



With families everywhere moving toward their fall schedules, let me encourage you to keep church and the various opportunities for spiritual growth a priority.

With Sunday school, music, and worship weekly and other opportunities frequently available, we hope to see you regularly. I trust that we are all keeping our church in our daily prayers as we grow through this transitional time.

Thank you to the following who will be leading in our Christian Education this year:

Sunday School: Carmen De Nicholas, Rebecca & Mark Yount, Sarah Tench, Sherry Alexander, Karen Rogers, Deborah Bingham, Marsha Kinley, Julia Gunter, Ashley Ange, Katie Kesson, Will Howard, Jo Singleton, Greg Bryum, Natalie Hullander, and John Kreitzer.

Children's Worship Leaders: Trudy Whitener, Shelia Kelly, Carol & Phil Posey and Tracey Nault.

Kids' Club will meet at 2:15 on September 28 at the church to leave for **RJ Rednour Farms in Gastonia**. There will be pony & hay rides, petting zoo, and animals to feed! Cost \$10 each. Contact Misty for details.

HCY will meet September 8 & 22 from 6:00-7:30 pm at the church.

Beth Brittain
Christian Education



Birthstone: Sapphire
Birth Flower: Aster

- 1: 1st Pullman sleeping car in service. 1859
- 1: Nazi troops invade Poland, beginning WWII. 1939
- 1: *Pioneer 11* makes 1st fly-by of Saturn, discovers new moon, rings. 1979
- 2: "McCall-magazine 1st published. 1897
- 2: US Vice President Theodore Roosevelt makes his famous "Speak softly and carry a big stick" speech. 1901
- 2: First Miss America contest held in Atlantic City, has 8 entries. 1921
- 5: Russia's Peter the Great imposes a tax on beards. 1698
- 5: First transatlantic telegraph cable laid. 1858
- 5: 10,000 workers participate in the first US Labor Day parade, held in New York City. 1882
- 7: Hoover (Boulder) Dam begins operation. 1936
- 10: Baptist minister invents the rickshaw in Yokohama, Japan. 1869
- 10: *Swanson* sells it's 1st "TV dinner." 1953
- 11: Benjamin Franklin writes "There never was a good war or bad peace." 1773
- 11: First mobile long-distance car-to-car telephone conversation. 1946
- 11: 10 05 a.m. The south tower of the World Trade Center collapses, plummeting into the streets below. A massive cloud of dust and debris forms and slowly drifts away from the building. 2001
- 12: First German ship in WW2 captured by US ship (Busko). 1941
- 12: US, England, France, USSR, East and West Germanys sign agreements allowing the 2 Germanys to merge. 1990
- 17: US constitution adopted by Philadelphia convention. 1787
- 27: 1st Santa Claus Training School opens (Albion NY). 1937

Holy Comforter Comment

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Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

Luke 16:10

Communion Opportunities For September
September 1 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15 The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service
Church Office Hours Monday-Thursday
8:30 am—3:00 pm



The Call Committee has received three nominations from the congregation for possible pastoral candidates. Thank you for your interest. The nominations have been forwarded to the Synod for review.

If anyone has someone in mind we are leaving nominations open for a while longer to be sure another nomination may present him/herself.

We are now receiving names from the Synod and will hopefully start interviewing possible candidates next month.

The committee is moving forward and we are excited to begin this new phase of the call process. **We ask for your prayers for guidance and open hearts.**

*Continuing in faith,
John Crist, Call Committee Chair*

Two Opportunities for Spiritual Formation, led by Pastor John ...

In 1982 while I was serving a Church in Phoenix, Arizona a good friend lovingly “nudged” me to participate in a Cursillo weekend. The weekend ended up being a major milestone in my Spiritual journey with Jesus. **Via de Cristo**, “the way of Christ” is Cursillo today. On **September 8 at 9:30 am**, I will share a bit about this Spiritual gift. I personally will be helping to lead one of the three weekends (November 7-10) in the fall at Lutheridge.

There are other gifts of grace like **TEC** (Teens Encounter Christ), **Marriage Encounter** and others that I’d love to talk with you about. Drop me an e-mail if you think you might be here on Sept 8 – JohnCPropst@gmail.com.

Do You Have an “Inquiring Heart?” ... about things like ...

- Growing in your faith journey with Jesus (discipleship)
- What it means to be a Lutheran Christian...beliefs about baptism, communion, salvation, the Bible, Luther’s Small Catechism, the Trinity,, eternity, how to stay awake in Church (just seeing if you’re reading this!)...and many, many more beliefs.
- About the ELCA, NC Synod, other denominations and how we are similar and different, about other Lutheran “flavors”
- Maybe you wonder about the Church year (seasons, colors, etc.), the Reformation, what to bring to a Lutheran pot0-luck (still reading??)
- Questions specific to Holy Comforter Church: mission & ministry opportunities, various SS classes, how you can join our WONDERFUL choir, youth program, what membership means AND others.

Accept this as a special invitation for you to join an “Inquiring Heart Class” at Holy Comforter!
Sunday Mornings 9:30 am
(Sunday School hour)
September 22 & 29 and
October 6, 20, 27

If you are considering membership, these classes would be great for you! Call the Church office (704-825-2483) or e-mail JohnCPropst@gmail.com.

WORSHIP AND WEAR!



Support a worthy cause and show your Holy Comforter T-shirt pride during church outings and during casual time.

Holy Comforter has built a NEW website and 100% of t-shirt proceeds will help maintain it. The website was launched on Rally Day and a few group photos were taken following the service to mark this special occasion.

You may still order/buy shirts.

Sizes: Youth S,M, L & Adult S, M, L, XXL, 3XL
(Gildan Ultra, preshrunk, 100% cotton)

Cost: Suggested minimum donation of \$12 each, any additional offerings welcomed!

Please complete the order form online at <http://holycomforter.weebly.com/t-shirt.html> or see Debbie Baker.

Checks should be made to “Holy Comforter” (indicate for “Website”) and cash offerings should be exact.

Questions? Email holyctshirts@yahoo.com.



Save The Date!
October 13
(New Date Change)

Worship At Lutheridge
10:30 am Service
In the Lutheridge Chapel



Lutheridge Chapel



Lunch will be served in the Dining Hall after the Service.

Make plans now to attend.



Holy Comforter Youth Schedule:
6:00-7:30 pm at the church
September 8 & 22

MUSIC NEWS

All music ensembles resumed in August.

Children's Ensemble meets at 4:00 pm on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome all children of Holy Comforter, and their friends(Pre-K—Early Elementary). Parents, please encourage your child to participate in this ministry. This is a great way for them to learn the gift of "service."

Adult Handbell Ensemble meets in the balcony at 5:00 pm on Sundays. We have already looked at several seasonal works. Thanks to all those who helped "polish" each of the 35 bells!

Church Choir meets in the choir room at 6:00 pm on Sundays. This talented assembly rehearses several months in advance of many musical offerings.

Chamber Choir meets in the choir room on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Folks with inquiring minds and a spirit led calling to investigate any of these ongoing ministries, contact Greg Cline at gclinea440@aol.com or 704-825-3444.

As of the writing of this article, we now enjoy:

- The beauty of the new floor recently replaced in the chancel.
- The renovation of the Carillon is in wait due to an overwhelming volume of business...the bell folks still promise ASAP.
- The new floor should be in place in the gallery by early September. You can't see it from the nave so come take a look.

We are not done yet. The Sanctuary Committee will continue this fall investigating additional areas of attention.

New seating in the choir loft is a gift from Greg Cline in honor of all music ministers of Holy Comforter, and in honor of Faye & Warren Heller and Tom & Shirley Causby. The stackable chairs are made of oak and feature bonded leather seats/back.

Members are invited to view all the improvements to the balcony. Drop by before or after the service of worship.

Early in August over 20 children and adults from Holy Comforter "field tripped" to Lutheridge. The main purpose of the trip was certainly to have a fun day together with church family members, but also to learn and grow in a hands-on experience with our nearest church camp. The group got a personalized tour from the camp director. Lutheridge even opened the pool to our kids for a private party after lunch. The tour, scheduled on the last full day of summer camp, allowed everyone to see many of the campers and facilities in action. **Thanks to Tom & Shirley Causby who treated everyone to lunch in the dining hall and invited everyone into their home for a break.**

The following quotes are from two parents on the trip: *"Lutheridge offers a wonderful atmosphere for our children to learn and grow in Christ. Our tour offered a glimpse into what the campers experience on a daily basis...cabin life, swimming, zip lining, canoeing, hiking as well as lunch in the dining hall. It was a wonderfully meaningful experience, even to be there just for the day. My children would love to be a part of the camper experience."* Maria Carr

"The church trip to Lutheridge was wonderful, not only for my kids, but for me. I never knew we had such an amazing church retreat so close by. My kids enjoyed seeing the fun adventures that they will get to experience at summer camp. As for me, I enjoyed the peacefulness of the beautiful surroundings, and seeing the looks of anticipation as Emily and Justin made plans to spend summers there in the future. I have a good feeling that I will be making many more trips to Lutheridge." Misty Koehler

We would love to send a "bus load" of Holy Comforter kids to Lutheridge in the future. Let us know if you have questions!

*Greg Cline,
Organist/Choirmaster*

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Sunday, Sept. 1 15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, Sept. 8 16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service
Church Council meets after

Monday, Sept. 9 Morning Circle

11:00 am Meet at Monique's home.
Bring a sandwich.

Sunday, Sept. 15 17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

Saturday, Sept. 21 Staying Connected

Cooking dinner for the
Ronald McDonald House

Sunday, Sept. 22 18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service

Saturday, Sept. 28 Kids Club

2:15 pm Trip to R.J. Rednour Farms in Gastonia
Pony & hay rides, petting zoo & animals
to feed. Cost \$10 each. Contact Misty.

Sunday, Sept. 29 19th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service

Regular Meeting Times:

Sundays at 4 pm Children's Ensemble
5 pm Handbell Choir
6 pm Church Choir
8 pm Nar-Anon
Tuesdays at 7pm Chamber Choir
Nar-Anon

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer's Report (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	July	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$17,454.83	\$122,183.83
Actual Expenses:	17,076.92	122,525.36
Offerings Received:	15,781.90	136,551.74
Gain (Loss) for Period:(\$ 1,295.02)		\$ 14,026.38

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Jr., Julia Gunter

ACOLYTES: Ashton Nault, Matthew Carr

CRUCIFERS: Madison Carr, Nick Ashe

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 2)

Louise Day, Co-Captain
Brenda Daly, Co-Captain
Nancy Powell Becky Richards

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

September 1: **Need Volunteers**
September 15: **Need Volunteers**

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

September 1: **Need Volunteers**
September 15: **Need Volunteers**

GREETERS: Tom & Shirley Causby

USHERS:

Sept. 1 -15: Charles Mauney + volunteers
Sept 22: Bill Hollar + volunteers
Sept. 29: **Need Volunteers**

FLOWERS:

September 1: Dianne Lail
Charles & Bev Mauney
September 8: Dianne Lail
One vase available
September 15: Fran Holland
One vase available
September 22: Charles & Bev Mauney
September 29: Bob & Denise Wiegand
One vase available

All information for the October newsletter is due by **September 23**. Please email to holycomforter@gmail.com or bring to the church office.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/Holy C</p> <p>4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon</p>	<p>2 Labor Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service Church Council 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir HCY meet at church 8:00 pm Nar-Anon</p>	<p>9 11:00 am Morning Circle Monique's home Bring a sandwich</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Holy Cross Day</p>
<p>15 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist</p> <p>Staying Connected Cooking dinner for the Ronald McDonald House.</p>
<p>22 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir HCY meet at church 8:00 pm Nar-Anon Fall Begins</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Native American Day</p>	<p>28</p> <p>2:15 pm Kids Club leaves for RJ Rednour Farms In Gastonia Pony & hay rides, petting zoo, animals to feed. Cost \$10 each. Contact Misty.</p>
<p>29 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service</p> <p>4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon</p>				

Happy Birthday!

We recognize and celebrate these birthdays in the month of September. We are thankful for the life and spirit of those we celebrate.

May the blessings of God flow in the life of each of you.

- September 2 Preston Baker
Jane Deaton
- September 4 Deborah Bingham
- September 5 Taylor Burwell
- September 7 Elizabeth Bruchon
- September 8 Lainey Baakko
- September 11 Hannah Carnes
Madison Carr
Maria Carr
- September 14 Emily Koehler
- September 16 Leslie Braddy
- September 17 Bill Hollar
- September 18 Winston Baker
Jayne Beasley
- September 20 Diann Halvorson
Lyn Miller
Beverly Reynolds
Dan Wallace
- September 21 Horace Bean
Dot Holland
- September 22 Dean Burwell
- September 23 Anne Reese
Rebecca Yount
- September 25 Harold Singleton
- September 26 Warren Heller
- September 28 Leo Kasmer
Beth Passer
- September 29 Barbara Beale
Claire Mitchell
- September 30 Louise Austin

NOTE: If we have unintentionally left any member's name off this list, or if there are any errors, please call the church office.