


CALVARY  
CROSS-TIES


May 2015




**Emergency Numbers**  
The Rev. Wayne Cobb ❖ 912-844-7975  
Denise Waller ❖ 704-637-6680



**Church Staff**  
The Rev. Wayne Cobb ❖ Pastor  
Lisa Perdue ❖ Organist/Choir Director  
Ron Corriher ❖ Handbell Choir Director  
Denise Waller ❖ Parish Secretary  
Sylvia White ❖ Custodian



**The Stewardship of Our Treasure**  
Ron Corriher ❖ Treasurer  
Ron Thomas ❖ Investment Trustee  
Jeff Hedrix ❖ Investment Trustee  
TBA ❖ Investment Trustee  
Carrie Hendrix ❖ Financial Secretary



**Calvary Senior's MealSite**  
The Spencer Community Nutrition Site is hosted by Calvary Church through Ruffy-Holmes Senior Center, Salisbury. All Seniors ages 60 & older are welcome. There's food, fun, fellowship & activities.  
Hours: Mon.-Fri. © 10:00 AM-12:30 PM  
Meals@12:00. Call the Nutrition Program at Ruffy-Holmes Senior Center 704-216-7702 or Calvary Church for more information.



**Sunday School & Worship Services**  
9:15 AM † Sunday School Fellowship  
9:30 AM † Sunday School  
10:30 AM † Worship Services

*Calvary Lutheran Church*  
303 Fifth Street  
PO Box 23  
Spencer, NC 28159  
704-636-2152



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"Carolina Cardinal"  
by Curtis Waller.

**Ministry Committee Chairpersons**  
Bereavement ❖ Peggy Bringle  
Columbarium ❖ Agnes Spagnolo & Ron Thomas  
CyberMinistry ❖ Jeff Hendrix  
Hospitality ❖ Linda Beaver  
Lutheran Men In Mission ❖ Ben Beaver  
Lutheran Services for the Aging ❖ Elizabeth Smith  
Meals On Wheels ❖ Sonny Koontz  
Property ❖ Terry Butler  
Senior MealSite ❖ Elizabeth Smith  
Spencer Council of Churches ❖ Martha Pulliam-Edwards  
Sunday School Superintendent ❖ Toby Perdue  
Support ❖ Tracey Bumgardner  
Synod Delegates ❖ TBA  
W.E.L.C.A. ❖ Elizabeth Smith  
Witness ❖ JoAnn Thomas & Cornelia Briggs  
Worship & Music ❖ Ron Corriher  
Youth & Learning ❖ Elizabeth Smith



**Congregational Council**

Ben Beaver	❖	2015	❖	President
Tommy Swing	❖	2015	❖	
Ron Corriher	❖	2016	❖	Treasurer
Carrie Hendrix	❖	2016	❖	
Lisa Perdue	❖	2016	❖	Vice President
Ron Thomas	❖	2016	❖	
Terry Butler	❖	2017	❖	
Shannon Helms	❖	2017	❖	Secretary
Elizabeth Smith	❖	2017	❖	



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Ruminations...

I've long been a Stevie Wonder fan, seeing and hearing him first in a cameo role in one of those 1960s Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello beach movies. Some of you may know that Stevie has a Salisbury connection, although not a happy one. While traveling late one night between Charlotte and Greensboro on I-85, his driver fell asleep and ran into the back of a truck that was hauling logs. A log broke through the windshield of Stevie's car and hit him in the forehead. He was taken to Rowan Memorial Hospital where Ann's father, Dr. Donald Lomax, was on call in the emergency room. Doc helped to patch him up so he could be transported to Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Fortunately, although badly injured, Stevie survived.

The first few albums that immediately following the accident were deeply reflective of the intense spiritual journey he experienced as a result of his near-death experience. He admittedly saw life through a different lens after the accident. One of those post-accident songs that really struck a chord in me back in the early 70s was entitled, *Heaven Is 10 Zillion Light Years Away*. It began with these words:

*They say that heaven is 10 zillion light years away  
And just the pure at heart will walk her righteous streets someday  
They say that heaven is 10 zillion light years away  
But if there is a God, we need Him now  
"Where is your God?"  
That's what my friends ask me  
And I say it's taken Him so long  
'Cause we've got so far to come...  
Tell me people  
Why can't they say that hate is 10 zillion light years away?  
Why can't the light of good shine God's love in every soul?  
Why must my color black make me a lesser man?  
I thought this world was made for every man  
He loves us all, that's what my God tells me  
And I say it's taken Him so long  
'Cause we've got so far to come...*

Like most of you, I have been watching the events in Baltimore over the past few days. I am heart-sick at these events. In my younger years I would have quickly and

*We Are Thankful For:*

easily laid all the blame on a few lawless people whose only desire was to cause trouble and inflict harm on anyone who crossed their path. But that's not what I see today. What I see in our own society today is a nation where the wealthy and privileged and powerful among us continue to prosper and gain while the poor are continually oppressed and forgotten. We and our so-called Christian nation have grown comfortable living in a society where a whole class of people have been effectively left to fend for themselves. We have grown to the point where we think it's OK for masses of our fellow citizens to be left out, forgotten, and relegated to a 3<sup>rd</sup> class status in a nation wealthy enough to guarantee that all people can prosper. What I see in Baltimore is an explosion of pent up frustration coming from people who have been left behind and left out of the good life that the rest of us take for granted. I do not condone their criminal behavior, but I understand, at this point in my life, why they feel the way they must feel. Hopelessness always breeds desperation, and desperation always breeds revolt.

As Christians, our task in life is to create God's kingdom on earth. Does this look like God's kingdom to you? Would Jesus be OK with what we are OK with? As Stevie implied in his song, we've got a lot of work to do before we will be able to see God's presence in our world. God has so far to come because we, in the way we live our lives, in the choices that we make, have distanced ourselves from God.

I am heart-sick at what our nation is becoming. We have become a nation where the rich keep getting richer and the poor keep getting poorer and we have grown comfortable with the politics of wealth and privilege that support this elitist ideology. The course of our nation is being bankrolled by those who, first and foremost, want to assure that their prosperous lifestyle will never be threatened, even when to support their whims and wills at all costs guarantees that whole masses of Americans may never stand a chance of living the American dream. I have no doubt that if Jesus were to return today he would clean out the temple again, this time directing his anger at the political temples of our nation. But then, I am equally convinced, Jesus would turn to each of us who claim to carry his name and ask us why we haven't done more to make our nation and our communities look more like God's kingdom than our own kingdom. Ouch. Guilty as charged.

While we might disagree as to why our nation has become what it has become, I do hope you would agree that we are far from becoming the nation God would have us be. So I simply ask you to join me in praying that we might take our role as Christ's ambassadors in our world seriously. It is Christ's work that we have been given to do, and Christ's work was and is to lift up the lowly, the poor, the broken, the dispossessed, the forgotten and give them hope again. Our nation is in sore need of hope, and, sometimes, that hope looks a lot like us.

Sincerely, *Pastor Wayne*



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

"SO THEY WENT OUT AND FLED FROM THE TOMB, FOR TERROR  
AND AMAZEMENT HAD SEIZED THEM."

- MARK 16:8

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Gospel of Mark ends abruptly. The women came to the tomb to care for the body of their friend and Lord. They expected death. Seeing the stone rolled away, they entered the tomb; they entered into death. They didn't find Jesus. Instead, they saw a young man, who told them not to be amazed, that Jesus had risen. This same stranger told them to tell the disciples and then head to Galilee. Is it any wonder that terror and amazement seized them?

We are on the other side of the first Easter. We have grown used to the story of the resurrection. The good news brings hope and comfort. It brings freedom and joy. But I don't think it causes terror and amazement. Maybe we are missing something. The Greek word for amazement, "ekstasis", means "change of place." And that is what has happened to us and all of creation because of the resurrection. Before Easter, we stood in a place of sin and death. After Easter, we stand in a place of forgiveness and life. Everything has changed. We are not the same. The world is not the same. The deadly, but familiar, way of the world can no longer be counted on. This new reality of forgiveness, life and salvation is and should be unsettling. Terror and amazement indeed!

The world is turned upside down. It might look the same, but we are standing in a different place. Christ is risen. We are risen. Alleluia!

Blessed Easter,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



March 8, 2015

## Congregational Council Meeting



Ben Beaver called the meeting to order at 2:00 & had devotions.

Members Excused: ✨Lisa Perdue, Shannon Helms & Ron Thomas.

Communications: ✨Synod request for part time treasurer.

✨Hornets Faith & Family Night.

✨NC Synod's Bishop Transitioning Committee - Congregations are asked to send in pictures &/or comments they have of Bishop Bolick.

Pastor's Report: ✨Asking all members to read Taking Back the "L" Word.

Treasurer's Report: ✨Submitted By Ron Corriher.

### Standing Committees & Task Forces:

Property: ✨Workday rescheduled to 3/28/15, lightbulbs will be replaced on workday.

✨Landscaping maintenance quote was for \$750, motion made & passed to proceed.

✨Quote for replacing windows in fellowship hall \$16,000, no action taken.

✨\$6500 dishwasher, no action taken.

Witness: ✨No report.    CyberMinistry: ✨No report.    Hospitality: ✨No report.

Youth & Learning: ✨Support for Agape: Looking into ways to advertise event, newspaper, distribute flyers.

✨Meeting with parents and grandparents to discuss upcoming events.

✨Egg Hunt at Dan Nicholas Park April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Support: ✨Will pay partial funds for Campfirmation.

Worship & Music: ✨No February meeting, will meet in April.

✨There will be no Sunrise Service or Sunday School on Easter.

✨Men In Mission will cook breakfast at 9:00 AM before the Easter Service.

WELCA: ✨Submitted by Carrie Hendrix.

Spencer Council of Churches: ✨Submitted by Martha Pulliam-Edwards.

Lutheran Men In Mission: ✨Submitted by Ben Beaver.

Old & Continuing Business: ✨SSSS: No host for October - December, Elizabeth Smith & Ron Corriher will provide the meal for June.

✨Devotions Assignment: No one for June or December, Ron Corriher will do May.

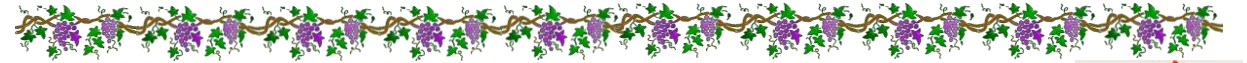
New Business: ✨"Visioning Conversation" - Led by Pastor Wayne - Focus on Youth.

✨Lenten Meal - Council will provide meal on 3/25/15.

✨2015 NC Synod Assembly will take place In Greensboro & will have one extra day. Ron Corriher & Elizabeth Smith will represent Calvary as Synod Delegates.

Devotional Assignment & Adjournment: ✨4/12/15 – Elizabeth Smith.

Respectfully submitted by *Carrie Hendrix*



## Congregational Prayer Concerns

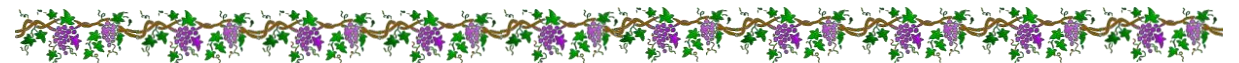
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Homebound Members: Ivy Krohn at Liberty Commons; Christina Creason at The Laurels; Dorothy Dunham at Autumn Care; Dot Bingham at Trinity Oaks; Julian Torrey; Marguerite Bingham at home

Members: Ron Thomas, Agnes Spagnolo, Barbara McCorkle, Terry Butler, Cornelia Briggs, Ann Cobb, Judith Powell, Jesse Troutman, Brentyn Heffner, Sandra Butler, Stillwater, Mildred Beaver, Gaynell Leonard, Mary Sain, Brad Lindsay, Becky Hammond, Denise Waller

Members' Prayer Requests for Friends and Family: Kepley Family, Upchurch Family, Jim Powell, Matt Bailey, Ken Maine, Bob Singer, Sandy & Nani Charette, Toby Wilson, Ruenell Hammond, Taylor Brewer, Bob & Pat Schmidt, Doug Truesdel, Mike Herring, Kelli Waller-Doyle, David Dowell, Marie Lomax, Natasha Briggers, Robin McCoy, Peter Marcotte, Collins Barwick, Chase Bivins & Family, Shirley Glover, David Leasure, Kristen Seamans & family, Brandi Goad, Mitchell Hartsell, Greg Blake, David Swaim, Cynthia Gwynn, Rick Beatty, Cynthia Anderson, Kim Tucker, Scotty Adcock, Madison Jones, Peter Marcotte, Bob Hammond, Ronnie Henry, Lois Stallings, Dorothy Baker, Melvin Harmon, Jim Bradley, Lynn Lankford, Helen Jackson, Carlton Miller, Dorothy Childers, Vera Thomas, John Whitehead, Joan Seymour, Rachel Raper, TI Honeycutt, Jeff Summers, DJ Throckmorton



Calvary is accessible to ALL! We want everyone as comfortable as possible so they can enjoy praising God with us. If you need assistance please ask!

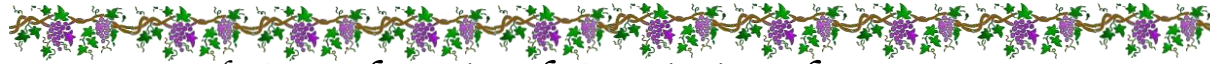




## Graduation 2015 is coming up!

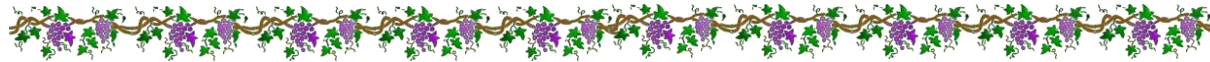
It's hard to believe, but it's almost graduation time again! If you have someone graduating, please let Denise know. (I can't think of anyone that will be graduating this year!) Please send: name, school, relationship to you, parents names, what they plan to do in the fall (college, etc.) & any other information you like to add (scholarships, honors, etc.). Please remind us of everybody!

They will be included in the June Newsletter.



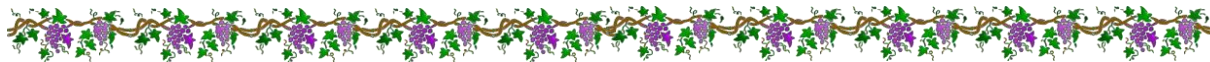
## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

On Saturday, May 9, please place/hang non-perishable food items in/on your mailboxes. Rowan County Letter Carriers will collect the items & distribute them to Rowan Helping Ministries, the Salvation Army & Main Street Mission Food banks. Thank you for helping us with this worthwhile project. For more info, visit [www.helpstampouthunger.com](http://www.helpstampouthunger.com)



## Spencer Literacy Project

Recent data shows that Spencer, NC has the highest illiteracy rate of any other community in Rowan County. As citizens of Spencer and as Christians in the community we have a responsibility to change that. If you are interested in volunteering to help tutor at North Rowan Elementary please contact Ms. Wood at 704-639-3042 ext. 112 or email [gemayel1948@yahoo.com](mailto:gemayel1948@yahoo.com). Other opportunities to help at the middle and high schools will soon follow. If you are interested in being added to a mailing list for updates on the Spencer Literacy Project contact Wendy Barnhardt at [wendy.barnhardt@rccc.edu](mailto:wendy.barnhardt@rccc.edu).



## Calvary Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Calvary Lutheran Church is a fellowship of Christian believers who are led by the Holy Spirit. We welcome all into our fellowship to hear the Word of God preached and to worship together. We see our mission to be one of witnessing to God's grace by reaching out to all, using our talents actively to show our love and concern for others. In doing this we work to show how exciting being a Christian is and how we hope to attain a unity of our faith.

## Annual Lights of Love

Sponsored by the Humane Society of Rowan County



Luminaria will be placed around the City Park Lake on Friday, May 15 to glow from dusk until 9:30 PM in memory & in honor of loved ones, both 2 & 4 legged.

(In the event of rain we will reschedule for Saturday, May 16th)

To purchase a luminary, please send us a private message or comment on here and we will be happy to send you the order form. Thank You!

"Speaking for Those Who Can't" Since 1973

[www.rowancountyhumanesociety.com](http://www.rowancountyhumanesociety.com) PO Box 295, Salisbury, NC 28145-0295

Email: [humanesocietyofrowancounty@windstream.net](mailto:humanesocietyofrowancounty@windstream.net)

Facebook: Humane Society of Rowan County – Official Site (created by Denise)

To purchase a luminary please mail this form or call 704-636-5700 (leave a message) & send your check/money order to the above address postmarked no later than May 11 or email to [humanesocietyfrowancounty@windstream.net](mailto:humanesocietyfrowancounty@windstream.net).

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

If an acknowledgement is requested, please list the name & address. I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ luminaries \$3.00 each. List additional orders on a separate paper.

Signature (please write clearly)



Telephone number

This annual event is generally held around the first of May in celebration of National Be Kind to Animals Week. The American Humane Association created Be Kind to Animals Week in 1915 to encourage compassion to all animals and to raise awareness of the unique bond between humans and animals. 15 years ago the HSRC implemented Lights of Love as a means of raising funds for the veterinary care and rehabilitation of sick or injured stray and abandoned animals acquired by the organization and as an opportunity for supporters to recognize their friends and loved ones.

## May Service Helpers

Layton Butler \_\_\_\_\_ **ACOLYTE**  
Elizabeth Smith WORSHIP ASSISTANT  
Paul Briggs \_\_\_\_\_ **LECTOR**  
Linda Beaver \_\_\_\_\_ **GREETER**  
Ron & JoAnn Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ **USHERS**

Remember that due to vacations, kid's custody, etc., everyone can't always fulfill their duties. Please keep an open heart & be ready to "jump in" as needed! If you know you can't help on a particular Sunday, arrange a replacement or call Elizabeth Smith at 704-855-5458. Thanks!

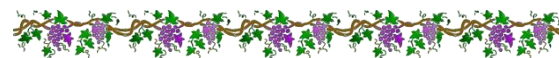


## Altar Flowers

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17 – 24 –  
31 –



The 2015 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in the Educational Building.



## Wedding Anniversary

### Congratulations to:



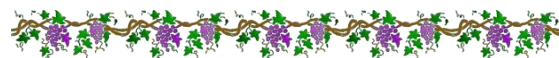
Jeff & Carrie Hendrix - May 3 ♥ 12 Yrs!  
Rev. Ralph & Mary Kraft – May 3 ♥ 12 Yrs!  
Mark & Melissa Shue – May 20 ♥ 26 Yrs!  
Jim & Linda Bradley – May 27 ♥ 40 Yrs!  
Brishen & Kim Murray – May 31 ♥ 7 Yrs!

- 1 🎁 Eric Perdue
- 3 🎁 Albert Rodriguez
- 8 🎁 Ron Corriher
- 10 🎁 Betty Watkins
- 12 🎁 Zandra Sain
- 13 🎁 Elwood Bringle
- 16 🎁 Austin Bumgardner
- 17 🎁 Evie Holder
- 17 🎁 Dot Bingham
- 17 🎁 Cody Troutman
- 19 🎁 Sylvia White
- 26 🎁 Bryan Beattie
- 29 🎁 MaryAnn Milholland
- 29 🎁 Julie Holder

*Happy Birthday*



Please report omitted/misspelled names, corrections, etc.



Spencer Seniors Planning Council Presents:

## The Annual Spencer Senior Spring Fling!



*Tuesday, May 19 ☺ 12:00 Noon*

at Oakdale Baptist Church,  
200 Charles Street, Spencer

Hot Diggity Dog! It's going to be hot dogs & hamburgers w/all the trimmings: baked beans, slaw, Apple Ugly dessert!

Patriotic Sing-Along to follow lunch!

No charge but RESERVASTIONS ARE REQUIRED by MAY 8<sup>th</sup>!

To sign up: Call Oakdale at 704-633-9412 or Spencer Town Hall at 704-633-2231 or Calvary at 636-2152.

Great Food! Great Fellowship! Great Fun!

## Special Support

### Committee Meeting

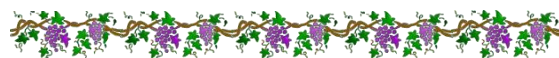


We will have an important Support Committee Meeting with Well Fargo Investments Representatives on May 4, 2015 at 6:00 PM. Please mark your calendars & make plans to attend!



### Young@♥Group

The Young@♥Group meets at 11:30 AM at DJ's Restaurant the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month! All ladies are welcome to join us for good food & lots of fun!



## Caitlyn Perdue will sing with her school chorus at the Intimidators' Game

Caitlyn Perdue will sing the National Anthem with her school chorus at the Intimidators' Game on Monday, May 4!

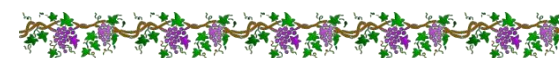
This is part of a fundraiser for her school's Music Department! Rockwell Elementary will collect fifty percent of the proceeds! We would like to invite the congregation to attend. If you decide to order, please consider ordering through Rockwell Elementary. Here is a link for the tickets for the Intimidators Game:

<http://intimidators.streamlineticketing.com/web/group.asp?qsAction=grouplogin&u=rse&p=rse>. Tickets may be purchased until Sunday.



RHM is in desperate need of money for food & electric bills!

The "Items of the Month" for May are Dried/Canned Beans! Any non-perishable food items/paper products are appreciated. Items may be placed in the basket in the Narthex. Thanks for your continued support! To volunteer or for more information, please call 704-637-6838 or visit [rowanhelpingministries.org](http://rowanhelpingministries.org).

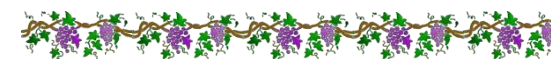


## Remember Calvary

### This Summer!



















Vacation season is almost upon us & we have a little budget shortfall for the year (as usual). The work & cost of operating the Church goes on, so your offerings will be "much appreciated" during vacation season. Thanks!



## Belk Charity Sale

Saturday, May 2 - Belk Charity Sale to Benefit the Humane Society of Rowan County. \$5/Ticket - 15-70% off storewide & \$5 off your first purchase. To purchase your tickets, call 704-636-5700 or email [humanesocietyofrowancounty@windstream.net](mailto:humanesocietyofrowancounty@windstream.net)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> Belk Charity Sale to benefit the Humane Society of Rowan County 	
<u>3 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</u> 9:15 AM Sunday School Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion Service Meals On Wheels Delivers this week!	<u>4</u> 6:00 PM  Support Committee Meeting w/Wells Fargo Investments!! Caitlyn Perdue to sing w/her chorus at Intimidators Game	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> 11:30 AM Young@♥Group @DJ's National Day of Prayer	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>  23 <sup>rd</sup> National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive	
<u>10 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</u> <u>Happy Mother's Day!</u> 9:15 AM Sunday School Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion Service - Youth plays handbells 2:00 PM Council Meeting 6:00 PM "SSSS" (Second Sunday Supper at Six)	 	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> Calvary Senior MealSite's 12 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary! 	<u>14</u>  Annual Lights of Love at the City Park	<u>16</u>	
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<u>24 Day of Pentecost</u> 8:00 AM  Breakfast 9:15 AM Sunday School Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion Service 5:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal		<u>25</u>  <b>Memorial Day</b>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> May 28 - 30 2015 NC Synod Assembly	<u>29</u> <b>FORWARD TOGETHER</b> 	<u>30</u>
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