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I came upon this article a few days ago. In the midst of all the noise of division, hate, greed, and misunderstanding these days, I thought it important to share this article.

It is from The Center for Action and Contemplation, urging with Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation.

The Gift of Silence

Monastics should diligently cultivate silence at all times.

—St. Benedict, *Rule*, chapter 42

For Richard Rohr, silence is a foundation upon which we can build our lives:

Silence is not just that which happens around words and underneath images and events. It has a life of its own. It's a phenomenon with an almost physical identity. It is a being in-itself to which we can relate. Philosophically, we would say *being* is that foundational quality which precedes all other attributes. When we relate to the naked being of a thing, we learn to know it at its core. Silence is somehow at the very foundation of all reality. It is that out of which all being comes and to which all things return.

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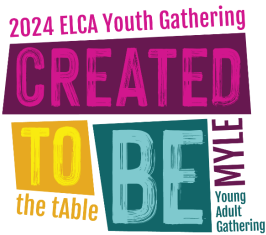
From the Pastor's Desk - continued...

Silence precedes, undergirds, and grounds everything. We cannot just think of it as an accident, or as something unnecessary. Unless we learn how to live there, go there, abide in this different phenomenon, the rest of things—words, events, relationships, identities—become rather superficial, without depth or context. They lose meaning, so we end up searching for more events and situations which must increasingly contain ever-higher stimulation, more excitement, and more color to add vital signs to our inherently bored and boring existence. Really, the simplest and most stripped-down things ironically have the power to give us the greatest happiness—if we respect them as such. Silence is the essence of simple and stripped down.

We need to experience silence as a living presence which is primordial and primal in itself, and then see all other things—now experienced deeply—inside of that container. Silence is not just an absence, but also a *presence*. Silence surrounds every “I know” event with a humble and patient “I don’t know.” It protects the autonomy and dignity of events, persons, animals, and all things.

We must find a way to return to this place, to live in this place, to abide in this place of inner silence. Outer silence means very little if there is not a deeper inner silence. Everything else appears much clearer when it appears or emerges out of a previous silence. When I use the word *appear*, I mean that silence takes on reality, substance, significance, or meaning. Without silence around a thing, which is a mystery, it can be difficult to find a meaning that lasts. It’s just another event in a sequence of ever-quicker events, which we call our lives.

Without silence, we do not really experience our experiences. We have many experiences, but they do not have the power to change us, to awaken us, to give us that joy or “peace that the world cannot give,” as Jesus says (John 14:27).



National Youth Gathering July 16-20

Hanna, Lela, Victoria, and Nate are CREATED TO BE ...
... brave ... authentic ... free ... disruptive ... disciples.

They follow the call, along with adult leaders Amanda Rea and Jordan Slaymaker, to New Orleans to be in relationship with almost 16,000 other youth and leaders from across the ELCA. They will spend time in worship, study, fellowship, and service to know and experience God's Spirit nurturing them in faith.

On Sunday, July 14, we will offer prayers of blessing and Godspeed as we commend them to God's Spirit for their journey. Come, sing and pray with them and join them through prayer in this exceptional journey of faith.



Other youth events

The annual beach-day trip to Kure Beach is currently scheduled for Wednesday JULY 31.

All 6th-12th graders are invited (as well as a few adults/parents to drive, supervise, etc.).

Please notify Pastor or church office if you are able to attend.

We return to the church around 10:00 pm.

Due to some scheduling conflicts, several of our youth are unable to participate.

So, we are opening this trip to the congregation.

If you would like to participate in this event, please contact the church office for more details.

The Sue Parker Byrd Endowment

TO BENEFIT THE BREAKFAST PROGRAM AT FAYETTEVILLE AREA OPERATION INASMUCH



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The Sue Parker Byrd Endowment



What is this endowment?

A charitable fund that provides ongoing support to Fayetteville Area Operation Inasmuch - forever! This endowment was established primarily for the benefit of the morning breakfast program and the related humanitarian services in honor of our founder, Sue Parker Byrd.

In total, it costs \$60,000 per year to fund the breakfast program. This includes food, salaries, utilities, and overhead.

A fully subscribed endowment will pay for the program in its entirety freeing up our donations for our many programs to lift up this community out of poverty.



Updated as of March 2023

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Who We Are

Fayetteville Area Operation Inasmuch started as a breakfast program in August 2009 by Sue Parker Byrd to minister to the homeless and struggling community of Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Since that time our breakfast program has expanded to include humanitarian services of showers, laundry, case management, sick call, mail call and hygiene item distribution.



The Breakfast Program Strategy

We believe that by offering breakfast to the homeless and struggling community, that they will come through our doors and change their lives.

There are more than 453 homeless individuals in Fayetteville.*

In 2022 we served our 300,000th breakfast.

More than two-thirds of our Family will use our services in addition to breakfast.

We are the only nonprofit in Fayetteville to serve breakfast.

*Cumberland County 2022 PIT Count

The Lilly Matching Challenge of Cumberland Community Foundation

All donations to the Sue Parker Byrd Endowment will be matched up to \$50,000 by the Lilly Endowment Challenge Grant Program of Cumberland Community Foundation (CCF). This grant is made possible by the Ashton W. Lilly Fund for Philanthropy.

CCF is a charitable foundation created by and for the people in Cumberland County, NC. CCF manages over 600 different donor funds according to the charitable purpose designed by the donor. Since its inception in 1980, CCF has distributed over \$80 million in grants and scholarships to the Cumberland County region and beyond. Donors design their charitable legacy, and CCF does all the fund administration.



Vacation Bible School

August 8 - 11

Thursday through Sunday

Stay tuned for more information

What's a Lutheran?

Law & Gospel ... Baptism ... Communion ...
Where Did Lutherans Come From (and why???) ...
The Creeds ... Prayer ... Worship ...
Lutheran Paradoxes



**A Sunday morning class for Adults
9:00 in Fellowship Hall**

I'm looking forward to your questions!

And your answers!!

Pastor John

Sunday, July 14

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, July 21

The Three Creeds - The Holy Trinity

Sunday, July 28

Questions about The Bible

Sunday, August 4

(No Class)

Sunday, August 11

Prayer

Sunday, August 18

Luther's 6 Great Paradoxes

Sunday, August 25

Lutheran Worship Questions

Join us every first Tuesday, at Noon!



Potluck Lunch in our Fellowship Hall
July meeting was the 2nd.

Musical Entertainment by
The Flat Mountain Dulcimers!



*Nancy Galambush,
David Roberson &
Margit Roberson*



Men's Fellowship



***Come join us every first Wednesday 5:30 pm - 8 pm
on the back lawn of St. James for brats, beans, and
beverages. If you are coming, let Dave Runkle or Todd
Burns know in advance.***

Next: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 (for this month)

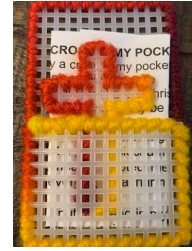
Weather plan is in the Annex/Entrance across the parking lot.

HELP WANTED

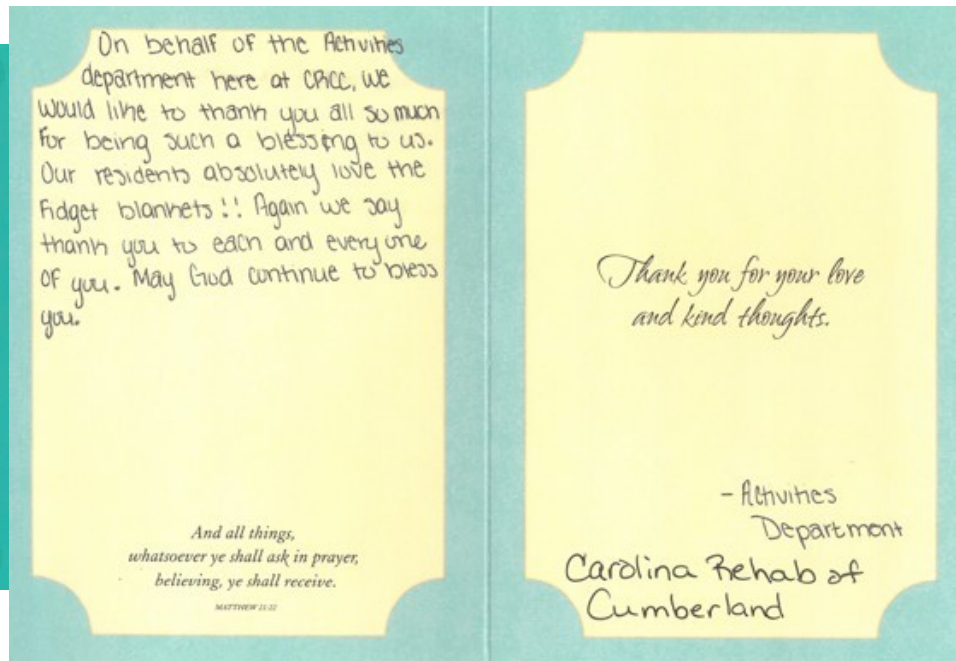
Work from Home. Flexible hours.

⇒ People to help make cross in the pockets for first time visitors bags.
Questions? Contact Tonie Neal 910-583-5560

⇒ Person/person to send greeting cards for one month.
Questions? Contact Tonie Neal 910-583-5560



⇒ Person/persons to crochet items for fidget blankets.
Be creative — Items we know work: flowers, butterflies & dragonflies.
We welcome more of these and/or additional items. All creative pieces should be approximately 1,2, or 3 inches in size.
Questions? Contact Penny Kendall 910-987-2236





to the members of

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of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
in grateful appreciation for giving

\$9,999.96

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for synod and churchwide ministries of the ELCA.

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America





Coming up!!

Recently a small social ministry team met with Pastor Locke. We are trying something different. We will be looking forward to help spread God's love.

Since this is something a little different, there may be changes. God is always patient with us and we ask you to be patient as well.

July 2024

We will be supporting children and staff of Stoney Point Elementary School. More details on the following page! Help as you are able.

August-September 8

(God's Work Our Hands day) we will be collecting items to help girls recovering from being victimized by human trafficking. More information will be included in August newsletter.

One thing they would like are jewelry making supplies. If you have any you no longer need, please consider donating. What is most need at this time: clasps and charms.

Questions? Contact Marcia Katt 910-322-8037

September 15- October

Blankets and quilts will be collected for Episcopal farm workers.

Questions? Contact Tonie Neal 910-583-5560

Information will be coming soon about our annual Angel tree. Please save shoeboxes for this and bring to church.

We appreciate each and every one of you.



Social Ministry “Item of the Month”

Back to School!!

During the month of July, Social Ministry will be collecting donated items for Stoney Point Elementary School in Cumberland County. Stoney Point has a clothing lending closet, which is used all year. So, there are some clothing items on the suggested donation list. Please see the list below for suggested items. Please note that clothing items should be new.

- Backpacks—kid-friendly
- Headphones (to be used with the student-issued school laptops)
- Girls' underwear—sizes: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
- Boys' underwear—sizes: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
- Girls' Leggings—sizes: 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12
- Boys' warm up pants—sizes: 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12
- T-shirts—plain colored—sizes: Small, medium, large



You may place your donations in the Social Ministry Item-of-the-Month container located in the gathering space. Thank you so much in advance for your gracious Back-to-School donations!



At the North Carolina Synod Assembly June 3, 2021 Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) officially kicked off its 3-year *Be the Light* campaign. This fundraiser was designed to expand and enhance their child and family services program in North Carolina.

In May 2022 Saint James joined their call. Philip Williams served as the chair for us here at St. James. Your compassion has brought light to our communities!

Synod-wide LSC raised close to \$3,000,000 and has been able to accomplish several projects:

- Increase foster parent recruitment
- Open a new full-time residence for those with traumatic brain injury (TBI)
- Equip foster care case managers with mobile technology
- Start the new integrated model of care for clients with TBI
- Establish a permanent residency and citizenship legal fund for refugees and immigrants
- Start the *For the Children* Endowment.

Watch a [6 minute video](#) about the campaign.

“Comfort Blanket” Bee

June 18 and June 20 saw the annex abuzz with ladies making “comfort blankets “. Some will go to Stoney Point Elementary School, some to our local Child Advocacy Center and some were hand selected for girls in recovery who were victims of human trafficking. Thanks to all who participated. A total of 40 blankets were completed.



Mary Wright and Barbara King



Barbara King, Teri Bumphy, Tonie Neal, Penny Kendall, Amy Allison, Marcia Katt, Mary Wright, Paula Burns, Sue Rink



Barbara King, Marcia Katt, Ada Allison, Amy Allison, Penny Kendall, Sue Rink, Sharon Gore, Paula Burns



June 24, 2024

On behalf of the staff and the board of directors, thank you for the wonderful blankets donated to the Child Advocacy Center in recognition of all Special Fathers. We appreciate receiving items selected with care that will benefit our children. We sincerely thank you for your continued support, and the children will enjoy the items that you donated.

Without you and your support, we would not be able to help those children begin the healing process. Thank you again for your support and compassion for Cumberland County's children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Webster", written over a light blue circular stamp.

John Webster
Executive Director
john@cacfaync.org
www.cacfaync.org

No goods or services were provided by the Child Advocacy Center in consideration of your gift.

Child Advocacy center is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization as described in section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code for 1984, as amended. Our tax identification number is 56-2161682.

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Recycle your ink cartridges and help support Saint James

We are collecting used desktop ink cartridges. NO Xerox type toners.

Place them in the marked bin outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!



Our 10:00 Sunday worship service is being streamed live, and is also available for later viewing. Click [here](#) to watch



Tech folk are also needed to help with audio and video controls. Training is available.

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Assisting Ministers

July 7 Ruth Ann Crecelius
July 14 Allan Winter
July 21 Jane Boelke
July 28 Jordan Slaymaker

Lectors

July 7 Kathy Brown
July 14 Nate Stockham, Lela Pell
July 21 Beverly Beale
July 28 Anna Lisa Johannessen

Communion Assistant

July 7 Tonie Neal
July 14 Sue Rink
July 21 Delores Schiebe
July 28 Dave Runkle

Ushers

July 7 John & Gayle Frinak
July 14 Gayle & Ruth Ann Crecelius
July 21 Tonie Neal, James Peterson
July 28 Roscoe Killett, Joan Eissinger

Acolytes

July 7 Nate Stockham
July 14 Gabriel Thomas
July 21 Gianna Orellano
July 28 Hannah Rea

Greeters

July 7 Gayle & John Frinak
July 14 Barbara Azzarelli
July 21 Kathy Brown
July 28 Sue Rink

Rover

July 7 Todd Burns
July 14 Dan Hewins
July 21 Rob Whitt
July 28 Dan Hewins

Nursery

July 7 Colleen Tichich, Erika Stockwell
July 14 Sue Rink, Kathy Brown
July 21 Kevin Hoffmann, Valerie Brewer
July 28 .. Brittany Sterling, Kathleen Heinrich

Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Click on the times to connect

Property Team - (July 9)

- 2nd Tuesdays

(Meeting ID: 829 6466 1925 / Password: 977528)

[6:00 pm](#)

Congregation Council (July 21)

(Meeting ID: 867 0951 0008 / Password: 103028)

[11:30 am](#)

Men's Bible Study - Sundays

(Meeting ID 821 3488 9583 / Password: 257977)

[9:00 am](#)

Fellowship & Conversation - Tuesdays

(Meeting ID: 837 4730 9659 / Password: 588450)

[7:00 pm](#)

THANKS FOR SHARING RESOURCES



We appreciate every gift that is received, and we attempt to make wise decisions in how we use and invest these funds.

Thanks for on-going financial giving.

You can support our ministries by scanning the code or online

Click [here](#)



Around the Parish



One of the gifts that the Christian community shares with others is praying for those with special needs or concerns. Call the Church Office or fill out the green form in the pew racks to let us know of prayer needs.

The list in the weekly bulletin is intended to be for persons in immediate crisis. Generally those names will be changed after 3 weeks.

The newsletter has our long term prayer list which is updated as you tell us.

Please keep us informed so that we can share accurate information with the Saint James community.

Remember These

People at Home or in Care facilities (restricted mobility)

- Charlotte Davis
- Claudia Doyle
- Brenda Killett

Prayer Concerns:

- ◇ Joe & Dara Lehner
- ◇ Angel Davis
- ◇ John Tucker
- ◇ Beth Sessoms
- ◇ Ellen Blocker
- ◇ Orose Family
- ◇ Thomas Oliver
- ◇ Mark & Ann Mabe

Military Members

(* *Deployed*)

- Earl Stockham
- Jessie Hewins
- Joshua Trogdon
- Darian Dix
- Kelly Steenrod
- David Oliver
- Bella Fish
- Rob Whitt
- Dan Gibson
- Tristan Bonde
- Jacob Rea
- Zach Turner *



Glenn Stockwell	7/01
Paul Orose	7/02
Ewa Thomas	7/04
Kathleen Heinrich	7/06
Ann Gibson	7/09
Priscilla Warren	7/10
Henry Orellano, Jr	7/22
Sheryl Chasse	7/27
Tyler Burns	7/28
Renie Johnston	7/30
Avia Rettmann	7/31

Anniversaries



Lisa & Josh Law	7/01
Bill & Nichole Rettmann	7/18
Mary Beth & Allan Winter	7/23

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All are welcome to worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.
Holy Communion is celebrated every week.

**Should you have an emergency or need Pastoral Care, contact
Pastor John Locke: Cell (704) 530-9969 or jpl406@gmail.com .**

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