



Sunday School continues for all ages in the education building at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

In February the **Adult Bible study** class under the leadership of Greg Byrum and John Kreitzer continues their study in the book of Colossians—they meet in the fellowship hall.

The **Seekers** adult class meets weekly in the library room upstairs in the education building and they continue with topical based discussion lessons with Biblical study as well. This class is led by Natalie Hullander.

The **Pre-K class** and **God's Eden** (elementary age children) will continue their study of the Wedding at Cana through February 17. They will begin a new lesson series "The Last Supper" beginning February 24 and continue through Easter. These classes meet in the upstairs "God's Eden" area of the education building.

The **Youth** class under the leadership of Katie Kesson and Courtney Gatlin continue their studies in the Old and New Testament. They meet upstairs in the education building as well.

We continue to provide nursery support as needed during the Sunday School hour and encourage everyone to consider attending the class designed for you.

The **Wrap-Arounds** will meet on February 17 in the parlor at 3:30 pm. Join us as we fellowship, create prayer shawls for our congregation and simply get to know each other. If you are interested in this ministry but are uncertain of how skilled you are, come join us...there is usually someone present who can help you with technique!!

Contact Beth Brittain at 704-956-1203 for questions or information.

Kids' Club will meet on February 2 at *Bowl n' Bounce* in Lake Wylie with our congregation.

We are so very fortunate to live where we do...in less than a 2-hour drive we can be at Lutheridge in Arden, NC. Our youth go there for Campformation; Greg Cline and others attend Music Week; and a few others attend retreats occasionally. I want to share with you some upcoming retreat opportunities at Lutheridge and encourage you to visit www.lmi.net for more details:

- *Wild Women at Lutheridge*: February 1-3, & 8-10
- *Faith Alive*: February 15-17, April 19-21
- Handbell Weekends: February 22-24, March 1-3
- Ski Retreats (various weekends)
- *Create in Me* at Lutheridge: April 4-7
- *Fishers of Men* at Lutherock: April 12-14
- Scrap Camp at Lutheridge: April 26-28
- Music Week at Lutheridge: July 7-13
- *Bikers, Bibles, and Blue Ridge Byways* at Lutheridge: August 20-September 2
- *Songs to Sing* choir retreat at Lutheridge: September 6-8

I am planning to attend the *Create in Me* Retreat, won't you join me? This year's theme is "Spirit Blazing: Rekindling + Refining + Revealing." There is always engaging Bible study, creative worship and workshops and drop-in stations. **If you think you are Not Creative—this retreat is especially for you!**

Believe it or not, we are already beginning plans for **Vacation Church School. Save the date of June 21-22 for VBS 2013.** If you are interested in the planning and leading process, please contact Beth Brittain at 704-956-1203.

Beth Brittain, Christian Education

Holy Comforter Comment

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²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

³⁵Then from a cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!"

Luke 9:29, 35

Communion Opportunities For February

February 10 The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 13 Ash Wednesday

February 24 The Second Sunday in Lent



Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager
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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

Schedule for Lent 2013:

February 13, Ash Wednesday service begins at 7:00 pm.
Mid-week Dinner is served at 5:45 pm.
Mid-week Worship is on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

For the 6:30 pm services, we'll be using *Holden Evening Prayer*. As part of our mid-week worship on Wednesdays, we're inviting 5 people to share a brief (2-5 minutes) "testimony of grace."

Our theme will be the 23rd Psalm. Below is the Psalm (from the *New King James Version*) with the dates. Please pray about sharing a brief reflection and let Pastor John know of your willingness to do this. Call him at 828-713-4646 or drop him a quick e-mail: JohnCPropst@gmail.com.

February 20
The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters.

February 27
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for
His name's sake.

March 6
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

March 13
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

March 20
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Lillian E. Lineberger Scholarship was established as an endowment by Mrs. Lineberger to the congregation to reinforce students of the church in their learning and in the accomplishment of an undergraduate or graduate degree. Her hope was that this bequest would help improve your lives, and in turn, serve and enrich the lives of others.

The awards will be made once a year from the interest accrued on the endowment. That amount will be distributed equally among accepted applicants who must apply the funds toward tuition or books. Checks will be made out to the applicant's school.

To apply, you must meet the following 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

The Scholarship Ministry, authorized in January, 1996, by the Church Council, will review your completed application. You will be notified of acceptance of your application in mid-May and an announcement will appear in the church newsletter. To have other questions answered, please call the church office.

Application forms available via email.
Our best wishes to you in your educational journey.

Your Scholarship Ministry,
Carmen De Nicholas

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Saturday, February 2 Bowl n' Bounce
10:00 am Meet to carpool to Lake Wylie for congregational activity
Sunday, February 3 4th Sun day after Epiphany
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service
5:00 pm HCY: Details to follow
Monday, February 4 Morning Circle/WELCA
11:00 am Meet at the home of Sonja Kreitzer; bring a sandwich. Beverly Reynolds has the program.
Sunday, February 10 Transfiguration of Our Lord
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service, w/Holy Communion
Church Council meets after
Tuesday, February 12 Fat Tuesday
6:30 pm Pancake Supper In Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, February 13 Ash Wednesday
7:00 pm The Service with Holy Communion
Sunday, February 17 1st Sunday in Lent
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service
3:30 pm *Wrap-Arounds* Prayer Shawl Ministry
Meet in church parlor
5:00 pm HCY: Details to follow
Wednesday, February 20 Lenten Evenings
5:00 pm Handbell Class
5:45 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Lenten Service
7:15 pm Chamber Choir
Sunday, February 24 2nd Sunday in Lent
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion
Wednesday, February 27 Lenten Evening
5:00 pm Handbell Class
5:45 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Lenten Service
7:15 pm Chamber Choir

Regular Meetings: Sundays at 8 pm, Nar-Anon
Tuesdays, 7 pm, Nar-Anon

All information and articles for the March Newsletter are due to Dianne by February 18, 2013.

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Jr. + Brenda Daly
ACOLYTES: Garrett Carpenter, Molly Koehler
CRUCIFERS: Dylan Fox, Cooper Burwell, Elizabeth Burwell

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1)
Bev Mauney, Co-Captain
Brad Milton, Co-Captain
Carmen De Nicholas Brandy Milton

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team B)
Sherry Alexander Charles Mauney
Fran Holland Dee Smith

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:
February 10: Rick & Debbie Neagle
February 13: 7:30 pm: Caroline & Tracey Nault
February 24: Shelia & Tim Kelly

GREETERS:
Feb.3: Katie Kessen; Feb.10: Pat Koehler
Feb. 13 (Ash Wed. 7:30 pm) Volunteer
Feb. 17: Pat Long; Feb. 24: Volunteer

USHERS:
February 3, 10, 17 & 24: Denise Wiegand
February 13 (7:30 pm) Need Volunteers

FLOWERS:
February 3: Bob & Denise Wiegand
One vase available
February 10: Debbie Neagle
February 17: Greg Garrison
One vase available
February 24: Danny, Perri & Carson Potter

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer's Report (Warren Heller)		
Report for Month	December	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$18,559.25	\$222,711.00
Actual Expenses:	13,293.08	217,838.21
Offerings Received:	21,700.70	213,761.23
Gain for Month:	\$ 8,407.62	
Loss Year-to-Date:		\$ 4,076.98



Birthstone: Amethyst
Birth Flower: Violet or Iris

- 1: Underground Railroad was established. 1838
- 1: First federal penitentiary building completed, Leavenworth, KS. 1906
- 1: Martin Luther King Jr. & 700 demonstrators arrested in Selma, AL. 1965
- 2: Patent for the "Bottle Cap" received, 1892
- 3: Albert Spalding with \$800 starts sporting goods company, manufacturing 1st official baseball, tennis ball, basketball, golf ball, & football. 1876
- 3: The Income tax was first levied by US Congress on this day in history. 1913
- 4: George Washington was appointed President of the Constitutional Convention. 1782
- 4: Confederate States of America formed. 1861
- 5: First double-feature theatrical performance held. 1819
- 8: The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated. 1910
- 9: World's largest airplane, Boeing 747, makes first commercial flight. 1969
- 14: Star and Stripes (U.S. flag) makes its first appearance at a foreign port, flying aboard the ship *Ranger*, as it arrives in France. 1778
- 14: A G Bell & Elisha Gray apply separately for telephone patents; Supreme Court eventually rules Bell rightful inventor. 1876
- 17: National Organization of Mothers forms (Parent Teacher Association). 1897
- 17: 1st high school auto driving course offered (State College, Penn). 1934
- 20: 1st transport of Jews to concentration camps leave Plotsk Poland. 1941
- 23: Aluminum manufacturing process developed. 1886
- 26: John Harvey Kellogg, surgeon, inspired flaked cereal industry. 1852

MUSIC NEWS

By Greg Cline

The Holy Comforter Carillon: Many folks have asked why the bell tower has fallen silent. Back in October the entire compass of the keyboard mysteriously stopped functioning. In the past we have been plagued by lightning strikes. The tower acts almost as a lightning rod. At this point we are contacting the technicians in Ohio. Hopefully, the issue can be rectified in the not too distant future.

Super Bowl Sunday, February 3 we will try to accommodate all our sports fans without canceling our all important rehearsals using the following schedule:

- 4:00 pm Handbells
- 5:00 pm Church Choir
- 6:30 pm Kick-Off

The ladies **Morning Circle** will host a church choir appreciation dinner on **Sunday, February 10**. On this day we will modify the afternoon adult schedule:

- 4:00 pm Handbells
- 5:00 pm Choir Dinner
- 6:00 pm Choir Practice

Handbell Classes will be offered again during Lent. **Children in grades 3 and up may register.** This class is designed for beginners, and those with limited ringing and music reading experience. Deadline for registration will be Ash Wednesday. We need a minimum of 6 participants. Classes will be held in the sanctuary and participants are asked to **commit to all 5 sessions at 5:00 pm**. See Greg Cline to register!

Through a generous donation to the music fund, Holy Comforter Music Ministries is currently **offering a 50% scholarship to members who wish to participate in music week at Lutheridge**. You must register during the month of February. This is the most popular event of summer camp. Additional scholarships can be applied for through Lutheridge (based on financial need). Children completing grade 1—high school and adults may attend. See Music Week at Lutheridge article in this publication.

Music Week for Adults and Youth July 7-13, 2013 (Sunday - Saturday) *A week of music, worship, and fellowship in the midst of God's Creation*



A wonderful week of singing, worshipping, learning, and music making awaits you at Lutheridge this summer.

Sacred music in the midst of God's creation and Christian Community!! Choral, organ, handbells, recorders, and instrumental music... all led by excellent clinicians! Whether you are a director of church music or you enjoy singing in a choir (or both), you will find this week to be one of refreshment and learning. The week is highlighted by a HymnFest and Friday concert. The week is led by gifted clinicians from around the country.



KidzCamp provides fun and music for children under age seven while their parents have sessions. KidzCamp campers who are old enough will combine with First Camp for music instruction and a closing concert. Adult choir and handbells will be featured in closing worship at 7:30PM on Friday. NOTE: Children and youth (grades 1-12) also have a full schedule of camp and music activities available during this week.

Friday Concerts
First Camp and KidzCamp Concert:
Friday, July 12th at 11:30AM (Bischoff)
Youth Concert: Friday, July 12th at 2:15PM (Faith Center)
Closing Worship: Adult Choir & Handbells
Friday, July 12th at 7:30PM (Whisnant Chapel)



- The rates below apply to registrations received by the date listed.
 - Rate includes lodging and meals for week as well as programming, unless otherwise specified. Bed and bath linens are provided in all housing accommodations.
 - A \$30 return check fee will be added to the account if a check is returned.
- A \$50 late fee may be added to accounts that remain unpaid at the beginning of their camp week.

For more details go to www.llmi.net/youth/MusicWeek

Cost/Person for 2013:

	Thru Mar 12	Mar 13-Apr 12	Apr 13-May 12	After May 12
Kohnjoy Inn	\$607.00	\$632.00	\$642.00	\$664.00
Thornburg/Cottages	\$522.00	\$547.00	\$557.00	\$579.00
Day Participant No meals	\$238.00	\$263.00	\$763.00	\$295.00
Day Participant with meals	\$378.00	\$403.00	\$413.00	\$435.00
Child**	\$115.00	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$172.00

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 3, 2012 HCY will collect for this worthwhile cause.					1	2  10:00 am Meet to carpool to Lake Wylie, SC This will also be the KidsClub meeting. 
3 4th Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service 4:00 pm Children Ensemble & Adult Handbells 5:00 pm HCY & Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	4 Morning Circle 11:00 am Meets at the church,has program, Bring a sandwich.	5  First double-feature theatrical performance held. 1819 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-A-Non	6	7	8  Boy Scouts founded 1910	9 Staying Connected 7:00 pm Dinner, details to follow
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We recognize and celebrate these birthdays in the month of February.
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.

February 2 Frederick Meekins
Stacy Whitener
February 4 Scott Carr
February 6 Julia Ratchford
February 8 Chris Hullander
Scott Zander
February 9 Shelia Kelly
Karen Rogers
February 10 Jennipher M.
McLaughlin-Williams
February 14 Will Howard
February 15 Leslie Crist
Sam Thompson
Reesa Wilson
February 16 Courtney Gatlin
Rochelle Potter
February 20 David Buchanan
February 22 Cynthia Ashe
February 25 Jack Tench
February 27 Valerie Bruchon



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