

2015 St. John's Council Candidates



PAM COX - Pam has been a member of St. John's since 2010. That same year, Pam joined the Health Ministry Committee. She became chairman in 2011. Pam is a Registered Nurse. She received her BSN degree from Gardner-Webb in 2011. She has worked at Central State Hospital at Milledgeville (Clerk, LPN, RN), Central Georgia Technical School (nursing instructor), Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice (RN), Georgia Department of Corrections (Director of Nursing/Clinical Program Coordinator) and Spartanburg Regional (Nurse Manager). Pam currently works as a staff nurse at the South Carolina Department of Mental Health where she is also a member of the Disaster Preparedness Team. In 2014, Pam became a member of the Spartanburg Congregation Nursing Board representing mental health. She is married to Rick Cox, also a member of St. John's. Together, they enjoy hiking, photography, traveling and their family which consists of three children (Shannon, Brian and Alisha) and six grand-children (Jacob, Shayla, Kamden, Owen, Bella and Morgan). Pam is also particularly close to her parents, Louie and Shirley Armour, and her niece, Courtney Pate.



DOUG KURZ - Sue and I moved here from Alabama in October of 2012 and built a home in the Roebuck community. I retired from 3M Company after 35 years. We have family in the area - Dr. and Mrs. Shannon Webb and granddaughter Sophie, in Spartanburg and Tech Sergeant and Mrs. Robert Kurz and grandchildren Samantha and Riley, in Sumter, South Carolina. I enjoy traveling, NASCAR, and college football, just really like sports in general. I recently became a Spartanburg Regional Hospice volunteer. I attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Decatur Alabama for over 50 years. I served as an Elder and also served a term as Chairman of the Elders. I was active with the Boys and Girls Club Branch at the church. I also served as a Trustee and was active in other ministries of the church. Sue and I became members of St. John's Lutheran in 2013. I currently serve St. John's as an Usher, Lector, Drama Ministry, Altar flower delivery team member and I am active with Lutheran Men.



JANINE WAGNER Janine was born and raised near Seattle, Washington, and has degrees from Auburn University and NC State. She has been living in Spartanburg County since 1991 and is currently working as an engineer at Michelin Tire Corporation in Greenville. Janine is married to Curt, and they have two children--Annika attends Charleston Southern University and Aksel attends Camden Military Academy. She is a member of the Fellowship Committee, Circle 4, and an assistant Sunday School teacher. She is humbled and honored to be asked to serve on Council and believes it is an opportunity to grow her faith.



GAIL BROWN Gail was born and raised as a Lutheran in Worcester, Massachusetts. She moved to North Carolina at the age of 20 where she lived until she complete graduate school. She moved to Spartanburg to work as a child psychologist for 28 years. Missing her work with children (and sometimes adults), she became a Guardian ad Litem for 7 1/2 years. Now becoming more involved in church life, she is active in Circle 2 and the Health Ministry. She has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren! She joined St. John's upon moving to Spartanburg, but was a member of Springs of Grace for several years where she served on church council. Gail has now returned home - to St. John's!



TRACEY BISHOP Tracey is a life long member of St. John's. She is the daughter of the late Griff and Betty Neumeyer. She holds a Bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education from Limestone College. Tracey has been a very active member of St. John's. She founded Kindred Spirits, a educational daycare program that was previously sponsored by the church. She initiated the Red Door Festival in 2007 and continues to direct this biennial event. She currently serves on multiple church committees, is a part of the Eucharist Ministry, served as LCY Youth Enabler, as well as council representative for the youth in 2010-2012. She has taught confirmation classes and co-directed and directed our Vacation Bible School. Tracey was WLECA President in 2014 and has held numerous positions in her Circle 4. She founded her own successful business, *Those Pickle Ladies*, with her daughter, Betty Ann, who lives in Greenville.



LOGAN CONNOR Heya! My name is Logan Connor. I've been a member of St. John's for four years now. I was born in Greenville, SC, and I've lived in Houston, TX, Raleigh, NC, before ending up here in Spartanburg. I'm a big reader, I have a love of all things fiction, along with being a huge PC gamer. I've been to Lutherock and the 2015 Youth Gathering, and both events have been a lot of fun. Ciao!



MATT CUTSHALL Matt Cutshall is married to Beth Cutshall and has 2 kids (Lauren 9 and William 6). Matt and Beth both grew up Lutheran in South Carolina. He works for Milliken and has so for 13 years. Matt is a die hard Clemson fan and loves sports with his kids.

Prepare Your Heart for Christmas in Sunday School!

Advent-term classes run November 29 through December 20 and include Looking Forward: 2016 at St. John's, and Christmas Characters. **Ongoing classes** include the Fellowship Class, Alpha and Omega, Contemporary Discussions, and Martin's Table.

Christmas Characters-Downstairs Conference Room

Get more familiar with some names you already know as you walk through the Christmas story with Mary, Joseph, the angel Gabriel, and others from Matthew's Gospel. Mike and Julie Towe welcome you to this interactive class.

Looking Forward: 2016 at St. John's—L09, under the sanctuary

Wondering what the new year will hold for the church? Pastor Emily will lead a discussion on ways you can get involved and when. This class will meet only on December 6-20.

Fellowship Class – Clara Sullivan Room/M02

Charlie and Joan Powell along with Bob Lee will focus this class on the work of the Holy Spirit this fall. Their curriculum comes from Augsburg Adult Bible Studies based on International Sunday School Lessons for Christian Teaching.

Alpha & Omega—L08, under the sanctuary

Judy Lybrand leads a thorough and friendly study that walks the whole Bible through chapter by chapter. This winter, they'll be talking about the rebuilding of the Promised Land after the exile in Babylon

Contemporary Discussions – PLC Senior Room

Theologian Karl Barth is said to have instructed his students to read with the Bible in one hand and newspapers in the other, but to interpret the newspapers by the Bible. This class, led by Dick Conn, seeks to do just that as they relate current world events to God's Word.

Martin's Table- PLC Conference Room

Jim Milligan will help you get ready for Christmas with four sessions of prophecy and preparation. 1. Isaiah's Predictions 2. Prediction of John's Birth 3. Birth of Jesus Foretold 4. Birth of John.



Children's Sunday School Each week, children ages 3 through 5th grade study the same Bible stories we hear in worship, engaging them in fresh ways with friendly teachers. Toddlers up through age two have their own lessons as well, lead in the nursery.

Confirmation class for all middle school students meets in L12 with Pastor Mike. They are studying the New Testament this year as part of a three-year confirmation cycle.