



Sunday School continues with the first two weeks of March, completing the study of the Good Samaritan. Beginning March 16 we will study our Palm Sunday to Easter lessons.

There will be no Sunday

School for children and youth on Easter Sunday, April 20.

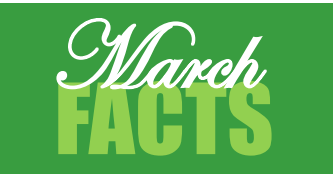
We continue classes for all age groups during the Sunday School hour—hope to see you there!!

SAVE THE DATES:

- ◆ **Saturday, April 19:** Children's *Easter Egg Hunt* and activities
- ◆ **June 27-28:** Vacation Church School for Pre-K through 5th grade
- ◆ **July 14-18:** *Camp Agape*

There is still time to register for **Create in Me** at Lutheridge, April 24-27. The **theme** for 2014 is **Questions of Cosmic Creation**. Dr. Brian Peterson, New Testament Professor at LTSS, will be our Bible Study Leader exploring **COSMIC QUESTIONS** with Psalm 8 as our central theme. How do ART and FAITH address the issues of beauty and destruction, order and chaos, time and space, purpose and futility... Come to be inspired, encouraged, and recreated! Participate in creative worship and enriching fellowship. Workshops and creation stations offer hands-on opportunities to try new arts and crafts in a safe place where you cannot fail. Process over product is stressed – we are all a beginner at something! Meet others striving to give God's creative Spirit larger space in their lives. Go to the Novus Way website for more details...look under *adult retreats*. I would love to have five people from Holy Comforter to attend with me! **Cost is variable depending on where you choose to stay.**

Beth Brittain, Christian Education



Birthstone: Aquamarine
Birth Flower: Daffodil

1: Congress authorized the creation of Yellowstone National Park. 1872

1: Federal income tax takes effect (16th amendment). 1913

1: Hitler orders the destruction of all Germany; it is unworthy of surviving him. 1945

3: Congress establishes US Mint. 1791

3: North Carolina becomes 1st state requiring registration of nurses. 1903

3: Wilhelm II of Germany becomes the first person to make a sound recording of a political document, using Thomas Edison's cylinder. 1904

6: First college orchestra in US founded, at Harvard. 1808

6: "Aspirin" patented by Felix Hoffmann. 1899

10: Abraham Lincoln applies for a patent; only US President to do so. 1849

12: Girl Scouts of America were founded. 1912

13: Uncle Sam cartoon figure made its debut in the *NY Lantern* weekly. 1852

13: US adopts Standard Time. 1884

14: Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin. 1793

15: *Freedom's Journal*, 1st Black newspaper, publishes. 1827

15: Cincinnati Red Stockings become the 1st pro baseball. 1869

15: 1st escalator patented by inventor Jesse W Reno (NYC). 1892

15: Chat rooms make their debut on the Internet. 1971

17: 1st St Patrick's Day parade in NYC. 1762

22: Gutenberg Bible became the first printed book. 1457

23: Wright brothers obtain airplane patent. 1903

23: First airplane lands at the US Capitol in Washington, DC. 1922

23: US Army sells last homing pigeons. 1957

30: First US steam fire engine tested, New York. 1841

Holy Comforter Comment

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



20 ...all are from the dust, and all turn to dust again.

Ecclesiastes 3:20

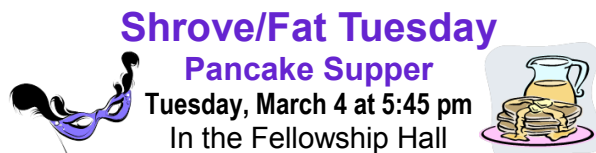
Communion Opportunities For March

March 2 The Transfiguration of Our Lord
March 5 Ash Wednesday
March 23 The Third Sunday in Lent



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



Shrove/Fat Tuesday

Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4 at 5:45 pm
In the Fellowship Hall



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



The *Call Committee* is continuing to interview candidates as names are released to us by Synod. This is an involved process, but progress is being made. We have settled into a good interview routine that explores the desires of the congregation through our *Ministry Site Profile* and the individual talents of each call committee member. We certainly appreciate all the prayers and encouragement we have received, and I would like to personally thank all those who have included us in their daily prayers. Please continue, as Pastor John preached, God has great plans for Holy Comforter.

By His grace only,
John Crist, Call Committee Chair

MENTOR A Child

Sarah Little is a counselor at Belmont Middle School and she is a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Mt. Holly. **Belmont Middle needs mentors!** Mentoring is such a rewarding experience. Their mentors typically meet with students for one hour, once a week during school hours. They do fun activities, talk, play games (even on iPads), or work on school work. One of her mentors does woodcraft and Legos with the three boys he mentors. PLEASE pray about this potentially life-changing experience/ministry.

PLEASE contact Sarah today! Her school phone number is 704-825-9610, extension 244. Her email: sblittle@gaston.k12.nc.us. *Contact Pastor John if you'd like more information.*



Contributions to Women's Auxiliary of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary will be accepted on Sundays, March 9 & 16.

*A life membership to honor or memorialize someone is no longer available. All contributions will be just contributions...*no lifetime memberships included.

On May 20, 1940, a large group of women, brought together by Mrs. E. C. Cooper, wife of the president of the Seminary at that time, met in the Seminary Reception Room and organized an auxiliary to be known as the Women's Auxiliary of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. **The auxiliary provides for non-budgeted needs through this membership.**

Please see Barbara Beale or Beverly Reynolds after church on March 9 or 16 to make your contributions. **Please make your check payable to Holy Comforter with a notation that it is for LTSS Auxiliary.**

Thank you, Beverly Reynolds & Barbara Beale

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.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH: (9:30-11:45 am)

March 2: Ginger & Chuck MacDonald
March 9: Sherry Alexander & Becca Gatlin
March 16: Pat Koehler & Catherine Carr
March 23: Courtney Gatlin & Becca Gatlin
March 30: Misty Koehler & Katie Kessen

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)

Ash Wednesday is March 5—that's the day we begin our pilgrimage to the cross.

As part of our midweek worship on **Tuesday evenings**, 5 people will share a brief (2-5 minutes) "testimony of grace." Our theme will be 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.

- March 5 Ash Wednesday** (Pastor John shares)
Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
- March 11 Beth Brittain**
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
- March 18 Jo Singleton**
Give us this day our daily bread;
- March 25 Mandi Kline**
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those
Who trespass against us;
- 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





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,

MUSIC NEWS

Ash Wednesday will involve musical leadership from the church and chamber choirs, as well as the Holy Comforter children's ensemble. We will gather in the sanctuary 10 minutes prior to the **7:00 pm service on March 5th**. The church choir will be seated in the nave, behind the assembly. The children will be seated together in front of the choir. Any mommies or daddies willing to assist (as monitors), please speak to Greg Cline.

This service of reflection will use selected portions from "Mass for the Life of the World." Arranged by David Hass, the opening Kyrie is sung by the Cantor using the original Hawaiian text. While the rest of the service may be sung in Spanish, the choirs will lead everyone in English...(you're welcome!) While the Ash Wednesday service includes much more liturgy and Holy Communion, **we will use the "Mass" for our liturgy on Tuesdays during the season of Lent.**

We bid farewell to Gayla and Dallas Foscue who have now moved to Memphis, Tennessee. Gayla has been a faithful member of the music ministry since 1996, having served multiple roles in the church, chamber, and handbell choirs. Gayla was recently presented with an engraved crystal plate with our expressions of love and appreciation.

Members of all the adult musical ensembles wish to extend **words of thanks to members of the ladies circles**. The choirs were recently treated to a wonderful appreciation dinner. Afterward the choir sang for their supper. **Thanks, folks. We did very much feel appreciated...and full!**

Greg Cline, Music Director

We still need 1 male delegate for the NC Synod.
Call 704-825-2483 to volunteer.

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Saturday, March 1
7:00 pm ***Staying Connected***
Meet in fellowship hall

Sunday, March 2 Transfiguration of Our Lord
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

Monday, March 3 *Morning Circle*
11:00 am Meet at home of Doris Meekins. Sonja Kreitzer has program. Bring sandwich.

Tuesday, March 4 Shrove/Fat Tuesday
5:45 pm Pancake Dinner in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday
7:00 pm Service w/Holy Communion & Disposition of Ashes

Sunday, March 9 1st Sunday in Lent
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service
6:00 pm **HCY** meets in fellowship hall

Sunday, March 16 2nd Sunday in Lent
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service
Church Council meets after

Saturday, March 22 Kids' Club
11:00 am Meet at Kate's Skating Rink
Lowell, NC

Sunday, March 23 3rd Sunday in Lent
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, March 30 4th Sunday in Lent
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 Church Choir, Nar-Anon

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	January
Budget Expenses:	\$19,519.92
Actual Expenses:	16,303.14
Offerings Received:	15,622.50
(Loss) for Period:	(\$ 680.64)

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Jr., Steve Bingham

ACOLYTES: Claire Mitchell, Nathan Baakko

CRUCIFERS: Cody Koehler, Gage Gatlin

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 3)
Fran Holland, Co-Captain
Melinda Lingerfelt, Co-Captain
Courtney Gatlin, Stephanie Hinson, Tracey Nault

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team C)
Sherry Alexander Greg Garrison
Courtney Gatlin Volunteer Needed

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:
March 2: Shelia & Tim Kelly
March 5: Sue Lahr & Nancy Powell
March 23: Tracey & Caroline Nault

GREETERS:
March 2: The Tuckers
March 5: Need Volunteer (Ash Wednesday)
March 9: Pat Koehler
March 16: Need Volunteers
March 23: Marsha Kinley
March 30: Katie Kessen








USHERS: March 2 & 5: Nancy Powell + Volunteers
March 9-30: Need Volunteers

TELLERS: Janet & Brian Achor

FLOWERS:
March 2: Bob & Denise Wiegand
Jack, Laura, Elizabeth, & Sarah Tench
March 9: Dianne Lail
Tim & Angela Baakko
March 16: Cher Grant & Linda Grimsley
March 23: Beth & Reid Passer
March 30: Mark & Rebecca Yount, Luke & Alec
One vase available

All information for the April newsletter is due in the church office by March 17th.

March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/HC 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 5:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	3 11:00 am Morning Circle Meeting at home of Doris Meekins. Sonja Kreitzer has program. Bring a sandwich.	4 5:45 pm Shrove/Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper In Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	5 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm Service with Holy Communion Imposition of Ashes	6	7	8
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We recognize and celebrate these Birthdays
in the month of March.
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.

March 2 Khloe June Tench
March 4 Dean Halvorson
March 5 Robin Ratchford
March 6 Ann Ashe
Debbie Baker
Jo Singleton
March 8 Graham Baakko
Crystal Neagle Hughes
March 10 Virginia Crump
Dee Smith
March 11 Thomas Kasmer
March 12 Arden De Nicholas
Gayla Foscue
March 13 Raini Kimball
March 14 Tyler Ange
Tracey Nault
Nancy Powell
March 15 Danielle Ballard
March 18 Melinda Lingerfelt
March 22 Louise Day
March 24 Timothy Baakko
March 25 Tate Jackson Brooks
Pat Koehler
March 26 Hailey Ange
Cheryl Grant
March 28 Doris Meekins
March 31 Pat Long

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