

May 2026

Saint Peter's Lutheran Church

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Council President: Jan McCulloh

Council Vice President: Dr. Alan King

Treasurer: Linda Lambirth/ Ken Kluttz

Council Secretary: Kathy Lentz

Outreach: David Najarian

Indoor-Property: Dr. Alan King

Outdoor Property: Frank King

Christian Education: Nathan Pressley

Cemetery: Ken Kluttz

Youth: Jan McCulloh

Care for Congregation: Glenda Vickers

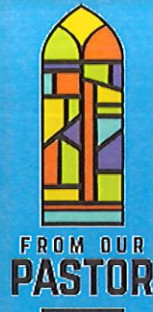
Worship/Music: Mark Shue



For there is **HOPE** for a tree,
if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that
its shoots will not cease. Though its root grow old in
the earth, and its stump die in the soil, yet at the scent of
water it will bud and put out branches like a young plant
Joh. 4:7-9, 11V

Nursing Home/Homebound

- **Junior Lyerly: 1435 Sides Road, Salisbury, NC 28146**
- **Sue Misenheimer: Trinity Oaks (306-A)
728 Klumac Road, Salisbury, NC 28144**
- **Judy Peeler: Trinity Oaks (D-4)
820 Klumac Road, Salisbury NC 28144**
- **Buddy Waller: 9325 Fisher Road, Rockwell, NC 28138**
- **Brenda H. Trexler: Brookdale Senior Living (#28)
2201 Statesville Boulevard, Salisbury, NC 28147**
- **Lynn DeBerry: 3665 St. Peter's Church Road
Salisbury, NC 28146**
- **Jean Holshouser: Trinity Oaks (251-D)
728 Klumac Road, Salisbury, NC 28144**
- **Marcia Ritchie: 403 Garner Drive, Salisbury, NC 28146**



“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.”
(Pilgrim’s Guide, Via de Christo)

The line above is the first line of the prayer said at each Via de Christo event. It is an invitation for the Holy Spirit to be present not only at the event, but also in each and every heart in attendance. Today, the prayer reminds me of the gift of the Holy Spirit received at the rite of baptism.

As we approach the end of the Easter season, we prepare for Pentecost and Ordinary Time. Day fifty after Easter is the day we celebrate Pentecost which is May 24th. It is one of the major Christian festivals celebrated to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles in Jerusalem. It also fulfills Jesus’ promise to send a “helper,” an “advocate” who will empower believers to spread the Gospel.

In the Bible, there are a couple of different ways that the disciples receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. In John, the resurrected Jesus appears in the midst of the scared disciples declaring peace and breathing the Spirit on them. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you,” Jesus commands. Then in Act 2, after Jesus’ ascension, the Spirit descends like a mighty wind on the disciples appearing as a flaming tongue of fire allowing them to speak the gospel and it to be heard by all people in their own language.

Since the Great Commission in Matthew 28, people have been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. God the Holy Spirit calls the faithful to trust in the very grace and love of God through the baptismal water. It is this same Spirit that empowers parents, sponsors, and the Body of Christ to help those being baptized to live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church. Finally, through water and the Holy Spirit the baptized is given new birth, sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

The “Come Holy Spirit” prayer continuously reminds me I cannot do life without the wisdom of the Spirit guiding my heart. I am only human and incapable of loving the way God intends for me to love others. In my relatively short time in ministry, I have realized that the fire of the Holy Spirit that I seek ebbs and flows...depending on how open I am to receive the burning fire of God’s love. I get caught up in what the world is doing and sometimes forget who I am and whose I am. The noise of the world can douse the flames of love...so I need this prayer every day. And some days, I need it every breath I take.

Friends, I invite you to think about the gift of the Holy Spirit that you received at your own baptism. Has the flame of love dimmed in your heart over time? If so, I invite you try this breath prayer. Breathe in – Come Holy Spirit; Breathe out – Fill me with your fire. Blessings!

Pastor Sue Lynn



How do we get people back to church – or even get them there for the first time? This is the second of the top three questions most on people’s minds post-pandemic. Worshiping together is the heart of the church. Empty pews are a tough reality to face now.

“**How do you get people back to church?**” isn’t a new question, though. It’s one we’ve been asking for years. The truth is that people have been leaving church for a long time.

Why Aren’t People Coming Back to Church?

As I’ve discovered while researching [Forging a New Path](#), according to many studies, religious affiliation has waned in the decades since the Third Great Awakening of the 1950s. Church attendance has dropped year by year since 1960, with the most dramatic declines in the last ten years. While church attendance regularly fluctuates based on societal changes, studies indicate that beginning in 2000, the decline was twice as great as it was between 1960 and 1970, marking this period as the Great Decline.

Tips for Building True Community that Bring People Back to Church

Even as people leave church, they are still hungry for community. What if we could create strong, spirited community at church? Here are four strategies for building the kind of spiritual community that makes people want to stay.

1. Start Small Groups

Small groups have always been at the heart of the church. Jesus conducted the [first small groups](#) as he called disciples and then sent them out as apostles. His small group lasted a mere three years, but all of his students became teachers of new classes after he died and was resurrected.

Many churches are creatively reinvigorating their outreach by crafting “fresh expressions” of faith, including initiatives like Pub Theology or Bibles and Beer. Instead of insisting that new people come to the church building to worship with them, church folks meet people at bars, pubs, coffee shops, laundromats, and restaurants to engage in faith discussion with them. Sometimes informal settings outside the church encourage greater self-revelation and create an easier way to get to know each other.

2. Keep it Short and Sweet

Spend time together but keep your offerings short and sweet. People’s attention spans have shortened, and their lives have gotten busier. Instead of a year-long Bible study, offer a four-to-six-week study. Instead of a ninety-minute learning session, try forty-five-minutes instead.

Instead of a three-day retreat, invite others to a three-hour retreat. The point is to build togetherness with the time that people have. Many touches with the same people over time will build a more enduring community than one long experience never to be replicated.

3. **Mix Social and Spiritual**

Intentionally combine the social and the spiritual to create stronger community. Often small groups are organized around spiritual material, and the social part gets added in. But I want to encourage you to think about having groups based on social activities that add in the spiritual. For instance, gather a group that enjoys going to the movies, with a meal before or after the film. Discuss religious or spiritual themes in the movie, letting the movie prompt discussion about your own lives. End your time together by praying for one another.

4. **Start with an Existing Community**

Another Creating a Culture of Renewal member, Pastor RJ Davis, noted that the congregation he serves was founded out of a housing development. These neighbors already had strong relationships and realized they wanted to be able to worship together, so they contacted denominational authorities and asked for a church to be planted there. True to their community nature, this congregation is all about doing life together. “People go to dinner together, take vacations together, and celebrate their kids’ birthdays together,” RJ notes. Others want to be part of this level of community, and it’s brought new people to the church. Their vision is to “Bring intentional community back to the neighborhood.” What already existing community can you build upon to create spiritual community?

How the Power of Being Social Gets People Back to Church

I admit, “being social” sometimes gets a bad name in the church. Inward-focused church communities may be dismissed as little more than social clubs. Churches that focus less on being of service in the community than on hosting potlucks, socials, and meals for each other, can be seen as selfish or not really a church. In fact, I used to share that critical view: these weren’t churches as much as they were social clubs.

But the pandemic has changed my mind. I now believe that the church, in addition to being spiritually focused and service-oriented, needs to be a lot more socially-minded. Here’s my thinking. Social connections create a sense of belonging. A sense of belonging leads to emotional and relational stability and provides an ingredient essential to the formation of spiritual community: trust. Trust is built by the hard work of honesty, vulnerability, celebration, and accountability. In addition to trust, belonging and stability are the blessed results of living in true community.

Ironically, I think there’s a connection between the disconnect people feel in society and their disconnect from each other. Even before the pandemic, America was experiencing a crisis of connection, of belonging. Interestingly enough, according to a study of American life, this crisis of belonging isn’t limited to a specific demographic or generation. The study shows that people of all demographics – including both Democrats and Republicans as well as the young and the elderly – experience a lack of connection with others. The shutdowns fueled the rise of mental health issues by forcing us apart even more than we already were. Longing to belong is as basic to human makeup as spirituality. In fact, satisfying the longing to belong is fundamental to creating a spiritual community.

Now that you have these four strategies, it’s time to put them into practice! This can be trial and error, so don’t give up too soon. I’m always interested in helping people forge a new path, so let me know what you discover.

Excerpted and adapted from Rebekah’s new book, *Forging a New Path: Moving the Church Forward in a Post-Pandemic World* (2022).



The Little Blue Envelope Found in the Pew

Regular Budget/Offering: This can be used when the little white envelope from your offering box is forgotten. Money received on this line is used for our general fund (day to day running of the church).

Maintenance Fund: Money received on this line is used to maintain the building and grounds of the church.

Sunday School Offering: This money is used for the following: maintenance (1st Sunday, Homecoming, Palm Sunday, Sunday before Thanksgiving and the Sunday after Christmas). Sunday School offering goes to the Good Neighbor fund on the 5th Sunday.

Good Neighbor's Offering: Money received from this line goes towards helping those in need in our church and in the community.

Memorial: This is used to give a memorial in memory of someone who has passed. Memorial funds usually go towards the fund in which the family has designated, but there is a place to designate your funds if you would like it to go elsewhere.

Other Fund or Ministry: This area is used for other ministries (garden, preschool, food pantry etc.) that funds can be designated to. The Cemetery Perpetual Fund is one that this line can be used for. Money designate for this will maintain the cemetery in the event the church is dissolved.

Convenience Offering Envelope

Please accept the following gift(s) to these identified ministries of St. Peter's Lutheran Church

- Regular Budget Offering \$ _____
- Maintenance Fund \$ _____
- Sunday School Offering \$ _____
- Good Neighbor Fund \$ _____
- Memorial \$ _____
designated fund _____
in memory of _____
- Other Fund or Ministry \$ _____
(please specify) _____

Total Gift \$ _____

Name _____

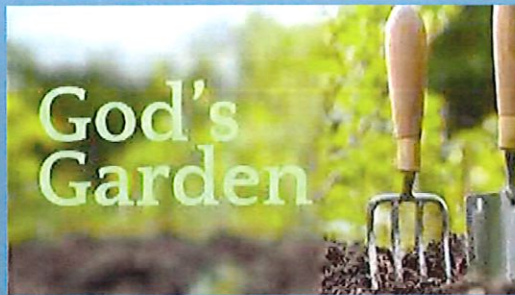
Address (if guest or change for member) _____

Phone _____

Envelope Number _____

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- **At the bottom of the envelope you can total your gifts, record your name, address, phone and envelope #, so that you can credit for your gifts.**
- ***Your envelope number is found on your box of envelopes given at the beginning of the year. It is personally assigned to you to keep track of your gifts. These are tallied the first of the year and given to you for your records.**



Our garden ministry provides fresh vegetables to many of our neighbors in need through the East Rowan Community Food Bank, based at our church. The garden is located at the “hut” and is lovingly tended to by a small group of the garden committee members. These members are dedicated in getting the soil ready, tilling, planting, watering and gathering. It can be a lot of work, but it does not need to be. Most of us live close by the church and can pick a day of the week to water or gather the garden during the summer months. This would relieve a lot of work, possibly expand this ministry and allow our food bank neighbors to have fresh vegetables. If you or your family would like to take a day of the week in the summer to help tend our garden please contact Lorrie Olive, David Najarian or the church office. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

“Creator God, we thank you for this space to grow, connect, and thrive. Bless our tools, our seeds, and our community. May this garden bring nourishment to our bodies, peace to our spirits, and unity to our neighborhood. Amen.”



Thank you to Linda Lambirth, Alan & Billie Kader, Alan King and Daryle & Lorrie Olive for cleaning up our garden April 21st. Perfect timing since Earth Day is April 22nd.

Ways you can SERVE



Volunteer at our Food Pantry. We need volunteers on Friday to scan and package, and on Saturdays to distribute., the second and third Saturday of each month.. Reach out to Debbie Hill if interested.



Meals on Wheels delivers meals to shut-ins. If you would like to be a driver and brighten someone's day reach out to George Lentz on how you can help.



Our church prepares and serves meals at Jeannie's kitchen every other month for the homeless. You can serve by reaching out to the group that is hosting to see what they need help with.



Our garden ministry is not just during the summer months. Reach out to Lorrie Olive if you would like to be involved in this ministry.



We will be hosting Jeannie's Kitchen in March and will be serving a Nacho Bar. If you would like to donate a food item or help serve, please see Jan McCulloh.



We have new council assignments for committees. Please consider joining one of the committees and helping with our ministries. You can reach out to the council member assigned to the committee you would like to join.

Jan McCulloh: Youth

Dr. Alan King: Indoor Property

Frank King: Outdoor Property

David Najarian: Outreach

Glenda Vickers: Care of Congregation

Nathan Pressley: Christian Education

Ken Kluttz: Cemetery

Mark Shue: Music & Worship



- Indoor/Outdoor Property: 1st Thursday of each month @ 6:30pm
- Christian Ed./Youth: 2nd Monday of each month @ 6:00pm

you're in our PRAYERS

If there is anyone listed on our prayer list, that needs to be added or removed, please call the church office. Thank You! 704-279-5054

Disciples of St. Peter's:

Guy & Betty Puckett, Jim & Phyllis Cornelison, Jake & Phyllis Trexler, Jerry Sides, Ernie & Linda Cooper, Phil & Carol Boyette, Brenda H. Trexler, Thelma Barger, Judy Peeler, Lynn DeBerry, Jean Holshouser, Marcia Ritchie, Mary Miller, Buddy Waller, Bobby Lambirth, and Sue Misenheimer.

Friends of St. Peter's Family:

Chris Eller (friend of Pat Kluttz), Jerry (Marcia Ritchie's brother), Annette McKinney, Ruth Small (Debbie Hill's aunt), Susan and Ronnie Loflin, Lisa Roseman, Sheila Barringer, Emil Isbanioly (Leslie Puckett's nephew), Rachel (PSL's Niece) Angie Parker Hughes, Kitty "Surachna" Eller (friend of Pat Kluttz), Bonnie Christian, Sugar Man Miller (Lucy & Mary Shue's brother), and Stacy Fraley.



5- Joshua Hastings
6- Terri Robinson
8- Ronnie Pierce, Brian Bowler
10- Jan McCulloh, Ken Early
11- Loy Morgan, Gina Basinger
12- Chloe Roberson
15- Ellen Troutman, Sue Misenheimer
18- Daniel Troutman, Layla Cooper
19- Tabitha Holshouser
22- Drew Kader, Robert Evans
24- Don Boehm
26- Ernie Cooper
28- Brent Cornelison
31- Mariah Poole, Danny Nance, Mysti Dean



12- M/M Robert Evans
18- M/M Jim "Short" Lyerly



Emma Blackwell
Ethan DeBerry
Daniel Troutman
Bryan Smart

*In Loving
Memory*

John David Trexxler

- Vic & Kim Cozart
- Mike & Robin Trexler



Just as the son of man came not be served but to serve.

Matthew 20:28

Lector(s)

3- Alan King
10- Ellen Troutman
17- Linda Lambirth
24- Joy King
31- Mark Shue

Assistant Minister

3- Mark Shue
10- Jan McCulloh
17- Marty Puckett
24- Ian Shue
31- Mark Shue

Live stream: Nathan Pressley

Organist: Lucy Shue

Power Point: Brian White

Communion Preparers

1st Sunday: Crystal Nesbitt
2nd Sunday: Jan McCulloh
3rd Sunday: Lorrie Olive
4th Sunday: Linda Lambirth
5th Sunday: Eleanor Morgan

Council Members Assisting with Holy Communion

May: Nate Pressley

June: Kathy Lentz

Sound System

1st Sunday- Daryle Olive
2nd Sunday- Duncan White
3rd Sunday- William Barger
4th Sunday- Duncan White
5th Sunday- William Barger

Ushers

3- Nate Pressley, William Barger, George Lentz, Bobby Lambirth
10- Nate Pressley, Jan McCulloh, David Faulkner, Larry Nesbitt
17- Nate Pressley, Jan McCulloh, Debbie Hill, Jamie Lyerly
24- Nate Pressley, Jan McCulloh, David Najarian, George Lentz
31- Nate Pressley, Jan McCulloh, Bobby Lambirth, Larry Nesbitt

Money Counters

1st Sunday: Ken & Joyce Kluttz
2nd Sunday: Linda Lambirth & Brenda Trexler
3rd Sunday: Linda Lambirth & Brenda Trexler
4th Sunday: Jamie Lyerly & Debbie Hill
5th Sunday: Jamie & Jill Lyerly



St. Peter's Giving & Attendance
Total given for April: TBA
Monthly Requirement: \$16,015.95
Deficit for April: TBA
Average Attendance for April: 74



Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or honor of someone, please contact Lorrie Olive or Dena Najarian to sign up.



Blessing Box

Our little blessing box has been used frequently during the past two months. If you would like to contribute to this mission you can place items in the Narthex labeled "Blessing Box" or place them directly into the box. When placing in the box, make sure that the food is in closed containers and the door is latched when finished.



Food Pantry

For the month of February we served 24 neighbors, distributed 820 lbs. of food, and had 318 lbs. donated. The pantry is open the 2nd and 3rd Saturday of each month from 9-10:30 am. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Debbie Hill.



Jeannie's Kitchen

The youth provided and served 80 clients at Jeannie's Kitchen with a taco bar meal. Thank you for all that served and provided items for this mission. Our next time to serve will be May 25th. Please look for announcements in the bulletin on how you can help support this mission.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held June 22nd - 26th during the evening. Please spread the word and encourage children in our community to register. If you would like to volunteer we would be glad to have your hands and support. Please contact Jan Trexler or Nathan Pressley for more information.



Us Stock the Shelves!

What is needed? Just about anything can help!

Cereal, oatmeal, grits, pancake/muffin mixes, syrup, cereal/fruit bars, pastas & sauces, peanut butter & jelly, canned fruit/fruit cups, canned/pouch meats.

Gift Cards & Monetary Donations are always welcomed as that will allow for the purchases of staple items such as: milk, eggs, butter, cheese, meats, and paper products.

YOUTH

Our youth will be involved in a variety of activities in the next couple of months. Please look in the weekly announcements to make sure you do not miss an activity. If you know of someone who would like to join our youth group please reach out. We would love to grow our program.



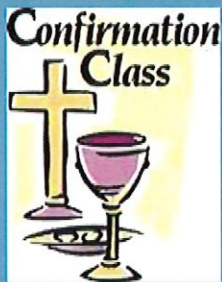
May 17th: Graduation Recognition Sunday. We will honor our graduates and have a potluck lunch following worship. Bishop Emily will also be attending.



June 22nd - June 26th: We will have a full week of evening Vacation Bible School. Please help get the word out!



Ian Shue performed his Senior Solo with the Catawba Singers at Catawba College, Sunday April 17th, 2026. Here is the link if you would like to hear him perform: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1647846666363271>

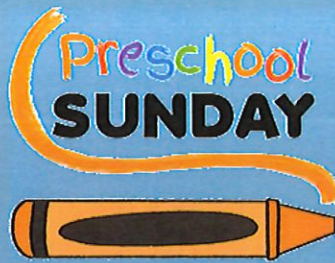


Confirmation classes will be beginning soon. If you know of any youth ages 10-15 years interested in beginning classes, please let the Pastor know. We will be teaming up with St. James Lutheran in Rockwell and St. John's in Concord. A trip to Lutherock is in the planning stages and more information will be coming soon.



Thank you to the preschool for the planters and beautiful picnic area that was placed by the preschool playground. What a difference it made to the beautification of our yard.





Preschool Sunday was held Sunday, April 26th. The children entertained us with their musical talent and provided us with a BBQ meal following worship. Our preschool is so good to us and we hear so many wonderful things in the community about this ministry.

**What does our preschool give to our church?
Here are a few things to appreciate them for.**

- The roof over the educational wing.
- Flooring on the educational wing hallway.
- Paper products (copier paper, paper towels, toilet paper etc.)
- Covered walkway outside the educational wing.
- Portion of our monthly utility bills and insurance.
- \$1500 donation for oil supply.
- Free will offerings for meals for the past two years.
- Extra garbage can with garbage service.



Preschool enrollment has started. If you know of someone looking to enroll their child in preschool, they can pick up a registration packet from the church office or reach out to our Preschool Director, Charleene Childers.





We are inviting all ladies from our your church to join us for an afternoon of fellowship.



When: May 16, 2026

Time: 11- 1 pm

Where: Church Fellowship Hall

What to bring: Decor to decorate your table and a bingo gift.

We hope to see you there!



The Lutheran Men meet the second Sunday of each month at 8:00 am, downstairs in the fellowship hall. They meet for fellowship, discuss ways to meet the needs of the church and of course eat breakfast. All men are welcome to join!



Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States dedicated to honoring and remembering the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military. Observed on the last Monday of May each year, Memorial Day is more than just the unofficial start of summer; it is a solemn day of reflection and gratitude for the ultimate sacrifices made by service members in defense of their country. Understanding the history, facts, and meaning of Memorial Day deepens our appreciation for this important national holiday.

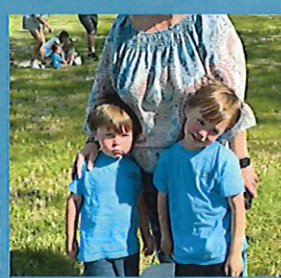
How Can You Celebrate Memorial Day?

Memorial Day is full of history and meaning, and there are several ways you can celebrate. However you choose to recognize the day, try to make it meaningful for you. These ideas can get you started:

- Watch a broadcast of the ceremony held at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
- Visit a military cemetery to decorate graves with flowers or flags.
- Record stories and memories of your military relatives.
- Attend local events, such as parades, speeches, or religious services.
- Share family photos of your military ancestors, or try comparing your own photos with family photos to find the resemblance.
- Observe a moment of silence at 3:00 pm, the national moment of remembrance.
- Wear a red poppy, an international symbol of remembrance.
- Learn about your military ancestors by diving into military records.



Our preschooler's Easter Party at Rockwell Park

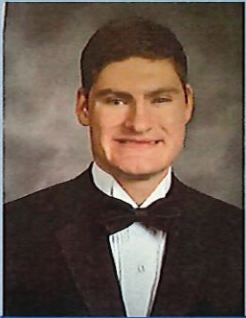


Graduation Sunday
May 17, 2026



Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and he will direct your path
Proverbs 3:5-6

Joshua Hastings



Joshua Hastings will be graduating from North Hills Christian School on Friday, May 22, 2026.

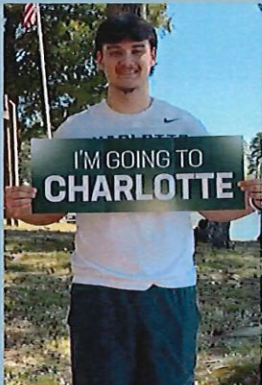
He has successfully completed his studies and will graduate with a 3.7 GPA, reflecting his hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence. While in high school, Joshua has been employed at Mean Mug Coffee shop on West Innes, where he makes delicious coffee and greets customers with a smile and conversation. He has accumulated over 100 hours of community service while in high school as a member of the Junior Civitan's and Key Club. He also has been a dual enrolled student at Rowan Cabarrus Community College and Catawba College completing over 30 college credit hours while in high school!

As he begins his next chapter, Joshua plans to attend Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, where he will continue his studies toward earning his Associate of Science degree. He is still figuring out what his future career will be and what he will study after the associates degree is complete.

Please join us in celebrating this important milestone and honoring all that he has achieved. We are excited to see what the future holds for him.

Joshua is the son of Mark and Jan McCulloh, Wes and Michelle Hastings, and is the grand son of Brenda Trexler and David Hastings.

Carson Puckett



Carson Puckett is graduating with Honors from East Rowan High School, where he made his mark in the classroom and school activities. He was elected to the Homecoming Court during his junior year and is an active member of the National Technical Honor Society. Outside of school, Carson enjoys spending time with his friends and his girlfriend, making memories that have defined his high-school years. After graduation, he will become a part of Niner Nation at UNC Charlotte, where he plans to study Business Management and begin the next chapter of his journey.



Maggie Ridenhour

Maggie Ridenhour will be graduating with honors from East Rowan High School on Saturday, May 23rd with a 4.0 GPA average.

During high school Maggie served on student council and was elected Student Body Vice President. She also served on the Student Advisory Council, was named Senior Editor and Social Media Manager of the yearbook, inducted into both the National Honors Society and the Junior Civitan Club.

Outside of school, Maggie works at the Landis Creamery, enjoys spending time with friends and family, shopping, going to the gym and Disney.

After graduation, Maggie plans to attend the University of Marketing to earn a degree in Marketing.

Please join us in celebrating Maggie's achievements. All are welcome to come & attend the graduation ceremony, as it will be held in the stadium.



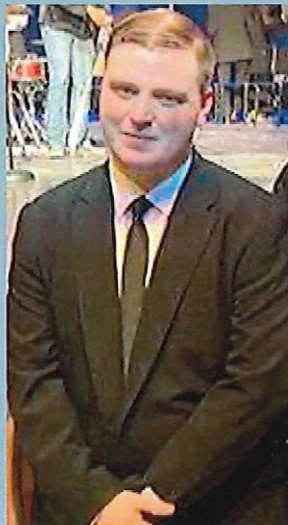
Madelyn Ames

Madelyn Elizabeth Ames is a proud graduate of East Rowan High School, where she earned her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license during her senior year. Dedicated to serving others, Madelyn has spent several years working at her local YMCA as a camp counselor, childcare provider, and certified lifeguard, building strong leadership and caregiving skills. In her spare time, she enjoys painting, a passion inspired by her grandmother. This fall, Madelyn will begin her college journey as she continues pursuing a career in nursing, driven by her compassion and commitment to others.



Emma Cornelison

Emma is graduating from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science in Speech Language and Hearing Sciences with a double minor in Health and Human Development and Special Education for Health and Related Service Professions. Emma was the Co-Chairman for the Auburn Ducks Unlimited chapter as well as a Counselor for the High School Leadership Program. She was also involved in the ASL Club, and NSSHLA. Emma will be working full time at the Primrose School of Afton Village as a full-time toddler teacher, as she waits to start her Masters in Speech Language Pathology or her Doctorate in Audiology.



Ian Shue

Ian is graduating from Catawba College Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematical Finance and a double minor in Computer Science and Accounting. While at Catawba, Ian has been active in the Math Honor Society Kappa Mu Epsilon, the Catawba Singers, and the Honor Society. He has consistently been on the Dean's List, and he has also been on the Presidential Honor Roll many semesters.

Ian's hopes for the future are to find a position in Data Analysis or Data Science and to possibly pursue his Master's degree in Data Engineering or AI-Machine Science.





SOONER OR LATER
we all quote our mothers

If I can't do it, it doesn't need to be done.
Linda Lambirth - Clara Lyerly

Good Lord willing and the creek don't rise.
Glenda Vickers - Ruth Maners

Can't do anything
Glenda Vickers - Bertie Almos

**CAN YOU GUESS
THE MOTHER?**

1. What mother won a car on the Price Is Right? ____
 2. Whose mother was known to love dancing and sold Stanley Products? ____
 3. Whose mother lived to be 104? ____
 4. What mother had a grandchild born in Japan? ____
 5. Whose mother was known for winning Pillsbury ribbons for baking? ____
 6. Which mother rode in the 1957 Granite Quarry Easter parade with Alan King? ____
 7. Which mother fixes dinner for all of her family every Sunday after church? ____
 8. Whose mother was known for making wedding dresses? ____
 9. Which mother is famous on Facebook for falling out of a kayak and has a green thumb? ____
 10. Who fell off the toilet and broke her leg during a Lulularo party at the pastor's house? ____
- a. Lorrie Olive
 - b. Linda Lambirth
 - c. Dena Najarian
 - d. Sue Misenheimer
 - e. Glenda Vickers
 - f. Brenda H. Trexker
 - g. Jean Holshouser
 - h. Linda Cooper
 - i. Dottie Fraley
 - j. Joyce Kluttz



HAPPY
FIRST
MOTHER'S
DAY





The 2026 National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026. The theme for 2026 is “Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations,” based on 1 Chronicles 16:24. This annual observance encourages Americans to unite in prayer across the nation.

National Day of Prayer +4

Key Details for 2026:

- Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026.
- Theme: “Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations”.
- Focus: The theme is inspired by King David’s prayer in 1 Chronicles 16.
- Events:
 - The National Day of Prayer Task Force will host a 90-minute virtual broadcast, along with local gatherings held nationwide.
 - National Jubilee of Prayer: A separate large-scale event, the "National Jubilee of Prayer, Praise, and Thanksgiving," is scheduled for May 17, 2026, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C..
- National Day of Prayer +5

The National Day of Prayer is a, designed for people of all backgrounds to join in prayer. The Task Force encourages focusing on seven centers of influence: government, military, media, business, education, church, and family.



Recipe:

Cheese Quesadilla



1. Put tortilla on a plate.



2. Sprinkle cheese on half of the tortilla.



3. Fold tortilla in half.







4. Microwave for 30 seconds.



5. Optional: Add salsa.

MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5th Sunday After Easter 9:00: Coffee Time/ Sunday School 10:30: Worship	4		6	National Day of Prayer 	8	Food Pantry 9-10:30
6th Sunday After Easter Happy Mother's Day 9:00: Coffee Time/ Sunday School 10:30: Worship	11	12	13	14	15	Food Pantry 9-10:30 Women's Fellowship 11-1pm 
7th Sunday After Easter Graduation Sunday 9:00: Coffee Time/ Sunday School 10:30: Worship	18	19	20	21	22	23
Pentecost 9:00: Coffee Time/ Sunday School 10:30: Worship	25 Memorial Day 	26	27	28	29	30
Holy Trinity Sunday 9:00: coffee time/ Sunday School 10:30: Worship	31					