



Sunday School resumes after the break on Easter Sunday, for all ages April 7 at 9:30 am.

The **Wrap-Arounds** will meet in the church parlor on **April 21st at 4:00 pm**. We hope to have a prayer shawl blessing during the service in May. Get those needles and hooks working so we will have lots of shawls to bless.

Beginning Sunday, April 21 we will be offering a Children's worship option during the regular worship service. **Children ages 4 to 8 years-old are invited to join leaders immediately after the Children's sermon as we go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together.** Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day. I need some adults to assist with this effort and we will try to work a rotation so that no one misses the lessons and sermon every Sunday!! Contact Beth Brittain at 704-956-1203 if you are willing to assist with this new and exciting ministry opportunity. **Children birth through 3 years-old are invited to join others their age in the nursery.**

Kids' Club (K-Grade 5) will meet **Saturday, April 20 at 11:00 am at Davis Park in Belmont**. Everyone is asked to bring a bagged lunch.

Vacation Bible School—"Hay Day: Growing in Friendship with Jesus" will be Friday, June 21 and Saturday, June 22. We will begin with a dinner together on Friday evening at 6:00 pm and end that night by 8:30 pm. Saturday will begin at 9:30 am (no Breakfast served!) and will end with Lunch at about 12:30 pm. All children Pre-K—5th grade are encouraged to come and bring a friend.

Beth Brittain, Christian Education

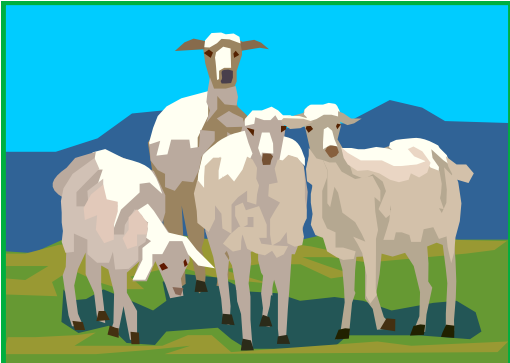


- Birthstone: Diamond
Birth Flower: Sweet pea/Daisy
- 3: Pony Express began between St Joseph MO & Sacramento CA. 1860
3: Highest mountain in North America, Alaska's Mount McKinley climbed. 1910
5: Indian princess Pocahontas marries English colonist John Rolfe. 1614
5: George Washington casts 1st presidential veto. 1792
10: US Patent system established. 1790
10: Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) forms. 1866
10: Civil Rights Bill passed in the American Senate. 1960
13: First elephant brought to America (from Bengal, India). 1796
13: 1st trans Atlantic flight Europe-US (Fitzmaurice-von Hunefeld-Köhl). 1928
13: The American spacecraft Apollo 13, enroute to the Moon, has an onboard explosion. 1970
15: In the icy waters off Newfoundland, the luxury liner *Titanic* with 2,224 persons on board sank at 2:27 am after striking an iceberg. 1912
16: Slavery abolished in District of Columbia. 1862
16: US PO issues 1st books of postage stamps. 1900
18: At about 10 p.m., three men took to their horses to ride from Boston to Concord, MA to warn the citizens of the approaching British army. The famous poem, "Paul Revere's Ride", by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, glorified the *Bostonian* as the lone rider. He was, in fact, accompanied by William Dawes and Samuel Prescott. Only Prescott made it all the way to Concord. Revere was nabbed by a British cavalry patrol near Lexington, MA (Dawes and Prescott escaped.) 1775
18: An earthquake, followed by fire, destroys most of San Francisco. 1906

Holy Comforter Comment

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Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education
Kristen Clanton, HCY Advisor



*27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.
28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.*

John 10:27-28

Communion Opportunities For April

April 7 The Second Sunday of Easter
April 21 The Fourth Sunday of Easter



Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager
Volunteer Needed As a Reporter
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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



*“And the special gift of **ministry** you received when I laid hands on you and prayed—keep that ablaze! God doesn’t want us to be shy with His gifts, but bold and loving and sensible.”*

(2 Timothy 1:6-7 from The Message)

Dear Friends in Christ,
I pray that God’s Spirit has blessed you during your Lenten journey to the cross and empty tomb. We celebrate Jesus’ resurrection March 31! Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Holy Comforter is being led wonderfully by God’s Spirit. Your Call Committee has been approved. They will be trained soon. Pray for them! Pastor Ernie Hinojosa, from the NC Lutheran Synod and the ELCA, will be with you on April 14 to preach/lead worship AND to lead you in the very important “self-study.” God’s Spirit is on the move at Holy Comforter!

During this interim season, I have observed some wonderful ministers at HCLC, faithfully carrying on the Lord’s mission here. I haven’t heard it here, but once in a while I’ll hear someone say during an interim, “Well, you know I’ve got to keep doing this ministry around the Church; it’s my job.” A word of advice ... don’t confuse a ministry with a job. Someone shared this interesting little “sermon” with me a while back. Spiritually ponder ... ***“Is It a Ministry or a Job?”***

**Some people have a job, position or duty in the Church.
Others invite themselves into a ministry.**

What’s the difference you ask?

If you are doing it just because no one else will, it’s a job.

If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it’s a ministry.

If you quit because someone criticized you, it’s a job.

If you keep on serving, it’s a ministry.

If you’ll do it as long as it does not interfere with your other activities, it’s a job.

If you are committed to staying, even if it means letting go of other things, it’s a ministry.

If you quit because no one thanked you or praised you, it’s a job.

If you stick with it even though no one recognized your efforts, it’s a ministry.

It’s hard to get excited about a job.

It’s almost impossible not to get excited about a ministry.

If your concern is success, it’s a job.

If your concern is faithfulness and service, it’s a ministry.

If God calls you to a ministry, please don’t treat it like a job!

***Lord, strengthen your servants
and move us to a true sense of ministry
and service, through your grace
and mercy. Amen.***

Friends, in this interim season, let’s keep “focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us.” (Philippians 3:15) What God “has for us” is a wonderfully, overflowing, grace-filled & Spirit-led ministry (not job) to which we have been called and equipped...wouldn’t you say!

God bless you...my partners in ministry.
Pastor John



It’s that time again! Holy Comforter will host **Agape Day Camp July 15-19**. Agape is a day camp for **rising 1st to rising 5th graders** sponsored through Kure Beach Ministries.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church or from Misty Koehler. **The cost is \$125 per camper and is due at the time of registration.** There is only room for 20 campers, so register soon. The spaces will be filled on a *first come, first served basis*.

Please contact Misty if you have any questions about camp.

**Misty Koehler,
Holy Comforter
Camp Coordinator**

The Lillian E. Lineberger Scholarship



To apply, you must meet the requirements:

- Be a member of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter for at least one year.
- Participate in Communion and contribute to the church during the time you are receiving the grant.
- **Submit the following by the deadline of April 24th:**
 1. Your completed application
 2. A transcript from your most recently Completed semester
 3. A typed essay (at least one paragraph) describing yourself, career plans, and life goals

Application forms available via email.

Only those applications including the transcript and typed essay received by April 24 will be considered.

Our best wishes to you in your educational journey.

*Your Scholarship Ministry,
Carmen De Nicholas*

The **Call Committee**, recently approved by the congregation, consists of the following: Sherry Alexander, Tim Baker, Greg Byrum, John Crist, Carmen DeNicholas and William Howard. The alternates approved are Lyn Miller and Katie Kessen.

The study date for the Call Committee has been set for April 14 with Council meetings to be held April 4 and May 5th. Please pray for God’s guidance in this selection process for a new pastor.

MUSIC NEWS

Thanks to all the members of the children's ensemble and their drivers who faithfully support and attend this avenue of ministry. These children are not our *future choir*...they already are. We invite all children of God at Holy Comforter to come be a part of this group. We continue to meet each Sunday at 4:00 pm.

Thanks to the adults of our chamber, church and handbell choirs who went beyond the call of duty during the season of Lent. Many members lead us in Evening Prayer each Wednesday, as well as Holy Week and Easter.

I received several interesting phone calls of late. The entire Geometry departments from South Point High School will tour our church Sanctuary on Thursday, April 25 at 10:00 am. Martha Stowe, teacher, said that the classes who did not tour Holy Comforter last spring heard about how beautiful and unusual our worship space is. So, they are **ALL** coming this time (All 150 of them).

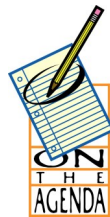
Another call was a request from the Architect Commission of North Carolina based out of Durham. Fifty architects will visit our sanctuary in May. Many long-time members from Holy Comforter will remember that our church won state awards for the design in the late 1950s-1960. Odell and Associates, from the 1940s-1960s, were world-renown for their concepts of design engineering.

We are blest to have such a beautiful structure in which we gather for worship.

In the coming months we hope to be making enhanced improvements to the sanctuary using funds from a recent generous donation.

The educational building was updated following the storm and vandalism of 2011. Though undisturbed by those memorable events the current worship space, like any house, is still in need of attention. The sound system is being greatly improved and a committee has been appointed to look into enhancement of choir balcony challenges, seating, lighting, chancel flooring and other needs. Be on the lookout for these improvements in 2013.

Thanks for the ministries! **Greg Cline**



April 7, 5:00-7:00 pm

Reel to Real—Spiderman Part II

Dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00—5:30 pm. We will

continue watching *Spiderman* in the theater, followed by discussion.

April 21, 5:00-6:30 pm

Bowling at Textile Lanes, Belmont.

We will meet at the bowling alley at 5:00 pm. Youth can be picked up from the church at 6:30 pm. Bring \$10 to cover cost of bowling and food. **Bowling is a great opportunity to bring a friend to youth group so invite someone new to join us!**

**Kristen Clanton,
HCY Advisor**

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Sunday, April 7 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

5:00 pm **HCY** in theater room upstairs

Monday, April 8 Morning Circle/WELCA

11:00 am Fellowship Hall. Follow-up on

Journaling

Giesla Stone, hostess

Bring a sandwich for lunch

Saturday, April 13

8:30 am Confirmands carpool to Holy

Communion, Dallas

Sunday, April 14 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

Church Council meets after

Sunday, April 21 4th Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

4:00 pm **Wrap-Arounds**

Prayer Shawl Ministry, meet in church parlor

Sunday, April 28 5th Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

5:00 pm **HCY** meets at *Textile Lanes* in Belmont

Regular Meeting Times:

Sundays at 4:00 pm Childrens' Ensemble

5:00 pm Handbells

6:00 pm Church Choir

8:00 pm Nar-Anon

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm: Nar-Anon

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer's Report (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	February	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$17,454.83	\$34,909.67
Actual Expenses:	16,129.98	33,337.28
Offerings Received:	20,241.50	40,089.50
Gain for Month:	\$ 4,111.52	\$ 6,752.22

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Jr. + Julia Gunter

ACOLYTES: Becca Gatlin

Gage Gatlin

CRUCIFERS: Wil Carpenter

Cody Koehler

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 3)

Fran Holland, Co-Captain

Melinda Lingerfelt, Co-Captain

Courtney Gatlin Tracey Nault

Stephanie Hinson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team A)

Cynthia Buchanan Shelia Kelly

Jo Singleton Jack Tench

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

April 7: Myra & Bill Hollar

April 21: Dee & Dennis Tucker

GREETERS:

April 7: Volunteer Needed

April 14: Katie Kessen

April 21: Pat Long

April 28: Volunteer Needed

USHERS:

April 7: Need Volunteers

April 14: Courtney Gatlin + Volunteer

April 21: Need Volunteer

April 28: Bill Hollar + Volunteer

FLOWERS:

April 7: **HCY** (Holy Comforter Youth)
Tim & Debbie Baker

April 14: Tim & Angela Baakko
Courtney, Gage & Becca Gatlin

April 21: Mark & Rebecca Yount







April 28: Fox Family
Carmen & Shawn De Nicholas

April 2013



We recognize and celebrate these birthdays in the month of April.

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Kite Month 	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/HC 4:00 pm Children Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 5:00 pm HCY in theater room 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	8 Morning Circle 11:00 am Fellowship Hall Follow-Up on Spiritual Journaling Gisela Stone, Hostess Bring a sandwich for lunch.	9	10 ASPCA Formed in 1866 	11	12	13 <i>Staying Connected</i> 7:00 pm Rodi's Restaurant Gastonia, NC
14 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service Church Council after 4:00 pm Children Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 5:00 pm HCY in theater room 6:00 pm Church Choir	15 	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Kid's Club</i> 11:00 am Davis Park Belmont, NC Bring a bagged lunch. 
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28 5th Sunday of Easter 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service 4:00 pm Children Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	29	30				

April 1 Barbara Kasmer
April 3 Garrett Carpenter
April 4 Sherry Alwxander
 Sandra Cline
 Myra Y. Hollar
April 5 Angela Baakko
 Taylor Buchanan
April 8 Shirley Causby
 Fran Holland
April 10 Bryan Fleming
April 11 Matthew Mitchell
April 12 Elizabeth Burwell
April 16 Misty Koehler
 Debbie Neagle
April 17 Jody Flowers
April 19 Henry Stephen Abernethy
 Dallas Foscue
 Jake MacDonald
April 23 Tim Baker
April 24 Mark Kline
April 25 Julia Gunter
April 27 Bobby Lingerfelt
 Gisela Stone
April 28 Joseph Mitchell
 Rita Stewart

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