



Sunday School for our children continues the study of Palm Sunday to Easter through Palm Sunday. Due to the two services and breakfast, there will be **no children's Sunday school on Easter Sunday.**

SAVE THE DATES:

- ◆ **Saturday, April 19, 10am-12 Noon:** Rock-N-Roll Easter Event. Ages Toddler 2-Grade 5. *Where the rock rolled away from the tomb!!*
- ◆ **May 4 at 3:00 pm** in the church parlor: *Wrap-Around Prayer Shawl Ministry:* We have had lots of new interest in participation in this ministry. Come if you are interested in learning how to make a prayer shawl, how to pray for this ministry, or how to help deliver the shawls to those who are in need. Questions: contact Bev Mauney or Beth Brittain.
- ◆ **June 27-28:** Vacation Church School for Pre-K through 5th grade
- ◆ **July 14-18:** *Camp Agape*
- ◆ **August 24:** Sunday School Rally Day
- ◆ April 24-27: Its not too late to register for **Create in Me** at Lutheridge. Go to Novus Way Web site for details.

Call for Help!!!

1. The request for Children's Sunday school to continue through the summer has come up again this year. We are willing to do this, however we need teachers. We combine both children's classes (Pre-K & God's Eden) for the summer. **If you are willing to help, please contact Beth Brittain ASAP.**
2. We would like to offer *Children's Church* through the summer as well. This is the 20 minutes or so that children leave worship immediately after the children's sermon and return during the hymn following the sermon. We need two adults per week to continue to facilitate this well-attended ministry. This is for children 4-8 years old. Please contact Beth Brittain should you be willing to help.

Beth Brittain, Christian Education



Birthstone: Diamond
Birth Flower: Daisy

- 1: Oliver Pollock, a New Orleans businessman, creates "\$" symbol. 1778
- 1: 1st wartime conscription law in US goes into effect. 1863
- 1: US formally transfers Canal Zone to Panama. 1982
- 4: Congress decided US flag is 13 red & white stripes & 20 stars. 1818
- 4: Civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.. 1968
- 5: 1st modern Olympic Games officially open in Athens. 1896
- 9: The first fire escape patented, wicker basket on a pulley & chain. 1766
- 9: 1st tax-supported public library (Peterborough, NH). 1833
- 9: Samuel R Percy patents dried milk. 1872
- 12: Fort Sumter, SC is shelled by Confederacy, starting the Civil War . 1861
- 12: North Carolina legislature passes anti-Klan Law. 1869
- 12: George C Blickensderfer patents portable typewriter. 1892
- 15: The American president Abraham Lincoln is assassinated. 1865
- 15: Harley Procter introduces Ivory Soap. 1878
- 15: Titanic sinks at 2:27 AM off Newfoundland. 1912
- 19: 2nd Parliament of Spiers bans Lutheranism. 1529
- 19: Minuteman Capt. John Parker orders not to fire unless fired upon. A shot is fired and the American revolution begins at the Lexington Common. That was the "shot heard round the world". 1775
- 19: Charles Duryea takes 1st American-made auto out for a spin (Mass). 1892
- 22: US mints 2 cent coin (1st appearance of "In God We Trust"). 1864
- 27: 1st US social security payment made. 1937
- 27: RC Duncan patents "Pampers" disposable diaper. 1965



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Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster
Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education
Kristen Clanton, HCY Advisor



⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the
point of death —
even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:8

Communion Opportunities For April

- April 13 Palm Sunday
- April 17 Maundy Thursday
- April 20 The Resurrection of Our Lord



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

Join Your Fellow HolyC Pilgrims to the Cross of Jesus

Midweek Worship, Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
(Following our Lenten meal at 5:45 pm)

As part of our midweek worship on **Tuesday evenings**, we continue to share a brief (2-5 minutes) "testimony of grace." Our theme is the *Lord's Prayer*. Below are the petitions, dates and presenters. **THANKS** friends, for answering God's call to meditate on one of the petitions! You are a blessing to God AND to those who will hear God's Word through you.

- April 1 Mark Kline**
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
- April 8 Julia Gunter**
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen



DESIRING HOLY COMMUNION MORE FREQUENTLY?!



Join your friends around the altar at Holy Comforter after worship on those Sundays that Communion is not a part of that morning service.

Come to the altar while others are leaving, following the service; after Pastor John greets folks, he'll join you for a time of meditation, prayer and communion as we break bread with Jesus our Lord!

Questions/thoughts: contact Pastor John at JohnCPropst@gmail.com.

The Lillian E. Lineberger Scholarship

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

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

Your Scholarship Ministry, Carmen De Nicholas

Congratulations to
Wil Carpenter
who recently earned
the rank of
Eagle Scout!



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS FOR APRIL:

(9:30-11:45 am)



April 6: Melissa Bocchino & Mandi Kline
April 13: Makayla Feliz & Tom Bocchino
April 20: Ashley Ange & Misty Koehler
April 27: Need Volunteers

NEW! Monthly Bible Study/Luncheon

Save the Date:
May 13, 2014
12 Noon - 1:00 pm

Bring a pot luck or a sandwich...just come!
Bring your Bible.
Pastor John will lead the study.
This used to be the "Jolly Elders," BUT it's for all ages...
if you work close to the church, join us over your lunch hour.

Holy Week Schedule

- April 17, 7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion
- April 18, 7:00 pm: Good Friday Service with Crucifixion mime 
- April 19, 10:00 am: Kids' Egg Hunt "Rolling Away the Stone"
- April 20, 7:30 am: Sunrise Service, outside
Breakfast after service
No Children's Sunday school
-  10:30 am: Easter Resurrection Worship with Holy Communion

Welcome

To Our New Members Of Holy Comforter!

Please welcome the newest members to our family:



Riley Elizabeth Fleming
(Holy Baptism)

Carmen & Jim Buell
Dawn Fleming
Travis Fleming
Nancy & Len Johansson
Viv Lane
Paul Outlaw
Mary Page
Jerri & Mike Wesson
Deb & Bob Williams

(Photo courtesy Renee Carpenter)

Congratulation To



Who raised **\$353.80** for the Heifer Project, helping curb hunger around the world!



It is hard to believe, but it is time to start planning for summer camp again. Holy Comforter is hosting **Camp Agape July 14-18**. Agape is a day camp for **rising 1st to rising 8th graders** sponsored by Kure Beach Ministries.

This year we are expanding the day camp to include 6th-8th graders. The kids in this age group will participate in service projects throughout the week at Holy Comforter as well as off site. **We must have a minimum of 6 middle school aged kids in order to offer this expanded camp.**

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

MUSIC NEWS

The chamber, church, and handbell ensembles have been diligent in their preparations of the Lenten and Easter season. On Palm Sunday the children's ensemble will join with the adults as they present the musical offering, ***Blessed Is He***, based on the triumphant procession of Jesus into the Holy City.

Maundy Thursday service will reflect songs of the Passion of Christ, as well as the service of worship on **Good Friday**.

We will literally pull-out-all-the-stops for our festival services on **Easter Sunday**. As we gather at sunrise, fanfares will announce the ***Risen Savior from the Tomb***. The 10:30 am service will resound with trumpet duets accompanying the assembly and choir. We will all sing the new composition, ***Heart and Voice to Heaven Raise***. This work displays the glory of the holy Easter morn. **Invite your family and friends to all these worship opportunities.**

Greg Cline, Organist/Choirmaster

NEW: A class in **Qigong** is now being offered in the fellowship hall on Monday morning from 10-11 am. Qigong is an ancient Chinese practice that uses gentle movements to release tension, through an alignment of the breath with low-impact movement and awareness. Closely related to T'ai Chi, Qigong is generally easier to learn, and is done standing up. It is appropriate for people at almost any fitness level, and special clothes or shoes are not required.

The instructor, Karen Rubin, is certified to teach the Qigong form call "The 8 Treasures." Please check out the website or call if you have any questions: www.dancingtreasuresqigong.com or 704-574-9880. We welcome new students!

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Saturday, April 5

7:00 pm ***Staying Connected***
Meet in fellowship hall

Sunday, April 6 5th Sunday in Lent

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

Monday, April 7 Morning Circle

11:00 am Meet at home of Doris Meekins. Sonja Kreitzer has program. Bring sandwich.

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**
Church Council meets after

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

Thursday, April 17 Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm The Service w/**Holy Communion**

Friday, April 18 Good Friday

7:00 pm The Service

Saturday, April 19 Easter Egg Hunt , (NO lunch)

10:00 am ***Where the rock rolled away from the tomb***. (Toddler 2-Grade 5)

Sunday, April 20 Easter Day

7:30 am Easter Sunrise Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**
Sunday, April 27 2nd Sunday of Easter
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service

Regular meeting times:

Sundays: 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble
5:00 pm Adult Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Church Choir
8:00 pm Nar-Anon

Tuesdays: 5:45 pm Lenten Dinner

6:30 pm Lenten Program

7:00 pm Chamber Choir

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	February	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$19,519.92	\$39,039.83
Actual Expenses:	16,303.14	31,940.27
Offerings Received:	15,622.50	32,070.03
Gain for Period:	\$ 776.87	\$ 129.76

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Jr., Julia Gunter

ACOLYTES: Becca Gatlin, Matthew Carr & Alec Via

CRUCIFERS: Hannah Carnes, Molly Koehler & Noah Rogers

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

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team A)
Cynthia Buchanan Shelia Kelly
Jo Singleton Jack Tench

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:
April 13: Tracey & Caroline Nault
April 17: Shelia & Tim Kelly (Maundy Thursday)
April 20: Myra & Bill Hollar

GREETERS:
April 6: Katie Kessen
April 13: Phil & Carol Posey
April 17—April 27: Need Volunteers

USHERS: Shelia & Tim Kelly





TELLERS: Jerri & Mike Wesson

FLOWERS:
April 6: Debbie Neagle; Courtney Gatlin
April 13: Tim & Debbie Baker; Mark & Rebecca Yount
April 20: Bill & Myra Hollar (both vases)
April 27: De Nicholas Family; 1 vase available

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All information for the May newsletter is due in the church office by April 21st.

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  5:45 pm Mid-Week Dinner 6:30 pm Lenten Service 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	2	3	4	5
6 5th Sunday in Lent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service Church Council after 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	7 Morning Circle 11:00 am Meet at home of Barbara Beale. Bring a sandwich.	8  5:45 pm Mid-Week Dinner 6:30 pm Lenten Service 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	9	10	11	12 Staying Connected 7:00 pm Meet at church
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 20 The Resurrection of Our Lord 7:30 am Sunrise Service Breakfast After 9:30 am Adult Sunday School No Children's SS 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/HC 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 2nd Sunday of Easter 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 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	28 St. Mark, Evangelist	29	30			

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
n the life of each of you.

- April 1 Barbara Kasmer
- April 3 Garrett Carpenter
- April 4 Sherry Alexander
Sandra Cline
Myra Yount
- 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 Dallas Foscue
Jake MacDonald
- April 23 Tim Baker
- April 24 Mark Kline
- April 25 Tate Jackson Brooks
Julia Gunter
- April 27 Bobby Lingerfelt
- April 28 Joseph Mitchell
Rita Stewart
Susan Woodcock



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