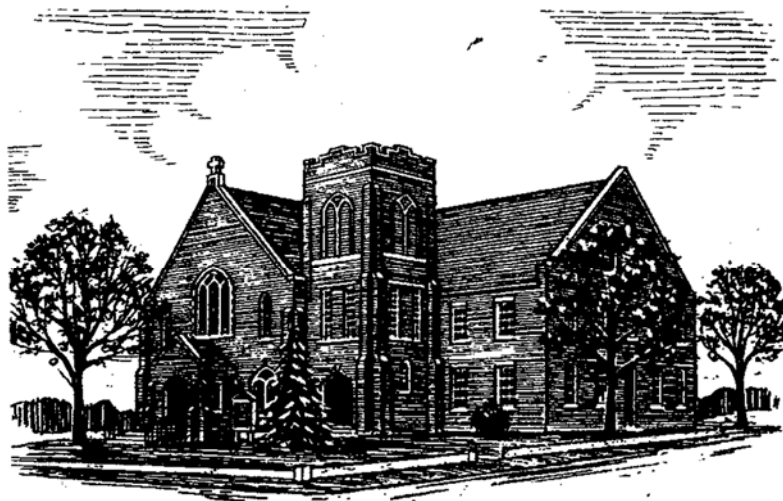


THE SALEMETTE



“Come Receive Grace, Go Share Faith”



July 2018

SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MOUNT SIDNEY, VIRGINIA

A congregation in the Virginia Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Salem Lutheran Church Prayer List

Trust in the Lord, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock - Isaiah 26:4 Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer -Romans 12:12

Please submit prayer requests by completing the Welcome Cards located in the pew racks and placing them in the offering plates, or by calling the church office. Please include your name, the person in need of prayer, and the reason we are praying for them. If your request is for a friend or relative, include their relationship to you.

Salem Lutheran Disciples who are shut-in or homebound

We pray for continued strength and the comfort of God’s abiding presence for: Audrey Alexander, Sharon Alexander, Scott Bryan, Ellen Fitzgerald, Janet Lee and Fred Gibson, Chuck and Lenna May Lambert, Don & Betty Myers, Mildred Smiley, and Phyllis Wine

Prayer List Prayers for the bulletin will be listed for 4 weeks, after that if you want to resubmit the names you can. They will stay in the newsletter for as long as you leave them. At the end of each year we will start the list over and if you want you can resubmit.

Disciples at Salem

<u>Disciples</u>	<u>Prayers</u>
<u>In Need of Prayer</u>	<u>Requested/ Thanksgivings</u>
Madeline Joiner	healing and strength Pray for Brooke too.
Tzariah Grubb	strength and healing
Janet Lee Gibson	strength and healing from stroke
Ralph Mezzoni	strength and healing
Janice Converse	strength and healing
Hampton Foley	strength and healing
Patty Botkin	successful treatment for cancer
Jayden Raynes	emotional strength

Friends and Relatives of Salem Disciples

<u>Person</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Request</u>
<u>Making</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Need</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Request</u>
M. Smith	Amanda McCray	friend	stage 2 breast cancer	

Salem Lutheran Baptisms in the past year

We take the time to pray for those baptized at Salem in the past year:
Ryan Avery Joiner 6-3-18

Serving in the Armed Services

Sarah Pulliam US Coast Guard

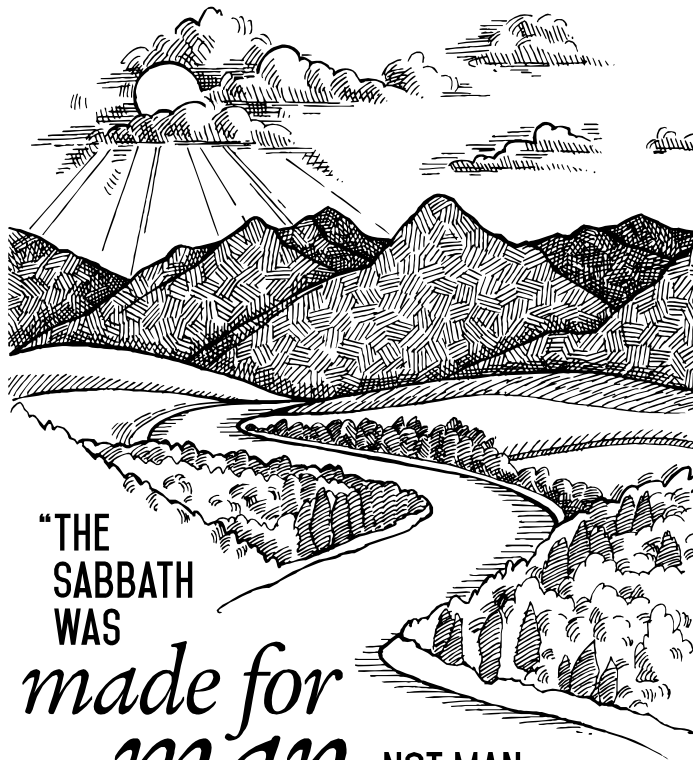
Andrew Davenport
Chris Crosen

US Air Force deployed to Afghanistan
US Army

Salem Lutheran Disciples granted Eternal Rest

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who believes in me will never die" – John 11:25-26a.

Harry Howard Ellis 4-1-2018



"THE
SABBATH
WAS
made for
man, NOT MAN
FOR the Sabbath."

MARK 2:27



"Vocation" Bible school

Vacation Bible school is something just about every congregation I know of participates in each year. Leaders come together, decide on a theme and curriculum, find volunteers, and begin the sometimes difficult task of putting it all together. VBS is a time to stop in the middle of our busy summer schedule and immerse our children into the faith we proclaim.

This year, the title of our VBS was *Renew*. The Bible verse we listened to each day came from Matthew 13, known as the parable of the sower. We learned how God plants seeds in us. We discovered how environmental factors around us can play a role in how well the seed grows. We talked about weeds that choke and water that nourishes. The cost for VBS this year was very minimal as most of our materials, games, and crafts were all recycled in one form or another. Therefore, another element to our learning about seeds and growth was our care for the earth.

All in all, it was a great week filled with fun, food, laughter, singing, and growing in the Kingdom of God. Wouldn't it be great if we had this same VBS spirit all of the time? Wouldn't it be great if we went through each day remembering that a seed has been planted in us? Wouldn't it be great if we remembered that being a follower of Christ means growing, planting, and bearing fruit for the glory of God?

Vocation Bible school is something we *can* do every day. The Word of God is a powerful seed that has been planted in each of us. It's a word of hope, grace, and love that sustains and challenges us along the way. Vocation Bible school is not something to be done one week out of the summer, Vocation Bible school is an ongoing journey we all share as faithful followers of Christ.

A great **BIG THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers who made this year's event possible! A great **BIG THANK YOU** to our children who participated! A great **BIG THANK YOU** to the Holy Spirit who brought everything together! Peace, Pastor Derek

Outdoor Worship Scheduled for July 8th



With all members present, Council President, Keith Robertson, opened June's meeting for business. Nelson Terry opened with devotions & prayer. Treasurer, Jared Mapstone, reported as of May 31, 2018, there

was a balance in the General Treasury of \$22,026.76; \$11,997.51 in Special Health Needs Fund and \$35,340.96 in Special Projects.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Boggs report for May included:

- Rejoicing for the Confirmation of Lizzie Blatz, Cooper Blatz, Caden Cramer, Cielo Cruz, Jacob Sorrells, Abby Campbell, & Jayden Raynes and the marriage of Spencer & Jessica Arey.

- Participating with Food Pantry, Southern Valley Conference Gathering, Daniel Plan meetings, Pleasant View/Salem Dinner Theater, Salem workday, Mother/Daughter Banquet and helping with Confirmation projects.

- Pastor highlighted upcoming June activities of Virginia Synod Assembly, Salem's VBS, Summer Sunday School program and National Youth Gathering in Houston.

President's Report - Keith Robertson led discussions on:

- The possibility of purchasing a defibrillator(s) for Salem. The cost of a user friendly unit is estimated to be around \$1,500 - \$2,000. Any unit will need to be maintained once installed.

- Changes to Salem's current Policy Concerning Abuse Prevention & finalizing a Family Leave policy.

- Council members continue to evaluate fire and safety issues (notification and response) at SELC.

- Fireproof Storage Cabinet: Pastor Boggs and Sandy Switzer plan to review church documents currently stored in the fireproof safe. In response to the need for an additional non-fireproof file cabinet, Noel Thomas stated that he has one to donate. Thanks Noel!!

- Synod Assembly (June 8 – 10) Keith advised that he and Bev will represent Salem at Synod Assembly.

- Imagine Center Ovens: Charles Dennison reported that donations for the new gas stove exceeded what was needed by \$25. The oven has been installed & is ready to use (if you know how to lite the pilot light).

- Bishop's Day: Pastor Boggs advised that Bishop's Day is August 19th at 4:30 pm in the Imagine Center.

- Needs of Social Hall: Keith Robertson developed a list of work "needed" and work "nice to have" in the old Social Hall. Council members agreed to take a month to see if there are additional projects that need to be added to the list.

- Use of Imagine Center: Linda Ellis advised that the Red Cross may be interested in designating Salem's Imagine Center as an Evacuation Shelter in the event of a disaster. Linda stated that there is no cost to the church in doing this. If Salem Church was designated for emergency use, the Red Cross would provide cots and food for those sheltering upon activation of the shelter. Council members were unanimously in favor of this proposal.

Committee Reports:

1. Cemetery Committee: Lynn Rogers reported that Committee members met on May 9th & made a Recommendation to Council that when a Cemetery plot is sold, 50 % of the proceeds should go to the Cemetery Trust Fund and 50% should go to the Cemetery Fund. (Currently 100% goes to the Cemetery Trust Fund). Council members voted unanimously to approve the Recommendation. Lynn advised that Leon Sheets is seeking volunteers to train to lay out plots in the Cemetery. Committee members also viewed and discussed Tim Behler's proposal for the Memory Garden. It is a work in progress.

2. Christian Education: Nelson Terry advised that Vacation Bible School is next week, June 11 – 15. Pastor Boggs began his Children's Sunday School program on June 3rd.

3. Finance Committee: Donna Alexander reported that as of May 31, 2018, the balance due on the Building Fund Loan is \$518,089.56.

4. Memorial Committee: Charlie Dennison reported that two gifts were received in memory of Winston Wine.

5. Property Committee: Dianne Chafin advised there was a workday May 12th. All shrubbery was trimmed and mulch spread in most of the flower beds. Pastor Boggs added that he, Jayden Raynes and others have tackled putting together the new piece of playground equipment. It's been a challenge. Pastor wants another workday to try to complete the job.

6. Worship & Music Committee: Linda Ellis advised that there was a generous donation of funds to purchase and install a “damp tuner” on the piano in the Sanctuary. The Committee is still researching options for a portable sound system that can be used for outdoor worship. Morning Worship on July 8th will be outside with a picnic to follow.

7. Youth Committee: Noel Thomas reported that Salem Youth are preparing and serving the Father Son Banquet on June 10th. It will be a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering. The Youth are making final preparations for their trip to Houston.

Respectfully Submitted,
Louise Harris, Congregational Secretary



FINANCIAL REPORTS

Don't forget Noisy Offering Sunday, July 1, 2018!

May Noisy Offering \$130.

Offerings for May 2018

DATE	BUDGET	OFFERING	DIFF.
5/6/2018	\$4,985.13	\$4,393.51	-\$591.62
5/13/2018	\$4,985.13	\$3,872.00	-\$1,113.13
5/20/2018	\$4,985.13	\$5,352.77	\$367.64
5/27/2018	\$4,985.13	\$3,845.21	-\$1,139.92
		\$0.00	\$0.00
			-\$2,477.03



Music Notes for July

Members of Salem's Worship & Music Committee met on June 27th since Vacation Bible School was underway on the regularly scheduled meeting date of June 13. It was a combined meeting for June & July.

Members gave thanks for the generous donation of funds to purchase a “damp chaser” for the piano in the Sanctuary. The unit was installed and should help keep the piano in tune and keep the keys from sticking.

Morning Worship on July 8th will be outdoors with music from Salem's Praise Band. There will be Communion. Following worship, there will be a picnic (covered dish) meal of foods that DO NOT require heating. Drinks will be provided. Members of the Worship & Music Committee will clean the picnic shelter on the morning of July 7th.

Other items of business included work on formulating a Mission Statement for the Worship & Music Committee and discussions on a permanent employment agreement for the Organist. The interim organist agreement began on April 8th and ends on July 8th.

■ Your Worship & Music Committee

Highlights from the Virginia Synod Assembly

Synod Assembly is our annual opportunity for the 150 congregations of the Virginia Synod to come together and be reminded of what it means to be a part of the wider church. Our theme during our June 8-10, 2018 gathering was “Only by Grace Can We Stand”. During the weekend, Bishop Humphrey helped explore the theme for the Assembly based off of Ephesians 2:19-21, with three keynote presentations that led to small group time. This opportunity to break off into small groups was styled after the Large Group/Small Group feature that is present in most Virginia Synod youth events. This small group time proved a popular way for participants at Assembly to meet one another, and to better get to know the many different congregations that make up our synod. Elections took place over the weekend with Dan Kahill, of Christ in Roanoke elected as the Virginia Synod Council Treasurer. The Rev. Lauren Miller of Peace in Charlottesville was elected to serve as clergy member following her appointment to the Synod Council earlier this year. Tyler Wertman of Grace in Waynesboro, The Rev. Jonathan Boynton of Grace in Winchester, and The Rev. Leslie Scanlon of Grace in Chesapeake are the newly elected members joining Synod Council. Elections for the 2019 Churchwide Assembly also took place with The Rev. Kathryn Pocalyko of Our Saviour in Richmond, The Rev. Phyllis Milton of Gloria Dei in Hampton, Hunter Simpkins of Grace in Chesapeake, Mycha McNett of Muhlenberg in Harrisonburg, Deacon Christine Van O’Linda Huffman of St. Michael in Virginia Beach, Megan Crummitt of St. Paul’s in Hampton, Todd Recuperero of Trinity in Newport News, The Rev. Martha Miller Sims of Grace in Winchester, and The Rev. Tim Crummitt St. Paul’s in Hampton all being elected to serve. One resolution was passed over the weekend, memorializing the 50th anniversary of women’s ordination in the Lutheran Church. The resolution was submitted by Judy Castele of Good Shepherd in Lexington. The resolution calls upon congregations throughout the ELCA to participate in the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women in our church through worship services, bible studies and other efforts to celebrate and recognize the importance and contributions of ordained women, among other goals. The final

version of this resolution will be published as part of the minutes for this year’s assembly.

Women of the **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA** 

Do you ever just feel unmotivated ? Unmoved ? A Lack of desire or discipline ? Loss of what to do next? I think as humans we all experience moments like this. Sometimes those moments are brief and few and far between and sometimes we find ourselves stuck in those moments and can’t seem to get out . We also experience moments of drive, success, focus, and determination. I guess that’s what makes us human. The good news is God will meet us in both types of moments if we allow him too.

As a writer I usually wait to feel inspired before I write. If I wait for just the right moment then the words flow like water. Today I am writing this article 2 days past due because for some reason I just can’t find my motivation. I decided to use that moment of being unmoved and driven to write anyways. I think it’s good to use those moments to grow. If we didn’t have them we wouldn’t be able to look inside our selves and assess how to get that motivation back.

I ask myself what could be causing my lack of words. It’s not my life cause the beauty and blessing it holds is beyond words. Today my day has consisted of coffee with my mother, gym date alone, teach water aerobics, lunch with my husband, children to waterpark, and then dinner at the in-laws. First, I want to say thank you to my husband for allowing me such a blessed day. Second I think maybe that’s why I have a lack of words. It’s almost a sense of guilt I suppose. How and why do I get to spend my day like this when there are things going on in the world like what’s happening at the border? I won’t go into that because my heart says you all have seen and heard plenty I am sure. I saw this post earlier today and the words just won’t leave me... I ask myself what could I do ? How can I make a difference ? Am I turning a blind eye? What is the answer ?

“And all I come up with is I have no clue !!! I’m sorry if this article seems .. down.... that’s not it’s purpose. I think it’s just a life

article to remind us life can be hard. Hard for something personal or hard for others. We don't have all the answers and we never will but as Christians we have a rare gift to help us cope. We have God, we have Jesus and we have the Holy Spirit. By having these three we have God-the Alpha and the Omega. We have Jesus - the perfect example of how to love and live and treat others. We have the Holy Spirit- a direct line of contact to our maker. WE HAVE PRAYER!! What a beautiful gift. Prayer is a not always easy but it's always there. Sometimes just like with writing, the words flow and other times nothing comes. God knows that and He knows our hearts. So even when there are no words go to Him. Open your heart to Him and to the personal love language He gave us. Praise His name and give thanks for all the blessings bestowed upon us and when your heart hurts for others and you just don't know what to do tell Him that too. He will meet you.. good day .. bad day or in between and I believe He is at the border too or in a hospital bed with those suffering or with a mother who doesn't have food for her child. He is in the sorrows this world can give and in the joys so many of us are blessed to have.

Prayer Warrior! We can all be that for one another. Close to home or abroad. Pray. Pray. Pray. Amen!"



263 likes
 worldvisionusa "My children were born and raised in a tent. There is no tomorrow for them." These are the hopeless words from a Syrian mother surviving with her children as refugees in #Lebanon. This

Men's Prayer breakfast

MEN'S GROUP OF SALEM CHURCH

The Men's Group of Salem Church would like to invite all of the men of Salem Lutheran Church to our Prayer Breakfast on 29 July, 2018, starting at 8:30 AM. Why not give us a try, we have interesting programs, we spend some time praying for members of the congregation, we provide and enjoy good food, and good fellowship.

The following is a list of members we will be praying for at our June meeting;

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|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Timothy Behler | Cheryl Burns | Bill Chafin |
| Kitty Cook | Julie Davenport | Betty Fogleman |
| Maxwell Girard | Ken Hawkins | Brooke Joiner |
| Mike Kondor | Ruthanne Logue | Heather May |
| Jackson O"Gorek | Lucy Smith | Dottie Vandevander |

This is the beginning of our tenth trip thru the congregational membership list praying for each one of you as we go. If you have any thoughts on how we could improve this ministry, please let one of us know. If there are any special requests, please contact Hank Kowalla, Charles Leach or Loo Noordzy.



Greetings from the Youth!

Greetings from the Youth! The Youth are taking the summer off this year due to the National Youth Gathering in Houston. Thank you to the congregation for their love and the opportunity to attend this event, we could not do any of this without your generous support.

Looking forward to starting back up in August. Blessings for a safe and happy summer! Marta, Ray, Allison, Albert, and Jessica



Summer hours start June 3, 2018 Worship: 10:30am

--Mark your calendars

Sunday School: Summer Sunday school for children

Beginning on June 3rd, there will be a Children's Sunday school class for those in Kindergarten and up. Pastor Derek will be leading a series called "Understanding Worship" to help our younger disciples better appreciate why we do certain things each Sunday. This will include everything from the Prelude to the announcements at the end. Adults are also encouraged to participate, especially those with younger children to help reinforce the items we'll be discussing. Each week there will be some type of game or activity linked with the topic. We plan to meet from 9:45 – 10:15, with worship following at 10:30.

NOTICE –ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS THEOS

Will continue to meet during the summer months. Class will start at 9:30am in the library. We will be glad to welcome anyone who would like to join this class.



Lauren and Andrew Grove welcomed a baby girl June 11th. Her name is Natalie Marie Grove - she weighed 7 lbs 9 oz and was 20 1/2 in long. Her grandparents are Ann Marie and Mike Kondor and great-grandparents are Ruth and Ralph Mezzoni. We give thanks for the safe delivery of Baby Natalie and send congratulations to all!



The next Food Pantry date is Tuesday, July 17th from 4:00-6:30pm.

We could use more volunteers if you want to help. If you can't help all the time-part of the time would be appreciated!

XYZer's Lunch at Salem Wednesday, July 18 – 12:30pm

All seniors are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship, food catered by Beth Michael. Cost is \$8.00 and program. Sign up sheet in hallway. Deadline Wednesday July 11th. Program by Mrs. Linda Dickerson- WRE Teacher at Clymore Elementary

Men's Group Breakfast has been set for 8:30am -Sunday, July 29, 2018



Bring food to share. All men are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship, food and Prayer Ministry led by Loo Noordzy.



God's work. Our hands

Dear colleagues in ministry,
Please save the date Sunday, Sept. 9, for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday.

As members of ELCA, we believe we are called, gathered and sent into the world to embody the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection - called into relationship with God, gathered together as a community of believers and sent into the world to love and serve our neighbors.

1 Corinthians, Chapter 12, reminds us, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

This year Salem will once again participate in **Rise against Hunger** for our "God's Work - Our Hands" project. We will meet in the Waynesboro area and prepare food bags to be sent around the world. Last year was a huge success, as we gathered with other congregations in our conference and participated in this ministry together. Please mark your calendars to help out on Saturday, September 8th as we join together for this worthwhile effort. More information will be presented in the months to come.

90th Birthday Celebration

For: Ellen Huffman
When: Sunday, July 22, 2018
Where: Imagine Center
Time: 2:30-4:30pm

Please drop by between 2:00 and 4:30pm for a reception honoring Ellen on this special occasion.

No gifts please, but cards or notes with memoires will be welcomed.
Hope to see you on the 22nd!

Update on Volunteering at Caroline Furnace

We are now scheduled to volunteer at Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp on July 25-26. Instead of a full week, we will be volunteering for two days. If you are interested, there is a sign up sheet in the hallway. Please specify if you will be working both days or one day and if you will be spending the night or commuting. We will be serving the camp in a variety of ways (outside grounds, inside organization, interaction with campers and their activities). It should be a fun and meaningful time as we join with our Lutheran camp in God’s beautiful creation. Please contact Pastor Derek if you have any questions.

From the Property Committee- A big thank you to all who came out for the workday to help with the Spring yardwork. Two loads of mulch (donated by Blue Ridge Lumber was spread around the church and gazebo. Thanks to Brett Chafin who delivered the mulch on two different occasions. The second load was spread entirely by brother and sister duo, C.W. and Sandy Switzer.

It took four work events to complete the playground equipment. Thanks to Charlie Dennison who extended the playground and to all who gave of their time and energy to get this done. It was quite a job!! A special thank you to Pastor Derek who spearheaded this project.

<p>YOUTH EVENT August 19, 2018 F.A.R.K.L.E MORE LATER</p>
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The Salem Men’s Group would like to thank all the fathers and sons who came to enjoy or annual banquet. With our new format of “Corn Hole” and “Pickle Ball” games we say many new faces and excited children. We thank the youth and their advisers for preparing and serving the food, setting the table with decoration in the social hall. The male attendance was 45-50; the largest group in years. Also, thanks to Pastor Derek for organizing the recreation portion of the evening. We hope our donations benefited the youth and advisers with their Houston expenses. Peace, Charles Leach



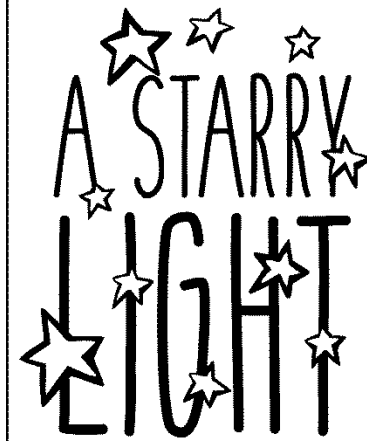
My Mom was very blessed by having three churches. She loved to attend Salem, circle meetings and many other events and cherished the friendships she made. Our family would like to thank each of you for your kindnesses shown to us. The visits, cards, flowers, food and most important your prayers and love were so appreciated. Mom recognized Pastor Derek by his voice and was so pleased when he came. His prayers and care of each of us meant so much. Our love, Carolyn Bouknight and Family

Directory Corrections:
Address correction for directory

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Midlothian, VA 23115-0251

**South Valley Conference
Gathering with Bishop
Humphrey
Sunday, Augusta 19, 2018
4:30-6:30 p.m.
Salem Lutheran Church,
Mt. Sidney, VA**

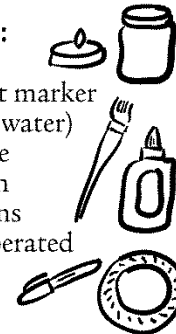
**Join us for time of Fellowship
and conversation with Bishop
Humphrey about Building
Bridges and Relationships
among the congregations of
the synod.**



Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

What you need:

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



What you do:

1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.



Wonders of creation

Our Creator is in control of the entire universe!

Directions: Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Write the letter that's found to the left of the dot on the blank below to complete Psalm 147:4, NIV. (Some columns have more than one letter.)

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Answer: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4, NIV

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