



## Worship Schedule

### September 2023

*9:00am Sunday School for all ages;  
10:00am Worship Service with Communion*

### September 3, 2023 / 14th Sunday after Pentecost / Rev. Samar Ghandour

*Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26;  
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28*

### September 10, 2023 / 15th Sunday after Pentecost / Rev. Samar Ghandour

*Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 32:1-7;  
Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20*

### September 17, 2023 / 16th Sunday after Pentecost / Eddie Pless

*Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-12;  
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35*

### September 24, 2023 / 17th Sunday after Pentecost / Rev. Samar Ghandour

*Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 27:1-9;  
Phillipians 1:12-14,19-30; Matthew 20:1-16*



Our **SEPTEMBER** item for Christians United Outreach (CUOC) is **CHICKEN HELPER & Canned Chicken**. Please place your contributions in the basket

outside the church office. Thank you for your generosity each month.



## NOTES to the Congregation

Monday /  
Sept. 4, 2023  
Office will be closed



## SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### Baptism Anniversaries

- 2 Joanna Harrelson  
Kenny Kidd
- 4 Patrick Camp
- 20 Erik Schultz
- 23 Julia Wittenberg  
Betsy Wittenberg

### Confirmation Anniversaries

- 15 Ken Jaeck

### Birthdays

- 4 Karen Tanzman
- 6 Roger Chriscoe  
Jack Neal
- 10 Bettina Busmire
- 13 Mason Crooks
- 15 Alan Gates
- 16 Joan Wilson  
Nikolas Companion
- 17 Kaye Kopplin
- 19 Joshua Crooks
- 21 Olivia Kirkpatrick
- 22 Heather Cagle
- 25 Samuel Allen
- 26 Adaline LaPrade
- 28 Chuck LaPrade  
Keith Murdock
- 29 Ginna Schwartz
- 30 Doreen Wilburn

### Wedding Anniversaries

- 11 Betsy & Will Wittenberg III
- 12 Ermalyn & Ken Jaeck
- 16 Lynn & Robert Smith

# SEPTEMBER in SERVICE

## Altar Guild

Carol DeLooze & Michele Dawes

## Greeters

3 Cookie Smith  
 10 Pam Wolfe  
 17 Lynn Smith  
 24 Sharon Harrelson

## Asst. Minister

3 Amy Harrelson  
 10 Betsy Wittenberg  
 17 Ken Jaeck  
 24 Jean Gates

## Ushers

3 Team 3  
 10 Team 4  
 17 Team 1  
 24 Team 2

## Acolytes

3 Win Smith / Stefan Reedy  
 10 Ermalyn Jaeck / Joanna Harrelson  
 17 Leslie Smith / Mason Crooks  
 24 Amy Harrelson / Katie Dawes

## Children's Sermon

3 Ermalyn Jaeck  
 10 Penny Crooks  
 17 Ken Jaeck  
 24 Alan Gates

## Witness

3 Karen Walker  
 10 Jean Gates  
 17 Rita Hunter  
 24 Kaye Kopplin

## Nursery

3 Doreen Wilburn / Kim Kelly  
 10 Leslie Smith / Michele Dawes  
 17 Hannah Kirkpatrick / Michele Dawes  
 24 Penny Crooks / Betsy Wittenberg

## Counting

Mike & Sharon Harrelson



# COMMITTEE INFORMATION

## Attendance & Giving

### AUGUST 2023



DATE	SS	Worship	Giving
7/30	18	72	\$6,914.00
8/6	17	57	\$2,652.00
8/13	15	50	\$9,710.00
8/20	12	77	\$6,409.55
8/27	30	78	\$2,514.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>\$21,285.55</b>
		<b>ONLY</b>	



**St. John's Lutheran Men**  
 Was moved to August 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Darrell Hunter home due to  
 schedule conflicts.



## **Witness Committee News**

• **Next meeting Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>** •

The Witness Committee will meet on **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023** immediately following the worship service

The Witness Committee expresses appreciation to our members who participate as greeters for the worship service.

We will begin developing the Greeter Schedule for 2024 soon. If you would like to participate in this church ministry, please let a Witness member know. Those who are already greeters who would like to make a change in your service, please also let us know that soon.

Thank you so much!

SHARON SEITZ  
[nseitz24@yahoo.com](mailto:nseitz24@yahoo.com)

Music & Worship  
Tuesday  
Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm



September Council  
Meeting  
Monday / Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>  
7pm



Lutheran Women

The Ladies group **first meeting** of the **2023-2024** year will be on **Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.** Lynn Smith will be handling the program and Marg Murdock / Rita Hunter sharing hostess /devotion duties.

The Lutheran Women of St. Johns meet on the **1st Monday of the month** from **September through May.** All women of St. John's are invited to attend the meetings. Our **meetings start at 11 am**

Our group is a Christian fellowship for the women of the church. Our meeting consists of programs that interest our members, community outreach, and Christian fellowship. Dues are \$2.00 a month. The meetings are informal and help the women of our church get to know each other better. We would love to have you attend! Please contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at **(336)625-2888, or (336) 460-4165.**

Lynn Smith/ President

Property Committee  
Meeting Tuesday  
the 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm



SUPPORT  
Thurs. / Sept.14<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30pm



Youth & Family  
Ministries  
September 21<sup>st</sup>  
at 5:00pm



Council  
Notes

Church Council Minutes  
June 26, 2023

Absent: Josh Crooks and Bill Wittenberg

- I. **Read Mission Statement**
- II. **Devotions** and opening prayer by Joan Wilson.
- III. **Communications:**
  - a. Letter received from NALC concerning July 15<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Care and Transition Team training at Holy Trinity in Gastonia for lay members. The secretary will email information and place it on the bulletin board.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:**

Rita Hunter made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Sharon Harrelson. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Unfinished Business:**
  - Pastor Samar will not be attending the Convocation.
  - Rita Hunter of Property Committee:
  - The American Heritage Girls charter will be renewed for another year.
  - Measurements for the pew cushions will be July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - The light fixtures in the sacristy and acolyte room are to be replaced.
  - The cost to provide a 25 x 35 concrete pad for the picnic tables is being obtained.
  - Ways to secure the parking lot exit on Kivett Street are being investigated.
  - The Call Committee has interviewed Pastor Samar Ghandour.
- VI. **New Business:**
  - a. Rose Lucas requested the use of the church 5 days a week for AA meetings. Discussion concerning the church use most nights of the week. Sharon made a motion to not extend an invitation to the AA group. The motion was

seconded by Michele Dawes and unanimously approved.

- b. Epiphany Lutheran Church in Florida asked for \$1,000 or donation to start a church. Checking with support concerning available funds. David Wilburn made a motion to provide \$1,000 to Epiphany Lutheran Church start up. The motion was seconded by Marj Murdock and unanimously approved.
- c. Habitat for Humanity asked for funding. Information will be provided to the congregation and in the bulletin for donations.
- d. The summer camp was discussed. The camp is Moravian and NALC is using the facility.
- e. Marj discussed a special welcome for Beverly Ann Decker our new member. Ms. Decker is to be acknowledged by Ken during the opening announcement during the Sunday service.
- f. Janice Poole will be St. John's lay representative at the August 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> NACL convocation in Oklahoma. David Wilburn made a motion to provide Janice with \$700 for the trip. The motion was seconded by Charles Morton and unanimously approved.
- g. Sharon Harrelson requested the use of the fellowship hall on August 26<sup>th</sup> for a bridal shower for Amy. Rita made a motion to allow the use. Charles Morton seconded the motion and unanimously approved.
- h. Ken recommended that the Property Committee investigate the installation of an electronic message board in front of the church.
- i. No July meeting.

**VII. Sharing of Joys**

**VIII. Adjourn:** David made a motion to be adjourned and Sharon seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**IX. The Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Dawes, Council Secretary



**BUDGET** sheets have been placed in each chairperson box for the 2024 year.

Please take a moment to look them over and discuss. On the sheet is 2023 budget / expenditures thru 6/30/23 and then a place to put **request for 2024**. Please place them in the secretary's box when completed and I will get them together for the **SUPPORT** committee before the end of September. I truly appreciate all your assistance. khw



**St. John's Men's Group**  
will collect food items on

**Sunday's September 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**  
to support  
**Communities in Schools,  
Backpack Pals program.**

**High priority items needed are:**

**Individually package, child-sized portions of.**

- ✓ **Canned meats** such as: Vienna sausage, pot-  
ted meat, tuna, ETC.
- ✓ **Breakfast items:** Poptarts, granola bars, indi-  
vidual serving size cereal, cereal bars, instant  
oatmeal.
- ✓ **Snack items:** Crackers, pudding cups, fruit  
cups, ETC.
- ✓ **Individual serving vegetables,** either cups  
or pull ring tops.
- ✓ **Ramen noodles.**
- ✓ **Juice boxes** (high juice content preferred)  
*PLEASE HELP AS YOU CAN*

*"Therefore go and make disci-  
ples of all nations, baptizing  
them in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy  
Spirit." - Matthew 28:19*



# BACK to SCHOOL



## STUDENTS

Madeline Arbaiza 4<sup>th</sup> grade / Uwharrie Charter ES  
Owen Camp / Kindergarten / Seagrove ES  
Alexander Camp / 3<sup>rd</sup> grade / Seagrove ES  
Benjamin Camp / 2's Preschool at Central Methodist Day School  
Samantha Chriscoe / Uwharrie Charter High  
Savanna Chriscoe / Uwharrie Charter High  
McKenzie Crooks ~ Balfour Elementary  
Mason Crooks ~ South Asheboro Middle  
Courtney Crooks ~ Balfour Elementary  
Joanna Harrelson ~ High Point University  
Dani Jaeck ~ Southwest Randolph HS  
Marielle Jaeck ~ Farmer Elementary  
Christian Kirkpatrick ~ GTCC  
Olivia Kirkpatrick ~ GTCC  
Hannah Kirkpatrick ~ St. Michaels Academy  
Claire Reedy / Lindley Park ES  
Stefan Reedy / Asheboro High School  
Lucas Schwartz / South Asheboro Middle  
Olivia Smith / University of NC  
Tyler Smith / Pre-K ~ Southmont ES  
Win Smith / Asheboro High School / Junior  
Liam Wittenberg 7<sup>th</sup> grade / High Point Christian Academy  
Jack Wittenberg 3<sup>rd</sup> grade / High Point Christian Academy

## STAFF

Dr. Penny Crooks ~ Southwest Randolph HS (English)  
Gidget Kidd ~ School Board  
Leslie Smith ~ Teacher at South Asheboro Middle  
Emili Smith ~ Teacher at Shepherd's Way  
Karen Reedy ~ Teacher at North Asheboro Middle  
Ginna Schwartz ~ Behavioral teacher / After School Prog-  
Head Teacher / DLL ES

Dear God, Thank You for the **amazing teachers** who have devoted their lives to serve our children. As they navigate this unique school year, fill them with **strength to lead and thrive** in their classroom—whatever it may look like! **Protect their bodies from illness and their spirits from weariness as they pour into the next generation through education.** Thank You for the gift of education as our children adapt to new school year, may **Your joy be their strength!** I pray they would **meet each day with positivity** knowing that whatever comes their way, they do not have to face it alone. In Jesus' name,

Thank you to the  
Men's Group of St. John's  
for their work to make the  
2023 Ice-Cream Social

a success. Great work guys. More Pics at  
[facebook](#) StJohnslutheranAsheboronc





# CONGRATULATIONS!!

Samar & Gracie  
Hadassah Ivy Ghandour  
DOB: August 11, 2023  
Weight: 7.5 lbs  
Length: 21 inches



PICS from VBS 2023  
Awesome job to all those that  
assisted in making VBS a success.  
Great time had by all.







## Exciting News!

### Update from Kristie

How exciting it has been here at Naomi's Heart Mission, as we watch construction begin for our temporary classrooms and fencing for our two hectares of purchased land.

Our engineer, a wonderful Christian we call, "Sir Paul", is overseeing this project, and stops by our mission office almost daily to communicate progress. He predicts we will be moved into the temporary classrooms during September. In order to accommodate all of our elementary students, children are now on split sessions in a rented building adjacent to the mission.

Our Junior High will be the first to move into the temporary classrooms, allowing the elementary to move to the junior high classrooms and attend class all day.

In August, a supporter in the US gave us a challenge. He believed that the Lord was encouraging us to go up to the land each day during the month of August and stand on our ground claiming God's promise to bless our vision for the future: school buildings for all 450 of our children to be at one location, classrooms well equipped for



learning, a place where we could have an outdoor auditorium for sports such as basketball and soccer.

Imagining the possibilities for the future are endless. Above all, it will be a school with Christian teachers who teach and show the love of Jesus.

We have taken the challenge seriously and every day we go to the school land to praise, worship, and pray. We praise God for the land He has provided and thank Him for the great things He will do in the future, believing that nothing is impossible with God (Luke 1:37). You can follow our challenge on our Facebook page.





### THANK YOU

To **ALL** that helped in supplying the items for the breakfast enjoyed by the staff of Donna Lee Loflin. **Thank you** to all that took their time / talents and kindness to set up, serve, visit with staff and clean up after. **Thank you** for the items donated to the school supply drive. These events could not be a success without ALL of the wonderful people from St. John's doing what they do for others. You are each a true blessing to have as part of the St. John's family.

Go to the Facebook page and enjoy the video created by Bill Sheffield showing everyone having a wonderful time.

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Thank you notes from the Frank W. and Eleanor C. Poulton scholarship recipients are posted on the board by the office. Please stop by to read their words of gratitude for this blessing.



Please keep our camp attendees on September 8-10, in your prayers for safe travel to and from camp, good spirits, great fellowship and learning while there, along with the energy to do it all.

**Alan Gates**

**Tania & Hannah Kirkpatrick**

**Crooks Family**

**(Josh / Penny / Mason**

**McKenzie / Courtney)**







### **Community, Nation & World:**

Military past & present & families  
Leaders of our Country  
Ukrainians / Russians  
Victory Missions International  
Rev. Samar Ghandour and family  
NALC Reformation  
LC Persecuted Christians  
Naomi Heart Missions / Kristi Ward  
St. John's Church Council &  
Call Committee

### **St. John's Family:**

Molly & the boys (Covid)  
Camp Family (Lily safe birth of baby girl)  
Pat McGinn (diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis)  
Marielle Jaeck (Covid)  
Cynthia Allen  
Bill Sheffield  
Robert & Lynn Smith  
Earl DeLooze,  
Ed Tanzman (Therapy at Alpine Rehab)  
Craig Wolfe

### **Friends and Family of the Congregation:**

Karen Tanzman (caretaker for Ed / compression fracture in back)

The biggest reason we pray for one another is that we are commanded to bear one another's burdens. We will all reach a point where we stagger and fall – and we need one another. This is one of the purposes of the church. We are there for when our brother or sister staggers and falls. We help carry the weight of their troubles. We can do this in part by taking them to the throne of grace.

**Isaiah 40:1** He says "Comfort, comfort my people."

**Exodus 14:14** "The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Sarah Sheffield (Bill Sheffield)  
Issac Hammond / Caner (Tania Kirkpatrick)  
Amanda Hammond / Broken ankle (Tania Kirkpatrick)  
Roxanna Bryant / continued recovery (Tania Kirkpatrick)  
Donna Lee Loflin mom's relative with cancer  
Dianne McCarty / surgery on shoulder (Pam Shaw)  
Eddie McNeil / Pancreatic Cancer (Pam Shaw)  
Gracie Ghandour / Hadasaah  
Alice Dawson / Vickie Lorimer  
Carol Gibson (Pam Shaw)  
Kenny Adkins / recovery from stomach cancer (Lesha Daniel's uncle)  
Jill Spivey / Cancer (friend of Leslie Smith)  
Kim (friend of Bettina)  
Susan Roses (grandmother of Madeline & Dorothy Arbaiza)  
Jeanette M. Browder (Bill Sheffield)  
Katherine Vann (cancer / Kate Sefick cousin)  
Nhena and Shamael [Ginna Schwartz granddaughter and daughter]  
Melissa Butner, aggressive breast cancer (Wittenberg family)  
Katie Stone (Pam Shaw)  
Carolyn Hardage & family (Pam Wolfe)  
Kevin & Siobahin McGinn  
Greg Seabolt (Kenny & Gidget Kidd)  
Sherry Johnson (Kenny & Gidget Kidd)  
Sarah Sheffield (Bill Sheffield)  
Chad Brown (Vickie Lorimer)  
Hazel Hayes Family (Michele Dawes's mom)  
Lynn Graham (Cancer)/Bill Sheffield  
Laurie Scott / cancer (Kim Kelly's cousin)  
Bruce Kyles/ cancer (friend of Kathy Chriscoe)

# September

8:45A Fellowship /9A Sunday School / 10A Worship w/ Holy Communion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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14 <sup>th</sup> Sun after Pentecost / Samar 3	4 <b>Labor Day</b> (office closed) 1pm Fellowship Bridge	5 6pm: <b>Worship &amp; Music Mtg</b> 6:30pm ESL Class	6 6pm Choir Practice	7 6pm: AHG 6:30pm ESL Class	8 CAMP	9 CAMP
15 <sup>th</sup> Sun after Pentecost / Samar CAMP Grandparents Day 11:00am <b>Witness Com Mtg</b> 10	11 <b>PATRIOTS DAY</b> 11am <b>Women's Grp Mtg</b> 1pm Fellowship Bridge	12 6pm <b>PROPERTY</b> 6:30pm ESL Class	13 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice  KIM OFF	14 6pm: AHG 6:30pm ESL Class <b>6:30pm SUPPORT</b>  KIM OFF	15   KIM OFF	16
16 <sup>th</sup> Sun after Pentecost / Eddie Pless 8AM Men's Qtrly Bkfst / CJ's 17	18 1pm Fellowship Bridge	19 6:30pm ESL Class	20 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice	21 <b>5pm Youth &amp; Family Mtg</b> 6pm: AHG 6:30pm ESL Class	22	23
17 <sup>th</sup> Sun after Pentecost / Samar <b>GOLD STAR MOMS DAY</b> 2PM Ladies Grp. Bowling 24	25 1pm Fellowship Bridge <b>7pm COUNCIL Mtg</b>	26 6:30pm ESL Class	27 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice	28 6pm: AHG 6:30pm ESL Class	29	30 <b>OKTOBERFEST</b>