



VBS Take Two: Sun-
days, August 10 and
August 17 beginning at
2:30 pm. Workers are
still needed. **VBS Lead-**
ers will meet Sunday,
August 3 during the Sunday school
hour to finalize plans.

Sunday School Rally Day
is **August 24.** Breakfast
will begin at 9:30 am with
fun and fellowship to follow
until 10:10 am.



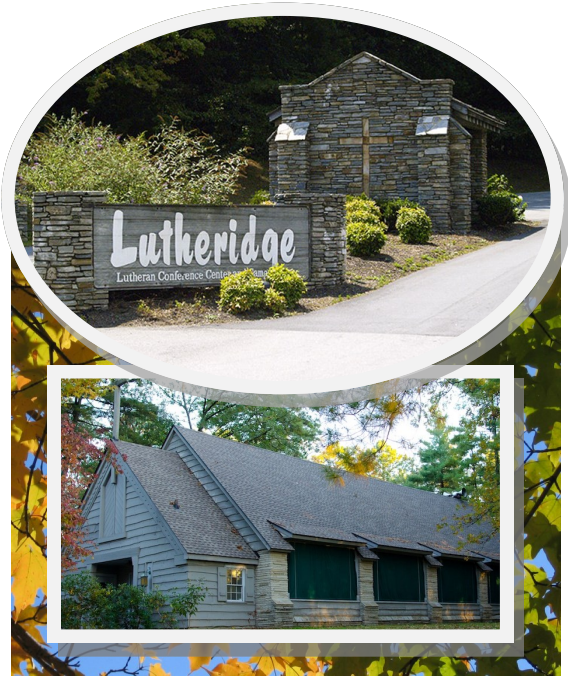
Sunday School teachers are still need-
ed. **We need at least 6-7 for the ele-**
mentary teachers, 5 for the pre-
school teachers, 2-4 for youth. There
are always opportunities to teach in the
Seekers class. Please contact Beth
ASAP via email at [revbethbreit-
tain@gmail.com](mailto:revbethbreit-
tain@gmail.com) or 704-956-1203 to
accept the opportunity to teach..



Wrap-Arounds will meet at
3:00 pm on Sunday, August
17. All are welcome to meet
in the church parlor to work
on the prayer shawls.

Kids' Club will meet **Saturday, August**
23 at 11:00 am for a **Back-to-School**
Pool Party and Hot Dog lunch at the
home of Misty Koehler.

Beth Brittain, Christian Education



Holy Comforter Worship At Lutheridge

Sunday, September 14

Worship in *Whisnant Chapel* at 10:30 am
(Depart from Holy Comforter at 8:00 am)

Covered Dish Luncheon
at Lakeside Lodge. Please bring covered
dishes to feed your family and others.

No Sunday School for the children
on this Sunday.
There WILL be a Worship Service at Holy
Comforter for those not at Lutheridge.

All afternoon church meetings cancelled.

Holy Comforter Comment

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³¹Jesus immediately reached
out his hand and caught him,
saying to him, "You of little
faith, why did you doubt?"

Matthew 14:31

Communion Opportunities For August

August 3 The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
(August 10, 24 & 31 following the Service)



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

FROM THE PASTOR

Grace and Peace,

It has been a whirlwind of a summer for my family, as I am sure it has been for many. I graduated from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in May, attended multiple weddings, a couple family beach weeks, and...oh yes, the Holy Spirit and Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter have called me to serve as pastor. The summer has been chaotic at times, restful at others, and at every point of the way filled with the Holy Spirit moving and working among various communities, lifting up God's gift of relationships. We said goodbye to a seminary community that has been our home for the past few years, and now we are warmly welcomed to Holy Comforter and to Belmont; southern hospitality in no short supply.

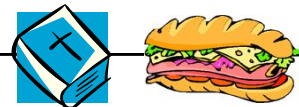
I am excited to serve at Holy Comforter, as it is a congregation with many gifts and with energy for God's work. One of the first things people mention about Holy Comforter is the gift of music that is in this place, lifting up Greg, certainly, but also the gifts of the members. That is something I have been glad to witness already, and certainly echo that sentiment. As I have spoken to a few new members, why people choose to keep returning seems to be the rare combination of compassion for one another and openness to others that this community shares.

This is a gift of the Spirit, and I believe the kind of love for one another that God calls us to be a part of; a love which ultimately comes from God.

The work I have already been involved in: preparing for Sunday services, an ordination, and working with those going through difficult times in their lives, among other things, quickly brings into perspective the gravity of the work God has called me to in this place. Yet it is the same work that we are called to in various roles. We are called to proclaim Christ to a world which is in desperate need of the Gospel, whether that is in the words that we speak or the patterns of our lives as disciples. We are called to love God, love one another, and love the world around us with the love of Christ. This is a love which fills us and simultaneously calls us to empty ourselves out for the sake of others. I am blessed to be called to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, and look forward to discerning how Christ is calling us to live out these lives of love and discipleship together in this place.

(Matthew 22:37-39) [Jesus] said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

*God's peace,
Pastor Micah Kearney*



Bible Study/Lunch
Tuesday, August 12 from 12 Noon—1:00 pm

Bring a pot luck or a sandwich...
just come!
Bring your Bible.

Agape Lunch Bunch
is now the new name of the group.
If you work close to the church,
join us over your lunch hour.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

1st Sunday: Trudy Whitener + Helper
2nd Sunday: Shelia Kelly + Helper
3rd Sunday: Tracey Nault + Helper
4th Sunday: Carol & Phil Posey



Kids' Club Back-to-School Pool Party
August 23, 11:00 am At Misty's House
Hot Dog Lunch

THANKS from Pastor John & Liz!

WOW!!!! What a farewell & Godspeed you shared with Liz and me on July 20! The reception was "over the top" & delicious! Your cards & conversation were warm and loving! The iPad Air – what a gift of grace to keep me on line as I travel to my next interim destinations! The monetary gift – so generous! AND the "Dear John" Top 10 letter - LOVED IT! You are creative, Tim! Friends, your wonderful spirit of love is amazing! The 18+ months that I served alongside you as your Interim Pastor was a JOY to behold! God loves you and I love you too! **Pastor John**

Heather Mauney Yount Memorial Playground Project



The playground, built on our church grounds, will be a commercial structure designed for 2-12 year-olds.

Almost 2/3 of the \$36,000 cost has already been raised by the generous contributions from family, congregation members at the time of Heather's passing and anonymous donors.

We need your help to raise the final \$12,500 in order to complete this project.

Please join us in making the playground a reality by indication on your check memo line or offering envelope:
Playground Project.

MUSIC NEWS

The church choir will continue to meet every Sunday at 10:10 am to prepare for the service of worship. **Thanks to all of the members of the church choir for their leadership in the Ordination and Installation service.** Pulling together a full choir ensemble during the month of July can be a miracle in itself; but our choir did it. Thanks again fellow ministers of music for being a part of that beautiful miracle!

As in the past, many of our musical activities will resume with Rally Day. Church, chamber, and handbell ensembles will begin regular weekly schedules on August 24. **The children's ensemble will resume in September!**

Greg Cline

Agape Day Camp was a huge success again this year! The kids spent the week learning about the different seasons of the church year: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. They enjoyed songs, skits, games, and team building activities. The Middle School kids completed 3 service projects. They went to Holy Angels and the Belmont Community Organization. They also planted beautiful flowers at the church.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help with dinners, snacks, and lunches for the counselors and campers. **Also, a big Thank You to the Buchanan family:** David, Cynthia, Taylor, and Alyssa, for providing a comfortable retreat for the counselors after a busy day ministering to our kids. We had 26 campers this year and hope to grow even more next year.

Without your help, Agape Day Camp would not be possible.

*Thank you,
Misty Koehler, Camp Coordinator*



CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Saturday, August 2 Staying Connected
7:00 pm Meet at *The Round Bistro*

Sunday, August 3 8th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**

Sunday, August 10 9th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service
Church Council meets after
2:30-4:30 pm **VBS**
6:00 pm **HCY** meets in fellowship hall

Tuesday, August 12 Bible Study/Luncheon
12 Noon Bring potluck or sandwich and your Bible

Sunday, August 17 10th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**
2:30-4:30 pm **VBS**
3:00 pm **Wrap-Arounds**

Sunday, August 24 11th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am **Rally Day** for Sunday School!
10:30 am The Service
5:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Church Choir

Regular meeting times:

Sundays: 8:00 pm Nar-Anon
Tuesdays: 7:00 pm Nar-Anon

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	June	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$19,519.92	\$117,599.58
Actual Expenses:	16,139.18	101,431.78
Offerings Received:	20,277.75	106,182.23
Gain (Loss) for Period:	\$ 4,138.57	\$ 4,750.45

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Jr., Chief Lector
August 3, 10 & 17: **Need Volunteers**
August 24 & 31: Greg Byrum

ACOLYTES: Garrett Carpenter, Garrett Fox

CRUCIFERS: Noah Rogers, Molly Koehler

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

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team B)
Fran Holland Charles Mauney
Volunteer Volunteer

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:
August 3: Shelia & Tim Kelly
August 17: **Need Volunteers**

GREETERS: August 3: Monique Estelle
August 10: Sherry Alexander
August 17, 24 & 31: **Need Volunteers**

USHERS: **Need Volunteers**

TELLERS: John Koehler & Sherry Alexander







FLOWERS:
August 3: Rebecca Yount, Alec & Luke Via
August 10: Beth & Reid Passer
Dianne Lail
August 17: Bocchino Family
Lynn Martin
August 24: Beth Brittain
Courtney Gatlin
August 31: Charles & Bev Mauney

NURSERY: (9:30 am-11:45 am)
Need Volunteers/Sign-up sheet available

All information for the September newsletter is due to Dianne by August 20.

August 2014

We recognize and celebrate these birthdays in the month of August. 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
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3 8th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Adult S School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	4 National Chocolate Chip Day 	5 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	6	7	8 International Cat Day 	9 7:00 pm Staying Connected Meet at <i>The Round Bistro</i> S. New Hope Road, Gastonia
10 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Adult SSchool 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service Church Council after 2:30 pm VBS 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	11	12 12 Noon Agape Lunch Bunch Bible Study/Lunch 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	13	14	15 St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord	16 National Honey Bee Day 
17 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Adult SSchool 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion 2:30 pm VBS 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	18	19 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	20	21	22	23  11:00 am Back-to-School Pool Party At Misty's House Hot Dog Lunch 
24 Saint Bartholomew, Apostle Rally Day! 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	25	26 National Dog Day  7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	27	28	29 The Beheading of St. John the Baptist	30
31 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon						

August 2 Alyssa Buchanan
August 3 Joy Robinson
August 4 Mark Yount
August 6 Eric Carpenter

Justin Koehler
Stanley Lahr
Bylthe Thompson

August 11 Cynthia Buchanan
Ginger MacDonald

August 13 Ned Featherstone
August 15 Brenda Dabrowski
August 17 Wesley Ashe

Mark Dabrowski
Carol Posey
Katie Baker
Alex Bocchino
Henry Bocchino
Cindy Braddy

August 18

Daphne Hansen
Lynn Martin

August 21

Andrew Robinson
Becke Featherstone

August 22

August 25

Gage Gatlin
Len Johansson

August 27

August 29

Kim Wallace
Dillon Kasmer
Matthew Bruchon
Tommy Causby

August 30

Eric Ange
Becca Gatlin

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