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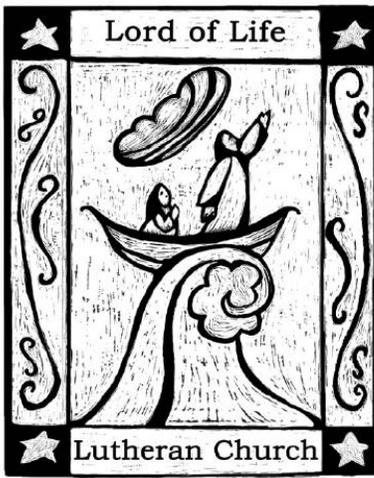
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

9:00 am
Spiritual Cinema

10:00 am
Worship Service

June 16th





Life-Lines



(919) 772-9044
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WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

The Worship and Music Committee have decided to have a Christmas in July, and I am going to experience The Reformation in June. On June 6, I plan on travelling to Wittenberg, Germany, a day trip from Hamburg, Germany, where I will be a delegate to the 2019 International Rotary Convention from June 1-5.

Wittenberg is a 2 ½ hour train ride from Hamburg. I am looking forward to the train travel since Germany is arguably leading the way in Green Energy with solar panels on houses and windmills. Wittenberg is compact and can easily be covered in a day. Must sees are the Castle Church, Luther's home and property where he and Katy showed hospitality to many, and Philip Melanchthon's home.

In preparation for Hamburg, I read the historical novel "The Aftermath" which is based on facts, and tells the story of a British officer and his family sharing a home with a German family during the occupation. Their home is on the main strasse (street) which follows the Elbe River.

The convention itself will feature several internationally known speakers, and many opportunities to experience how Rotary Clubs worldwide are living the Rotary Motto "Service Above Self" in the Friendship Hall. Last year at the Rotary convention in Toronto my phone was not working so I looked for a young person in Friendship Hall who would be able to assist me. I spotted a young girl at a booth featuring Mongolian hospice who directed me to her father who said, "Turn off your phone, count 10 seconds, then turn it back on. Mongolian magic. It worked.

I look forward to meeting wonderful people from around the world all working to make God's Creation a better place.

In addition to planned speakers there are often some surprise speakers. I am hoping several leaders of Germany will be featured.

In addition to the convention program, there are opportunities to take in some cultural programs around Hamburg. I have chosen two: first, the Hamburg Youth Orchestra will accompany the Hamburg ballet, second, at St Michael's Cathedral two pipe organs will face off in a special performance just for us Rotarians.

I am staying in Jork, approximately 22 kilometers from Hamburg in what Europeans call, "A Fly Away" (Air B and B) in a thatched roof farmhouse. I will bike 5 kilometers to the train station to take me each day to Downtown Hamburg and back in the evening. My host in Jork tells me there is a Lutheran Church 1 kilometer from his home. As you can surmise, I am looking forward to visiting the birthplace of Lutheranism, and look forward to sharing my experience with all of you upon my return.

~ Pastor Wayne



June 1-5, 2019



From the desk of your congregation council:

As we continue to explore options to update our fellowship hall chairs, Pastor has placed all the “good” chairs in the fellowship hall. All taped/ripped chairs are in the chair closet. If you need to use chairs from the closet, please ensure that the more damaged ones are returned to the chair closet when you are finished.

If you see something that needs fixed in the church, please let a council member know your feelings and thoughts about how to address the issue so we can take appropriate action. Thanks for your help.

Yours in Christ,

Lord of Life Council Members:

Don Craig, Alecia Harrison,
Lindsay Crocker, Julie Bogle,
Linda Garoutte, Sarah Watkins,
Shannon Thomsen,
Dan Hayes, and Dave Hash;
Becky Babel, Treasurer;
and Wayne Dubnansky, Pastor



We are still looking for a few good men to fill our membership. We meet the first Friday of the month in the church Social Hall.

During the month of May, we ran our annual Shredding Day. While we did not receive as much income as we did in past years, we were able to meet the cost of renting the shredding truck and still earn a profit of \$378. We are aware that the city of Garner and many other private and church related organizations are running their own shredding projects.

The 50 Days of Easter are rapidly flying by. The Ascension of our Lord will be observed on Thursday May 30. Ten days after Ascension we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost (June 9). The color of the altar paraments will be red for Pentecost Sunday. The following Sunday (June 16) we will celebrate The Festival of the Holy Trinity and the altar cloths will be white. All the following Sundays the altar cloths will be green except for any festivals.

Thank you to Ginny King and all others who have helped in setting the altar for services and those who have helped with cleaning up. If you have donated wine or grape juice, I thank you. Ginny, I thank you very much for your continued baking of altar bread.

The next meeting and covered dish luncheon of the Altar Guild will be June 8 at my home. Meats will be furnished, but please bring a dish to share.

If you are interested in joining or helping with the Altar Guild please contact me, Carol Wallace, at (919) 553-5984.

~ Carol Wallace

We have received a letter from Camp Agapé thanking the men’s group for contributing \$1,800 toward their Reach 100! Summer Camp Program for children unable to find the resources to attend.

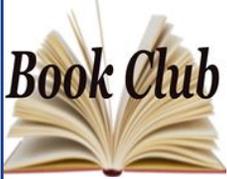
The group donated \$200 to The Heifer Program which will assist those in third world countries to become self-sufficient in providing food for their population. For the first time the program provided matching funds.

The Men’s Group is also providing tickets to the Mudcats baseball game on Sunday, June 9th.

Our next major project will be providing parking space for the Garner Independence Day Celebration at Lake Benson Park. The fireworks and concert by the North Carolina Symphony will be held on July 3rd.

~ John Leuenberger

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10 am Knitting & Crochet Club
2 7 th Sunday Of Easter 10 am Worship	3	4	5 7 am Rotary 7:30 Men's Choir Practice	6	7 National Chocolate Ice Cream Day 	8 10 am Knitting & Crochet Club Altar Guild Meeting & Luncheon
					men's group	NATIONAL BEST FRIEND DAY!
9 Day of Pentecost 9 am Spiritual Cinema 10 am Worship 11:30 Council	10	11	12 7 am Rotary 7:30 Men's Choir Practice	13	14 FLAG DAY 	15 10 am Knitting & Crochet Club
16 HAPPY Father's DAY The Holy Trinity 9 am Spiritual Cinema 10 am Worship 11:30 Parish	17	18 7pm <i>Inspirational</i> Book Club 	19 7 am Rotary 7:30 Men's Choir Practice	20 WORLD REFUGEE DAY  6:30 pm Social Concerns Ministry	21 <i>First Day of Summer</i> TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY 	22 10 am Knitting & Crochet Club
23 Time After Pentecost 9 am Spiritual Cinema 10 am Worship	24 Not All Wounds Are Visible 	25	26 7 am Rotary 7:30 Men's Choir Practice	27 LUNCH BUNCH 	28	29 10 am Knitting & Crochet Club
30 Time After Pentecost 9 am Spiritual Cinema 10 am Worship 11:30 Property		JUNE is National PTSD AWARENESS MONTH 		 SMILE... It's Contagious! June Is National Smile Month!		



THE SUN IS ALSO A STAR: A REVIEW

So Natasha is one who is enamored with science and data. Something is only proven through evidence. She wears a jacket with the words “Deus Ex Machina” on the back. Daniel is somewhat the opposite. He believes in fate, that things can happen spontaneously.

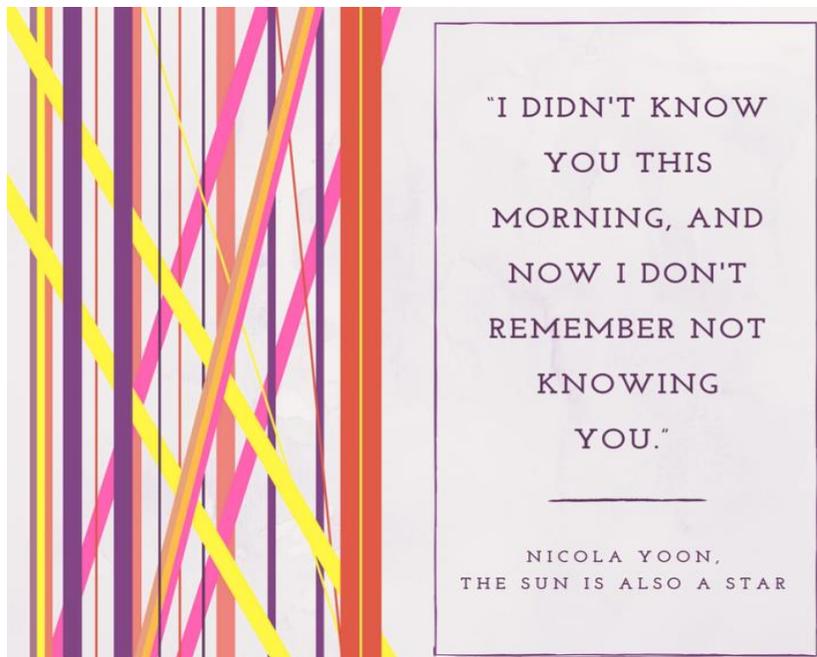
They meet unexpectedly when Daniel “saves” Natasha from an oncoming car at an intersection. He is enthralled with her from the moment they meet. She is hesitant. He tells her he can make her fall in love with him in one day. She says that is not possible. They both have important things to do that day. He is interviewing for entrance into Dartmouth college. She needs to see an attorney because she and her family are being deported to Jamaica the next day. Daniel is being pushed to go to Dartmouth by his Korean family. His desire is to be a poet. Natasha has her mind set on being a Data Analyst. It is set in New York City and for essentially a 24 hour period of time.

This is a film that has contrasts already described in the differences between Natasha and Daniel, and their ethnicity contrasted throughout. We view Daniel’s background through his family’s business, Natasha’s through glimpses into her living arrangements. They introduce each other to

their backgrounds; Natasha was born in Jamaica hence her deportation, Daniel was born in New York City to Korean born parents. Their individual likes of New York City are contrasted as well, she likes museums, he likes Karaoke. Daniel puts forward an online test as a means of getting to know one another quickly, since he has little time to get her to fall in love with him.

Both Charles Melton, who portrays Daniel, and Yara Shahidi, who portrays Natasha, are effective as awkward teenagers delving into a new, possibly fleeting relationship .

So you might be wondering, does Daniel get the girl? If I revealed that, you might not go see the film. However, I do recommend seeing it, no violence, except a fight between Daniel and his brother, no offensive language, just a feel-good film about a special relationship.



My biggest critique is of the screenwriter who diverged far too much from the best-selling book the movie is based on.

After seeing the movie, come talk with me and I will tell you how it could have been even better by adhering to the book more.

~ Pastor Wayne



*Wonderful Sunday with
Pat, Joe and Randy Tallent
on May 19th!
If you would like to write
or call Joe and Pat:*

**1020 Lawing Drive
China Grove, NC 28023
Phone (704) 855-5517**

Able to Serve Mother's Day Brunch

On May 7th we treated mothers, grandmothers, sisters and care givers of Able to Serve participants to a delicious brunch. We had plenty of food thanks to Alecia Harrison, Connie Fortmeyer, Barbara Kyles, Mary Cook, Dan Dittman, Gale Isaacs and Tim Clark. Mothers look forward to this event all year. It's a time for them to share with the others and for their children to honor them. Do you want to know how special the day was? Just ask Barbara Kyles.



On May 22nd, Able to Serve celebrated our 16th Anniversary as a faith-based nonprofit. We continue not only to be faith-based but faithful in ministering to adults with disabilities and their families. I thank God for connecting our ministries in a way only He can do to insure we continue to effectively reach all people in our community.

~ Carlton McDaniel

THANK YOU

for all you do to help fight cancer.



Thanks to everyone that made the Lord of Life Relay Team a success!

Our goal is to raise over \$1,500 each year. We usually make that fairly easy. Occasionally we raise over \$2,000, but THIS YEAR we raised \$2,222.

Thanks to Don Craig for baking cupcakes and Barbara Kyles for making fudge to sell at our campsite. Fortunately it was a cold night so our french-pressed coffee sales were over the top!

And ONCE again, we were the ONLY team to have someone walking on the track for the entire (overnight) event. Walkers included Pastor Wayne, Neil Brennecke, Don Craig, Mary Cook, Alecia Harrison, Linda Hash, Sarah Watkins, Carolyn Watkins and our superstar Kathi Tichansky who walked for hours in the middle of the night!

The 2020 Garner Relay for Life will also be held the last weekend in April so save the date!

Blessings,
Alecia Harrison





A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.

Our Father Figures

About five or six years ago I wrote an article of a similar ilk titled, "Who's Your Daddy." I don't recall if it was in June for Father's Day or if I was simply clearing some cobwebs from my brain by putting them on paper. At any rate, it is now June and inherent in this fact is that all categories of Dads, be it stepdads, wannabe dads, substitute dads, and men who are placed in "dad-esteem," are almost guaranteed to get some sort of recognition on Father's Day... June 16th this year. Yeah, I know intellectually that no one is fishing for acknowledgment or gifts. It could be a never-to-be worn necktie, a card (store-bought or hand-made), or something as simplistic as a loving phone call (not a text or email!); regardless, it's something that will amount to an I-love -you and a show of respect; a little sincere appreciation never hurts.

"A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall, but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again. A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes, but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt. A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail." – Author Unknown

If your father isn't mirrored in that verse, no problem! Many of us have several father figures, so we aren't boxed in to a one-size-fits-all model of what a dad *IS* or *ISN'T*. Perhaps your father figure was a teacher or a coach; ... or the older guy in your neighborhood who taught you how to play catch and made sure you went straight home after school and maybe even helped you with your homework! Maybe

your father-figure was an uncle, or grandfather, or the owner of the neighborhood store who always asked how you were doing in school and listened intently when you told him. Wow! God was constantly putting these men in our lives to guide us in some way. We were never really alone even in times that felt as if we were. What an awesome God! What an awesome God the Father!

Remember that Sunday school teacher? Jesus was the subject of those lessons that nurtured our connection with God. We learned that God is our Heavenly Father and that He put people in our lives to reflect Him and His love for us. He is our Father, so even if we don't have one in physical form, we've never been orphans... our greatest Father Figure is the Almighty... the ever present spirit that cloaks us in love and paves our way with abundant opportunities. And, so, in keeping with what I wrote so long ago, I'll end this with, "If ever anyone asks, 'Who's your Daddy?' " just tell them, "I'm a child of God."

Be blessed!
Gale J. Isaacs



TO **THOSE** WHO
BELIEVED IN HIS NAME,
HE GAVE THE RIGHT
TO **BECOME**
CHILDREN OF GOD.

Social

Concerns

Ministry



"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?" James 2:14-16, NIV

In conjunction with the Men's Group, the Social Concerns committee is honored to award three camp scholarships to Antonio Smith for Nature Camp, Sam Jones for Night Owls Camp and Avery Britt for SIT camp (servant in training). Certificates were presented to the campers on Sunday, May 19th.

The Social Concerns committee was honored to present the wonderful spread for fellowship to honor Pastor Joe Tallent, his wife Pat, and his son, Randy. Randy also presented an overview of his time in Japan with Lutheran Global Missions during the Sunday School hour.

We will once again have our Back to School giving "tree" to collect school supplies for our local elementary schools. We will be collecting these items from July 28th until August 18th.

Our Garner Area Ministries collections continue to be fruitful. Thank you for all who have donated non-perishable items to fill the shelves of the GAM food pantry.

We had a very successful 4th Annual Able to Serve Mother's Day Brunch on May 7th with around 30 mothers/caregivers in attendance. The participants had all worked on projects that they were eager to share with their families. The students and caregivers were so excited to be together. The smiles and stories were worth the price of admission! There were a few tears and lots of laughter. Looking forward to next year!

The weekly Garner Morning Rotary meetings continue to go well... (please see Helen's article). The members of the Rotary have been strong supporters of the outreach ministries of the church. They have donated items to the yard sale each year. We however need more cooks, more casseroles and more clean-up help. We have a great cast of members willing to commit to clean-up once a month and willing to cook a breakfast casserole once in a while. But it would be nice not to tag the same people repeatedly. If you would like to join our "merry band", please contact Helen Holderman, Don Craig or myself for more information.

Social Concerns Ministry
Gale J. Isaacs & Alecia Harrison
Co-chairmen

3C's for the Rotary Crew

Each Wednesday morning your Rotary crew serves breakfast to the Garner Morning Rotary Club. We are honored that they have chosen to remain at our facility for many years. The money we derive from them helps to support many outreach projects. Now for the 3C's.

Casseroles

On the last Wednesday of every month we serve four casseroles and we are looking for additional cooks. Casseroles can be left at church on Tuesday or you can request a pick-up.

Cook

Your cooking crew consists of Don Craig, Alecia Harrison and Helen Holderman. We have been helped by several members when one or more of us are absent. We are looking for volunteers to help on an *as-needed* basis. Alecia occasionally has to work on Wednesday and Don and Helen are unavailable from time to time.

Clean

The Rotary meeting ends at 8:00 am on Wednesdays and cleaning only takes one hour or less. Right now we have four volunteers, but even they go on vacation or have conflicts. Would you be willing to fill in once in a while?

Can you help? Please see Alecia, Don or Helen

PLEASE review this Prayer List and let Laura or Pastor Wayne know of any updates, deletions, or additions.

thank you!



We pray for our world and those in it with hope for our future. Dennis King; Carol Wallace; Shirley Poole; John & Betty Nalepa; Monna Stamm; Nick Vietri; Peg Stamp, myeloma; Bob Watkins - kidney issues; Tess Andrews brother, David

Van Benschoten – multiple myeloma; Tess Andrews mother, Corrine Van Benschoten; Marge Rhodes, friend of the Phil & Linda Garoutte – cancer with bone metastases; Darcee W. – cancer has returned; Karen Rodgers – stage 4 cancer; Karen Post’s friend, Sandy Murphy; Karen Post’s cousin, Mike Harris – recurring prostate cancer; Dr. Steve Rushton, friend of Karen Post – lymphoma; Camille Morris’s friend, Brenda Jiggetts – Stage 4 stomach cancer; Lindsay Crocker’s Nephew, Daniel Harman – health and healing; Rebecca Swanson’s Niece, Brenna – premature delivery of Hope Emmaline – 1 lb 9 oz.; Karen Wright’s mother, Carol Goodford – heart issues; Steve Klawiter’s mother, Marylou – heart failure; Pam Klawiter’s co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson – breast cancer; 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; Shannon Thomsen’s niece, Kylie Gardner – tumors and Turner Syndrome; 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; Carol Wallace’s sister, Martha – shoulder surgery; Evelyn Peterson, Mary Langworthy’s mom, surgery for extensive



arthritis in lower back; David Andrew Duty, son of Mary Langworthy’s friend – spondyloarthritis; 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.



June

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| June 4 | Karen Post |
| June 5 | Wesley Patrick Niemann |
| June 8 | Amy Cook |
| | Lori Harrison |
| June 10 | Monna Stamm |
| June 12 | Rachel Austin |
| June 14 | Seth Rebbeor |
| June 18 | Jean Marie Dubnansky |
| | Paula Pickler |
| June 20 | Barbara Proper |
| | Susie Havenstein |
| June 28 | Ray Green |
| | Dan Stamm |

July

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| July 1 | Jerry Hart |
| July 1 | Laura Roscoe |
| July 9 | Alice Austin |
| | Helen Holderman |
| July 13 | Gavin Hans |
| July 15 | Christine Brennecke |
| July 20 | David Hash |
| | Joyce Havenstein |
| | Caleb Macurdy |
| July 21 | Kieran King |
| July 30 | Kathi Tichansky |
| July 31 | Lauren Langworthy |

Please let Laura know of any Birthdays that need to be added! Thank you!!

EAT LIKE A REFUGEE



I'm looking forward to the challenge of living on refugee rations for a week. And knowing the money I raise will help people who've had to survive on those rations for years really motivates me to see it through. – James, NSW

The Ration Challenge

June 16- June 23 is World Refugee Week, and I have signed up for the Ration Challenge whereby I will survive on the same food rations as a Syrian refugee that entire week. My rations will be a small amount of rice, lentils, chickpeas, beans, fish and oil and I will be looking for sponsors to do it.

I have already contributed \$69.96 and any help you can give financially will be greatly appreciated.

The money you give will provide food, medicine and education for refugees and support the ongoing work of Church World Service to help vulnerable people rebuild their lives in safety. For example, \$40 can fund a visit to a medical center for 4 refugees; \$50 can provide food for a refugee for 3 months; \$90 can provide 5 school kits; \$195 can provide food for a year for a refugee. All contributions are tax-deductible.

My taking the ration challenge and your support show the refugees that we are with them and not against them.

Thank you,
Pastor Wayne



World Refugee Day History

World Refugee Day serves to commemorate the strength, courage and resilience of millions of refugees that have been forced to flee their homes out of fear of persecution or to escape disasters. The day also aims to recognize refugees for their contribution to the world. According to the United Nations, there are more than 50 million people displaced by war and violence, of which 33 million are internally displaced while the other 17 million are refugees, mostly in neighboring nations.

The United Nations General Assembly designated World Refugee Day in December 2000. It is celebrated every June 20th, a day chosen in order to coincide with Africa's previously celebrated Refugee Day.

World Refugee Day Facts & Quotes:

- According to a 2011 report by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 80% of refugees were in developing countries.
- It is estimated that 50% of refugees are under the age of 18.
- Currently, the Syrian refugee crisis is the worst that the world has seen since World War II.
- The country with the highest number of refugees is Pakistan with 1.6 million refugees.
- The average time spent in a refugee camp is 17 years.
- Under the international law, refugees are not allowed to be forced back to the countries they have fled.
- "I know what it's like when you are a refugee, living on the mercy of others and having to adjust." – Martti Ahtisaari, the 10th president of Finland.