes

delivers collections to GAM most weeks. THANKS!!!! And be on the outlook for the Angel Tree. Tags will be placed in the narthex in November.

We are pleased to announce the 2018 Annual Mary Jo Albert Christmas Concert on Monday, December 10, 2018. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

Blessings,  
Alecia Harrison and Gale Isaacs  
Social Concerns Committee Co-Chairs



The Altar Guild is entrusted with the privilege of preparing the sanctuary for the gathering of God's family. This ministry of preparation is as important to the church as the pastor's preparation time or the choir's rehearsal. Meaningful worship does not simply happen, it requires prayerful and thorough preparation by all who are involved in it. \*

"Reformation Day" occurs on October 31, we will observe it on October 28. This is a day for giving thanks for Martin Luther and the other reformers, but much more, it calls attention to the ongoing need for the ecumenical growth and renewal of the church. Paraments are bright red, the color of the church"

All Saint's Day, November 1, commemorates all the baptized people of God who have died in the faith. All Saint's Day may be observed on the Sunday following this date. Altar paraments are white.

Thank you to Deanna Leuenberger for setting the sanctuary for the month of October and to anyone having donated wine or bread or grape juice. The next meeting of the Altar Guild will be Saturday October 6 in the church library. If you would like to be on the Altar Guild please attend this meeting.

~ Carol Wallace

\*Altar Guild and Sacristy Handbook. S. Anita Stauffer.



**October**

- October 1 Kristin Hayduk
- October 2 Tim Clark  
Connie Fortmeyer  
Page Gough
- October 5 Keara Grayson  
Doris Weden
- October 8 Avery Britt
- October 9 Ella Little
- October 10 Scott Lokken
- October 14 Tom Harrison
- October 25 Amy Macurdy  
Thomas Isaacs

**November**

- November 2 Maddie Terrazas
- November 2 Carolyn Watkins
- November 3 Pastor Mike Deal
- November 5 Michael Eggert
- November 5 Tess Andrews
- November 7 Dennis King  
Benjamin Gerald Lowe
- November 8 Jeremy Hans
- November 11 Mark Macurdy
- November 14 Paul Savolainen
- November 15 Ryan Johnson
- November 17 Kari Britt
- November 21 Ryan Roof
- November 22 Bobby Grayson
- November 22 Brad Hunnicutt
- November 23 Christopher Hayduk  
Don Wallace
- November 24 Jason Blanchard
- November 28 Terry Barnes
- November 29 Lindsay Crocker-Fairchilds

We pray for our world and those in it with hope for our future.

Billie Jean Buffaloe, very close friend of Dan & Roxie Hayes - tumor in stomach; Darcee W. – cancer has returned. Family of Jack Austin, who passed away 8/20; Family of Tom Miller, friend of Karen Post, who passed away 8/9; Ginny King’s niece, Robin, breast cancer surgery 8/22; Camille Morris’s friend, Brenda Jiggetts – Stage 4 stomach cancer; Lindsay Crocker’s Nephew, Daniel Harman – health and healing; Rebecca Swanson’s Niece, Brenna – pregnancy complications; Karen Wright’s mother, Carol Goodford – heart issues; Elena Cabrera’s daughter, Stephanie; Tess Andrews brother, David Van Benschoten – multiple myeloma; Deanna Leuenberger’s sister, Charlene Beno – auto accident; Jeff Holden’s wife, Christa, and baby, Miller; Nick Vietri; Dan & Monna Stamm; Dennis King; Shirley Poole; Larry Watson, Joan Stewart’s son-in-law - ICV Stroke; Dennis King’s sister, Beverly - several serious health issues; Holly Hans’ sister, Heather House and her family; Dr. Steve Rushton, friend of Karen Post - lymphoma; Sian McLean, friend of Julia Lochra, cancer; Paul & Kerri Blanchard’s son, Jason, mental disability; Fred Whitfield, Amy Macurdy’s step-father, health issues; Joyce Bredell, breast cancer; Chuck Wallace, Don Wallace’s nephew, health problems; Evelyn Peterson, Mary Langworthy’s mom, surgery for extensive arthritis in lower back; Tom Schmidt, brother of Mary Langworthy – hospitalized; Becky Bandy, sister of Mary Langworthy – Crohn’s Disease, bleeding; Mark Schmidt, brother of Mary Langworthy – heart attack, blood clot, complications of OWRD; Cathy LaBianca, Mother-in-law to Mary Langworthy’s daughter - surgery for burst vertebrae; Christine Brennecke, alzheimer's disease; Susie, Benjamin and Bryce Lowe.



**Please review this Prayer List and let Laura or Pastor Wayne know of any which can be deleted, information updated, or additions to be added.**

*thank you!*



# FAITH DOUBT

## The Doubts of Faith

Excerpt from a *USA Today* article by  
Natalie DeBlasio:

*“How can we go on? How can we mourn a tragedy when another comes before we’ve begun to understand the first? We are heartbroken, afraid, confused and guilty. Guilty for not being able to fix a world that feels broken, guilty for caring, guilty for not caring.”*

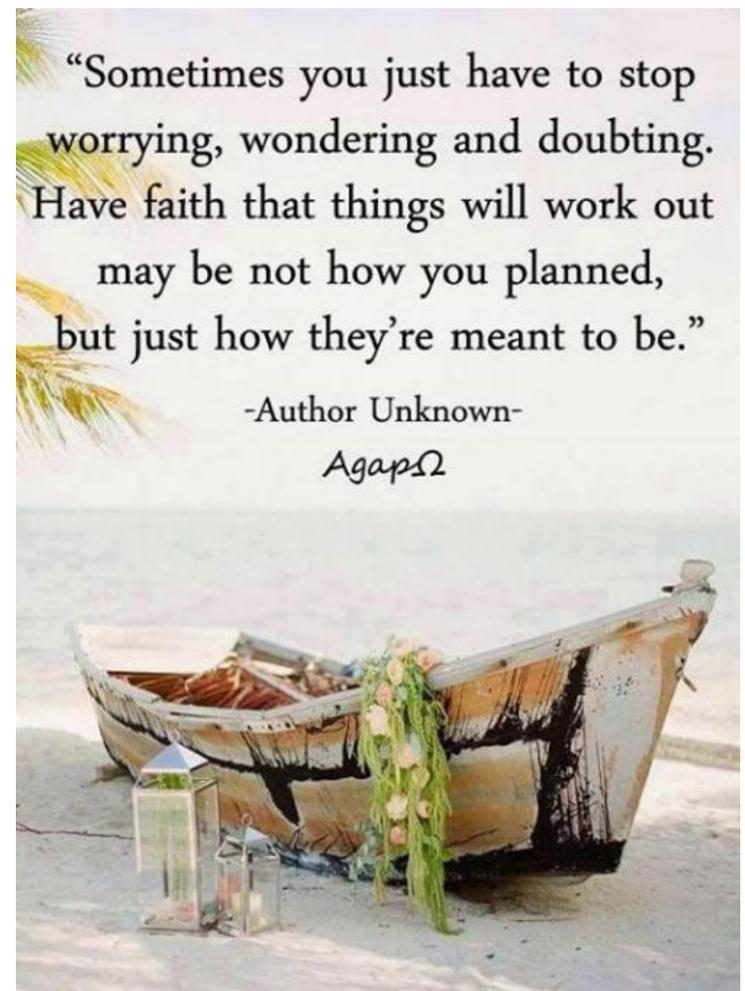
When I read the article from which the excerpt is taken, I thought about how the world in which we live seems to embrace a single-minded focus on the present-day here and now things rather than the eternal and everlasting things; on the tangible rather than the unseen things; and on the powerful rather than the weak. Do we really have faith that ‘it’ll all work out in the end?’ The elements that are required to have a strong faith sometimes can be a struggle. For some there appears to be an absolute simplicity in believing and trusting in God--- no matter what--- no obstacles at all, but for others it’s not that easy. Oh sure, we believe, and we have faith, even when it is sorely tested, but we are prone to wonder WHY; and if we wonder ‘why’ some enthusiastic Christians say that makes us doubters. So, does that pose doubt as a bad thing? Is doubt worse than ‘blind faith’? I think not. Wait a minute... don’t saddle your heavenly high-horse just yet!

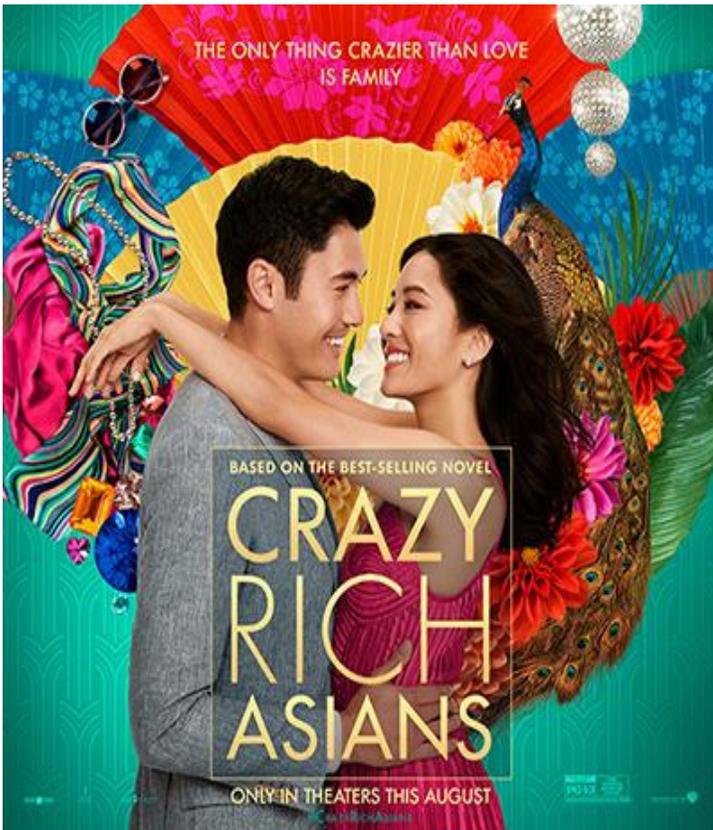
Let’s think about this. Many of the central characters in the Bible had trust/faith issues at some point. The disciples wondered why their Messiah was subjected to such terrible fate if He really was who He claimed; Joseph wondered why he was sold into slavery when he his life was going great; and let’s not forget Job who, though a totally righteous man, was left to wonder why he became the recipient of such severe suffering. We all know that life is unpredictable... we can be happy, healthy, and

financially fit one day sad, sick, and near poverty the next! Maybe we do experience spiritual drought in our lives. How will we know? Will we feel a diminished want to pray? Boredom with attending services? Half-hearted desire to aid others? Or perhaps there’s a momentary feeling where we think we already know all about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit! After all, we’ve heard it all our lives... in fact, more than we’ve heard about any other single subject.

What now? Well, after a short breather, we realize that these feelings and thoughts are just that... feelings and thoughts. It’s during times like this that we realize the matter faith goes far beyond our feelings and thoughts. When we don’t sense God’s presence in our feelings and thoughts, it doesn’t mean that God is absent! He’s simply calling us to a greater faithfulness. We don’t choose God; He chooses us! So, in times of spiritual drought we must hold on tight to our spiritual discipline. This we can do! And in doing so real faith, not blind faith, is resurrected. Be blessed,

~ Gale Isaacs





professor in New York City. Nick is Singapore-born and heir to his family's wealth. Nick invites her to accompany him to his best friend's wedding. He has told her very little about his background. She begins to get an inkling of it when they fly to Singapore from New York in a class that far exceeds "economy class" which is what she was accustomed to.



Although a successful academic, she can do little right in the eyes of Nick's family, especially in his mother's eye, and it is all because she is not "one of them". In the past our distinctions have been ethnic. German-American families wanted their children to marry someone with German background. Or religious distinctions. Lutherans should marry Lutherans. In "Crazy, Rich Asians" Nick could have had his choice of many "Crazy Rich Asian women, yet his love was for Rachel. Enough of the plot, however, so I don't ruin it for those who want to see it.

Harry Golding who plays Nick and Constance Wu who plays Rachel were both superb in their breakout movie roles. Take note of two supporting actors on each side of the "Class fence". First, Awkwafina plays Goh, Rachel's friend from college who happens to live wither family in Singapore. She supports Rachel with much needed "comic relief". Nico Santos plays Oliver, a fashion designer cousin of Nick's who brings a stable component to Nick's family even though he is less than "traditionally normal".

~ Pastor Wayne

## Crazy Rich Asians: A REVIEW

I asked one of my assistants in school if he goes to many movies. When he said "Yes", I asked him if he saw "Crazy, Rich Asians" He affirmed he had and said, "It was boring". I do not think you have to be Asian or have an Asian connection to enjoy this movie. Some might ask me about spirituality in this movie. The first scene in Singapore has a group of Asian Methodist woman participating in a bible study.

So why did I like this movie. For me, it helped me understand where Jean Marie, our Asian daughter, gets her "high class tastes". She may have some lost connections to the "Yung" family which might be described as the royal family of Singapore. The bad news for me is the film set the standard for a wedding (the ceremony in our sanctuary and reception in our fellowship hall would never even be on the spectrum of possibilities for the Yung family).

More generally, it is a wonderful "travel log" of Singapore. It indeed sets the standard for a beautifully, attractive city with multiple dollar signs indicating the cost of living there. Most importantly, class distinctions are front and center. Not ethnic. Rachel is Chinese-American and an economics





# ctober

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7am Rotary Breakfast  7:30 Choir Practice	4	5 7 pm  <b>men's group</b>	6
7 Time after Pentecost 9am Spiritual Cinema 10am Worship	8	9	10 7am Rotary Breakfast  7:30 Choir Practice	11	12	13
14 Time after Pentecost 9am Spiritual Cinema 10am Worship	15	16 7pm <i>Inspirational</i>  <i>Book Club</i> 	17 7am Rotary Breakfast  7:30 Choir Practice	18	19	20
21 Time after Pentecost 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	22 	23	24 7am Rotary Breakfast 6 pm Halloween Party & Trunk or Treat 7:30 Choir Practice	25 11:30  6:30 Social Concerns Mtg.	26	27
28 Reformation Sunday 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	29	30	31 7am Rotary Breakfast  7:30 Choir Practice			



Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walks unite communities behind the American Cancer Society's efforts to save lives from breast cancer. Come together with survivors, caregivers, men and women from all walks of life who are passionate about this worthy cause. Celebrate your shared efforts. Inspire each other to carry on. And take comfort in the knowledge that because of your dedication, no one walks alone.

This year's walk will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at North Hills. Registration is at 7:30 am; the Walk starts at 9:15. See Pastor Wayne for more information.



### Greater Triangle Area CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Registration begins at 2 pm, Walk begins at 3 pm

The Greater Triangle Area CROP Hunger Walk is a 3 mile walk near downtown Raleigh with rest stops along the way. A shorter 1 mile option is also available. The walk links the community together to raise money in order to provide food and other resources for people in the Greater Triangle Area and around the world to aid in hunger relief.

The walk begins and ends at the Court of North Carolina, Court of NC North Trail on the campus of North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27607.

To become a walker or sponsor, or to volunteer to assist with 'day of the walk' needs, visit them on Facebook or see Pastor Wayne for more information.



## Please join us for our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Party!! Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Wear a costume and kids bring a bag to collect your treats! Dinner @ 6 pm ... followed by an activity or two ... then Trunk or Treat at 7 pm. Decorate your car, truck, or motorcycle and have a treat for the kids. Dinner will be provided so unless you have a special ghoulish food you must share, just dress up and join in the fun!!!



Pastor ..... Wayne Dubnansky  
Minister of Music ..... Dr. Brad Hunnicutt  
Office Administrator ..... Laura Raun  
Web Master ..... Gray Anthony

**Congregational Council**

Shannon Thomsen ..... President  
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Becky Babel ..... Treasurer  
Tess Andrews ..... Deputy Treasurer  
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Lindsay Crocker ..... Secretary  
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**WORSHIP**  
SCHEDULE

**9:00 am**

**Sunday School**

**Discussion Group (Library)**

**10:00 am**

**Worship Service**

**Good deeds aren't  
done by walking into  
a church. They're  
done by walking out  
and helping others.**

