



If you are willing to help teach children's Sunday School, please contact Beth Brittain ASAP.

We will start fresh with **Rally Day** on August 24.

**Children's Church** continues through the summer as volunteers are available to lead.



**Wrap-Arounds** will meet at **3:00 pm on Sunday, July 20**. All are welcome to meet in the church parlor to work on the prayer shawls.

**Beth Brittain, Christian Education**

**Sonja & John Kreitzer wish to thank the many people from HCLC** who responded with words of encouragement and sympathy, plus other kindnesses during John's recovery from back surgery and the recent death of Sonja's brother, Stewart Peterson and mother, Caroline Peterson. The prayers were so comforting and healing.

**Yours in Christ, the Kreitzers**



### Bible Study/Lunch

Tuesday, July 8 from 12 Noon—1:00 pm

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

Bring your Bible.

John Kreitzer will lead the study.

### Agape Lunch Bunch

is now the new name of the group.

If you work close to the church, join us over your lunch hour.



Birthstone: Ruby  
Birth Flower: Larkspur

- 1: 1st US postage stamps go on sale, 5 cent Franklin & 10 cent Washington, NYC. 1847
- 1: Gideon Society established to place bibles in hotels. 1899
- 2: An alligator falls from sky during a Charleston SC thunderstorm. 1843
- 4: The US adopts the Declaration of Independence. 1776
- 4: 1st US tariff act. 1789
- 4: "America" 1st sung publicly. 1832
- 4: Statue of Liberty presented to US in Paris. 1884
- 8: First Crusade: 15,000 starving Christian soldiers march in religious procession around Jerusalem as its Muslim defenders look on. 1099
- 9: 1st natural gas well in US is discovered. 1815
- 10: 1st US frigate, the "United States," is launched in Philadelphia. 1797
- 10: US begins construction of Central Pacific Railroad. 1862
- 11: Former US Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton is mortally wounded at age 49 in a duel at Weehawken, NJ with Vice President Aaron Burr, now 48, who has heard of insults directed at him by Hamilton and demanded satisfaction. 1804
- 11: FDR became 1st president to travel through Panama Canal. 1934
- 15: 1st Crusaders capture, plunder Jerusalem. 1099
- 15: President Hoover cuts own salary 15%. 1932
- 18: Hitler publishes *Mein Kampf*. 1925
- 21: US Veterans Administration established. 1930
- 21: Neil Armstrong steps on the Moon at 2:56:15 AM (GMT). 1969
- 25: The breakout from the Normandy beaches begins on this day. 1944
- 29: 1st transcontinental airmail flight from NY to SF. 1920
- 29: After delivering the Atomic Bomb across the Pacific, the cruiser *USS Indianapolis* is torpedoed & sunk by a Japanese submarine. 1945

## Holy Comforter Comment

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Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster

Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education

Kristen Clanton, HCY Advisor



*<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11:28

### Communion Opportunities For July

July 6 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20 The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
(July 13 following the Service)



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

**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...



*"Because of all that the Son is, we have been given one blessing after another."*

(John 1:16 from Contemporary English Version)

Dear HolyC friends,

The verse above from John 1 expresses in a nutshell how I feel about you. Because of Jesus, blessings abound! In the year and a half that I have served alongside you as Interim Pastor, I have sensed one blessing after another. As the end of HolyC's interim "season" is drawing near, I count the blessings that God's Spirit has showered upon me. From day one, Liz and I felt a genuine hospitality and a kindred spirit among you. Ministering alongside the staff: Greg, Dianne, Beth & Kristen ... what a joy. Worshipping is a "Spirit of Joy" each week at Holy Comforter, a true blessing. Thanks Greg for your exciting worship/music partnership these 18 months!

Your very uplifting and positive vote on Sunday, June 22, to call Micah Kearney as your Sr. Pastor, was a wonderful, Spirit-led vote. Way to go, God! I've known Micah for many years; I was his interim pastor at St. John's, Salisbury for 2 years and I got to know him well at Lutheridge. What a Spiritually-gifted pastor he will be for HolyC.

I will be standing on tiptoes over the next months & years to come to get a glimpse, a peek at where God is leading your journey of faith next. And the journey will be an exciting one because the Lord Jesus leads the way!

God bless you all!

*Pastor John Propst*

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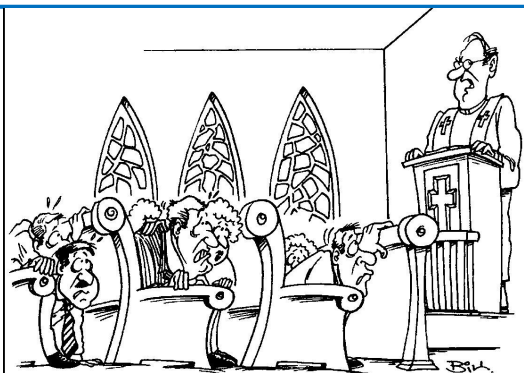
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**Vacation Bible School Blast Off:** launching kids on a mission of God's Love was postponed due to so many children being out of town. **Watch your bulletin and email for the new dates for VBS.**



"All right, perhaps I should rephrase that last question...Which of you 'Brave Committed Souls' would be willing to fill in today in our preschool?"



The call committee was honored and excited to unanimously present Micah Kearney to the church council as our next senior pastor, and what a pleasure it was! We feel that Micah and his loving family is everything Holy Comforter was looking for to move our blessed congregation further in our mission. Personally, this has been a journey of faith, and I have gotten to know our members better, and seen how a truly faithful congregation helps one another.

First I would like to **thank the members of the call committee, Sherry Alexander, Carmen De Nicholas, Katie Kessen, Tim Baker, Greg Byrum, Will Howard, and Lyn Miller** for all the hours, and effort they gave and their willingness to take on such a great responsibility. I would like to **thank Mark Yount** who started this process and **Tim Baker** who completed it as Council Chairs and **Warren Heller** who helped develop the compensation package. Also, many **thanks to Pastor John and Greg Cline** for not "missing a beat" that allowed us to take our time in discerning God's will and blessings. We are grateful for the Church Council that allowed us to do our job and understood the confidential nature of our work and assisted us in any way.

This experience only confirms my belief in God and the reason Leslie and I belong to this church. I am confident that Micah and Jenn will feel the same as they get to know everyone and sense the love, generosity, and openness that is The Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter.

*John Crist, Search Committee Chair*

**NOTE:** Sunday, June 22, Micah Kearney was voted on by the congregation to be the next pastor of Holy Comforter. **The Ordination/Installation is to be held July 27 at 4:00 pm.**



THE CONGREGATION OF  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF  
THE HOLY COMFORTER  
IS CORDIALLY INVITED  
TO THE ORDINATION AND  
INSTALLATION OF  
DOUGLAS MICAH KEARNEY  
SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2014  
4 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

BISHOP BOLICK OF THE  
ELCA NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD  
WILL PRESIDE



## Camp Agape

Rising 1st Graders—Rising 8th Graders!

**Camp Agape is July 14-18.**  
Please contact Misty if you have any questions about camp.

**Misty Koehler,**  
**Holy Comforter Camp Coordinator**

# MUSIC NEWS

**Greg Cline** will represent Holy Comforter again in July this year during **Music Week at Lutheridge**. Hundreds of campers and musicians from across the country gather at this largest attended week of the year. A public hymn festival and an entire week of music on the mountain inspire all in attendance to return to their charges with moving selections to share throughout the church year.

Looks like the church choirs will be getting a little less of a break this July. The upcoming **Ordination for Micah Kearney** will be led by members from our choirs. Please mark your calendar for this historic day of **July 27**. One rehearsal for this event will be Sunday, July 20 at 6:00 pm. **We need everyone who can possibly attend!**

**We are installing new risers in the choir loft.** We could use a few strong arms to lift them over the rail, should they not be able to be transported up the staircase. We will send a "plead-a-gram" for assistance soon. If you have a strong back and a few minutes of time, see Greg Cline.

*A personal note:* **Thank you, John Propst**, for coming our way these past months. The interim time, I believe, is just as "called-of-the-spirit" as the full-time pastoral position. We were blessed by your gifts and your assurance that all would be well, that things continue to happen in "God's time."

Upon reflection of our vote for our next pastor, I took bits of Holy Comforter Church history and confirmed some interesting findings on the NC Synod website.

- First full-time pastor was Mel Farris in 1931 (1st call from Southern Seminary)
- Robert F. Shelby, Jr., 1936 (1st call from Southern Seminary)
- Bernard Trexler, 1941 (1st call from Southern Seminary)
- Hugh Kepley, 1943 (Not a seminarian, but graduated from Southern Seminary)
- Leslie Conrad, Jr., 1949 (Not a seminarian, but graduated from Southern Seminary)
- Harry Robinson, Jr., 1951 (1st call from Southern Seminary)
- Robert F. Shelby, Jr., 1964 (*2nd term of service*)
- Mike Varn, 1979 (Not a seminarian, but graduated from Southern Seminary)
- Micah Kearney, 2014 (1st call from Southern Seminary)
- Interim, John Propst...Guess what Seminary? Correct!

Looks like over 50% of our pastors have graduated from Southern Seminary and were "First-called" to Holy Comforter.

Did I also happen to mention that 100% graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne? Do we see a trend developing?

**Greg Cline**



**HCY and Kids' Club** will meet at 3:45 pm on **Sunday, July 20th** to go to a **Knights Game for Faith & Family Fun Night!** (They should return by 8:30 pm)

**Tickets are \$14.00** and include a \$2.00 coupon towards food and drink. Parents and friends are invited.

Please email Kristen at [keclanton@gmail.com](mailto:keclanton@gmail.com) to reserve your ticket!



## CHURCH SCHEDULE:

**Saturday, July 5 Staying Connected**  
7:00 pm Meet in fellowship hall

**Sunday, July 6 4th Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**

**Tuesday, July 8 Bible Study/Luncheon**  
12 Noon Bring potluck or sandwich and your Bible

**Sunday, July 13 5th Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am The Service  
Church Council meets after  
6:00 pm **HCY** meets in fellowship hall

**Sunday, July 20 6th Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**  
3:00 pm **Wrap-Arounds**  
3:45 pm **HCY** and **Kids' Club** meet to go to **Knights Game for Faith & Family Fun Night!** Tickets \$14.00 each.

**Sunday, July 27 7th Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am The Service  
**With Ordination & Installation**  
NC Synod Bishop leading

**Regular meeting times:**

**Sundays:** 8:00 pm Nar-Anon

**Tuesdays:** 7:00 pm Nar-Anon

## TREASURER'S REPORT: (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	May	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$19,519.92	\$97,599.58
Actual Expenses:	16,866.20	85,292.60
Offerings Received:	14,197.29	85,904.48
Gain (Loss) for Period:	(\$ 2,668.26)	\$ 611.88

## ASSISTING MINISTERS:

**LECTORS:** Billy Joye, Jr., Beth Brittain

**ACOLYTES:** Becca Gatlin, Matthew Carr

**CRUCIFERS:** Cody Koehler, Gage Gatlin

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 2)

Louise Day, Co-Captain

Brenda Daly, Co-Captain

Donna Bean

Nancy Powell

Becky Richards

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** (Team A)

Cynthia Buchanan

Shelia Kelly

Jo Singleton

Jack Tench

**EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:**

July 6: Shelia & Tim Kelly

July 20: Shelia & Tim Kelly

**GREETERS:** Lyn Miller & Becky Richards

**USHERS:** Need Volunteers

**TELLERS:** Jerri & Mike Wesson

**FLOWERS:**

July 6: Dianne Lail

Jack, Laura, Elizabeth & Khloe Tench

July 13: **Both vases available** (call the office)

July 20: The Fox Family & Rita Stewart

**One vase available** (call the office)

July 27: Paul, Tracey & Aaron Nault

**One vase available** (call the office)

**NURSERY:** (9:30 am-11:45 am)

July 6: Nathan Kelly & Amanda Hutton



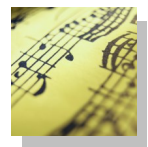


July 13: Sherry Alexander & Courtney Gatlin

July 20: **Need Volunteers**

July 27: Sherry Alexander & Courtney Gatlin

All information and articles for the August newsletter are due to Dianne by July 21, 2014.

# July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>HCY and Kids' Club</b> will meet at 3:45 pm <b>Sunday, July 20th</b> to go to a <b>Knights Game</b> for <i>Faith &amp; Family Fun</i> <i>Night!</i> Tickets \$14.00 		1	2	3	4 Independence Day 	5
6 <b>4th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Adult S School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion  8:00 pm Nar-Anon 	7	8  <b>Bible Study/Lunch</b> 12 Noon—1:00 pm Bring your Bible and potluck or a sandwich.	9	10	11	12 
13 <b>5th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Adult S School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service Council meets after  8:00 pm Nar-Anon	14 <b>Agape Day Camp</b> 	15	16	17	18	19
20 <b>6th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Adult S School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion 3:00 pm <i>Wrap-Arounds</i> 3:45 pm <b>HCY &amp; Kids' Club</b> 6:00 pm <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	21 <b>Neil Armstrong, Steps onto the Moon, 1969</b> 	22 <b>St. Mary Magdalene</b>	23	24	25 <b>St. James the Elder, Apostle</b>	26
27 <b>7th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Adult S School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service  4:00 pm <b>Ordination/ Installation</b> 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	28	29	30	31 <b>Grizzlies Baseball Game for Zac's Fund</b> Gates Open at 6:30 pm Gastonia, NC Sig-up sheet at church Tickets \$6.00 each See Tom Bocchino 		

We recognize and celebrate these Birthdays in the month of July. 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.

July 4	Ann Miller
	Jeff Thompson
July 8	Merritt De Nicholas
July 9	Chase Lineberger
July 10	Jeffrey Martin
	Hailey Ratchford
	Laura Tench
July 11	Sheri Whitley
July 13	Don Robinson
July 14	Beverley Mauney
July 15	Makayla Feliz
	Russell Fleming
July 16	Sierra Hullander
July 18	Nick Ashe
	Steve Bingham
	Holly Peche
July 19	Lynne Sudarich
July 20	Garrett Fox
	Brian Mitchell
July 21	John Crist
	Ashton Nault
	Caroline Nault
July 22	Melissa Bocchino
July 24	Cathleen Allen
July 26	Emilie Bruchon
	Bryant Deaton
July 29	Ardene Ewing
	Pauline Joye
July 30	Madison Morton

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