



Children's Sunday School: we complete the study of Joseph and his brothers on November 10. The very next week we begin our study about the Birth of Christ as we enter into the Advent and Christmas

seasons. Our children seem to be enjoying their Sunday School classes and a special thank you to all the parents/adults who work so hard to be sure they are here each week. Thank you to all who worked so hard to prepare your devotionals for our Advent Devotional guide. We will have those available (1 per family please) toward the end of November. Watch the emails and bulletins for details of their availability.

Who could guess that this year has gone by so quickly...it is already time for those who are willing to help with the **children's Christmas play** to let me know. They typically only rehearse 2 times and will be leading in worship on **December 22** this year.

We will once again have the **family (children centered) Christmas Eve service on Dec 24th at 1:30 pm**. Parents and children and others who may not be able to attend the late service are welcome to attend this very informal and energetic service of worship. If you would like to assist in this service, please see Beth Brittain.



Kids' Club will meet at 9:00 am in the church parking lot on **November 16** to carpool to the **Riverbanks Zoo** in Columbia, SC.

HCY (Holy Comforter Youth) will meet **November 10th and 24th** from 6:00-7:30 pm at the church.

Beth Brittain
Christian Education



Birthstone: Topaz
Birth Flower: Chrysanthemum

- 1: John Adams is 1st president to live in White House . 1800
- 1: In WW I, the 1st US soldiers are killed in combat. 1917
- 1: The first atomic explosion witnessed by troops, NM. 1951
- 4: The Gatling gun patented (Richard J Gatling). 1862
- 4: James & John Ritty patent the cash register. 1879
- 7: Al Capp, cartoonist of *Lil' Abner* creates Sadie Hawkins Day. 1938
- 7: Red Cross wins Nobel peace prize. 1944
- 7: JFK elected as American president, becoming the youngest ever, at the age of 43. 1960
- 11: 41 pilgrims land in Massachusetts, sign Mayflower Compact (just and equal laws). 1620
- 11: Armistice Day-WW I ends (at 11 AM on Western Front). Germany and the Allies sign the armistice in a railway carriage in the Compiegne forest . 1918
- 11: "Great Black Blizzard", the first great dust storm of the depression arrives on the Great Plains. 1933
- 15: The largest antiwar rally in US history occurred as 250,000 persons gathered in Washington, DC to protest the Vietnam War. 1969
- 15: Pope John Paul II visited West Germany, the first papal visit to Germany in 200 years. 1980
- 19: President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address. 1863
- 22: Blackbeard the pirate (Edward Teach) was killed off the coast of North Carolina after a long and prosperous career. 1718
- 24: Joseph Glidden patents his invention of barbed wire. 1874

Holy Comforter Comment

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But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Luke 6:27 & 31

Communion Opportunities For November

November 3 All Saints' Sunday

November 24 Christ The King Sunday



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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

MUSIC NEWS

If you are involved in the music ministry, in any church, it feels like Christmas in November. In addition to the festivals of "All Saints" and "Christ the King," all of our choir ensembles have been in preparation for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season.

From time to time we have folks walking past the Sanctuary during rehearsals and hear the glorious music; sometimes surprising us by their presence. We never know for sure to whom we are witnessing. Even the children's ensemble attracts attention. It has been said that their singing expressions are "cuter" than the adults.

Mark your calendars: Church Choir Christmas Dinner Party is **December 14**.



The Call Committee is continuing the interview process. We have interviewed candidates, and are still seeking additional candidate names from NC Synod this week. We have faith that our pastor is there, and if we keep our hearts and minds open to God's plan he or she will come to us. Thankfully, our church has been blessed with the leadership and care of Pastor John in addition to wonderful supply pastors, that has allowed our congregation, not only to continue, but thrive in this interim. We ask you to please continue to keep us in your prayers as we move into this exciting time in our search.

*John Crist, Chair
Search Committee*

YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION THROUGH THE ELCA

Want to be inspired? **On November 17**, Pastor John along with two of his friends, HolyC's own **Elliott Williams** and **Kate Griewisch**, a friend from Grace Lutheran in Boone, will help open the hearts and minds of folks here as we look at mission beyond the walls of HolyC, especially through the **YAGM program**.

During the 9:30 Sunday School time, you'll experience YAGM by means of a *Power-Point* visual and sharing by Elliott & Kate; during the sermon time at 10:30, you'll hear how God's Spirit has touched their lives in an incredible way. Elliott served in South Africa and later served the YAGM program as a recruiter. Kate just returned in August from serving in Madagascar, Africa (where Pastor John's son, Austin, and his wife, Tanya, are the YAGM coordinators!)

Go to the ELCA website at www.ELCA.org and do a search for "YAGM."

ALSO, Austin & Tanya's blog is <http://sambatra.wordpress.com/author/sambatra/>

Read some amazing testimonies about how God's Spirit is blessing our young people. **HEY, PARENTS** of our college youth ... PLEASE encourage your child to be in Church that Sunday! **It could be a missional life changer for her/him!**

Via de Cristo— "Way of Christ"

Many of you attended an informational gathering on September 8th. **Thanks!** Several of you "took Pastor John at his word," and signed up for a weekend!

Mandi Klein just made a weekend in September (ask her about it!)

Please pray for those who will be attending a weekend November 7-10: **Mark Klein, Beth Brittain, Julia Gunter and Lynn Martin.** **Pastor John** will be serving on the weekend.

Church Council Nominations Due by Sunday November 10th

The Nominating Committee will submit a list of candidates to the congregation at **our annual meeting on Sunday, November 17th**. Any active, confirmed member may nominate any qualified member to run for Church Council. **In order to submit their name for nomination, you must fill out a nomination form available in the narthex or from an usher.** You must have the consent of the person you nominate and their signature on the nomination form. **All nomination forms must be returned to a church council member by November 10th** so their names may be placed on the ballot.

For your church offerings, donations and memorials to be credited properly we ask that you do the following:



- In the *memo* section of your check, please list **who** the memorial is for or to which **fund** you want your donation given.
- If your check is for general church fund and/or benevolence, etc. then please specify.
- It is especially helpful that you also use your offering envelopes with your personalized number. If you use an envelop from the pew, then please put your name and/or personal envelop number on it so the tellers can properly credit your contribution.

If no special area of donation is noted on your check and/or envelop, then it goes directly into the general church account. Therefore, no acknowledgment or "thank you" cards can be sent since the office has no idea that any special contributions have been made. If you donate to a special fund and mark your check accordingly, then the tellers will know where to direct your contribution.



Holy Comforter Youth meets at 6:00 pm on Sundays, November 10th & 24th

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Lutheridge on October 13, 2013



CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Nov. 2 *Staying Connected*

7:00 pm Meet in fellowship hall

Sunday, Nov. 3 *All Saints' Sunday*

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**

Monday, Nov. 4 *Morning Circle*

11:00 am Meet at home of Pat Roberson
Bring a sandwich.

Sunday, Nov. 10 *25th Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

Church Council meets after

6:00 pm **HCY** meets in fellowship hall

Saturday, Nov. 16 *Kids' Club*

9:00 am Meet in Holy Comforter Parking Lot
Carpool to Riverbanks Zoo, Columbia, SC

Sunday, Nov. 17 *26th Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

Sunday, Nov. 24 *Christ the King Sunday*

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**

Thanksgiving/Christmas Lunch after the service
Decorate for Advent/Christmas

6:00 pm **HCY** meets in fellowship hall

Thursday, Nov. 28 *Thanksgiving Day!*

Regular Schedule Meeting Times:

Sundays at 4 pm Children's Ensemble

5 pm Handbell Choir

6 pm Church Choir

8 pm Nar-Anon

Tuesdays at 7 pm: Chamber Choir, Nar-Anon

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer's Report (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	September	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$17,454.83	\$157,093.50
Actual Expenses:	17,428.17	156,358.52
Offerings Received:	22,496.45	174,956.77
Gain for Period:	\$ 5,068.28	\$ 18,598.25

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Jr., Donna Bean

ACOLYTES: Becca & Gage Gatlin

CRUCIFERS: Caroline & Aaron Nault

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 4)

Diann Halvorson, Co-Captain

Dean Halvorson, Co-Captain

Barbara Kasmer Gayla Foscue

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team B)

Fran Holland

Charles Mauney

Dee Smith

Sherry Alexander

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

November 3: Caroline & Tracey Nault

November 24: **Need Volunteers**

GREETERS:

November 3: **Need Volunteer**

November 10: Pat Long

November 17: Pat Koehler

November 24: **Volunteer Needed**

USHERS: Nov. 3, 10, 17: **Volunteers**

November 24: Courtney Gatlin + volunteer

TELLERS: Pat Long & Debbie Mendez

FLOWERS:

November 3: Dee Smith

One vase available

November 10: Tim & Debbie Baker

Linda Grimsley & Cheryl Grant

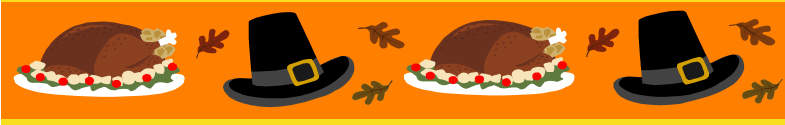
November 17: Lynn Martin

November 24: Both vases available

(1 vase or both)

We Need Your STUFF!!!

Remember us as you do your fall housecleaning!!
All donations are tax deductible!



Sunday, November 24

Annual Congregational Thanksgiving/Christmas Luncheon

Immediately after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall

The church will furnish the meat and drinks.
You are asked to please bring a side dish and/or a dessert.

After lunch we will decorate the church for the coming Advent/Christmas season.



All information for the December newsletter is **due by November 21**.
Please email to holycomforter@gmail.com or bring to the church office.



November 2013



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



November 1 Donna Bean
 November 2 William Starnes
 November 3 Brad Milton
 November 5 Debbie Mendez
 November 6 Debbie Bray
 November 11 Ashleyu Ange
 Richard Holden
 November 12 Greg Byrum
 Libby Joye
 November 15 Laurel Mauney
 November 16 Dylan Fox
 Curt Halvorson
 Bob Wiegand
 November 18 Brian Achor
 Mabel Ratchford
 November 19 Danny Potter
 November 20 David Bruchon
 Jessica Martin
 Lucy Mitchell
 November 23 Cheryl Fox
 November 25 Mallory Morton
 November 27 Sue Lahr
 November 29 Rickie Neagle
 November 30 Nathan Baakko
 Sabrina Starnes



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Time Change - November 3 (2:00 am)					1	² <i>Staying Connected</i> 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall.
3 All Saints' Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	4 11:00 am Morning Circle Home of Pat Roberson Bring a sandwich	5 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	6	7	8	9
10 25th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am The Service Church Council after 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir HCY 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	11  Veterans Day	12 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	13	14	15	16  9:00 am Meet to carpool to Riverbanks Zoo Columbia, SC
17 26th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service Congregational Meeting 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	18	19 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	20	21	22	23
24 Christ the King Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am Service with H/C Thanksgiving/Christmas Lunch 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir HCY 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	25	26 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	27	28 Thanksgiving Day 	29	30 St. Andrew, Apostle