



Sunday school continues for the children with the beginning of a new rotation: "The Battle of Jericho" on October 12. This study will continue through November 16.

**Children's Church continues to need additional workers.** Please contact Beth Brittain to let her know of your willingness to help.

**Kids' Club** meets Saturday, October 18 at 3:00 pm for their annual **Trunk or Treat!**

**Staying Connected** will not meet this month due to the *Congregational Picnic* scheduled for the first Saturday in October.



Anyone interested in a **Family Advent Festival?** Families would come together on a Saturday in November to make home Advent wreaths, advent calendars and gifts for our home-

bound members. If interested, let Beth know by October 19 so we will have time to select a date and plan the activities.

It seems impossible, but we are already working on plans for the Advent season. For the past several years Ashley Ange and Misty Koehler have led the children's Christmas play. They remain willing, but I know they would like a break...Parents begin to prayerfully consider your role in leadership for this special worship experience. **The children's play will take place during worship on December 21.**

**Beth Brittain**

## MUSIC NEWS

Our choirs are practicing music diligently for all the services of worship between now and Christmas. Some folks are involved in as many as three ensembles.

The typical worship service hopefully appears rather seamless in application, but a number of anthems offered by our choirs require many rehearsal hours to perfect. **Thanks to all who give so willingly of time and talent.** It is an honor to serve along side all of these fellow ministers of music.

**The Children's Ensemble resumed in September. In December the kids, along with our church choirs, will be singing with ensembles from Queen of the Apostles.** Details will appear in later newsletters. For now, it is important to let all the parents know that the children have been given the musical text, which we ask your assistance in enabling them to memorize.



We will continue working on these and other songs each Sunday at 4:00 pm. **The date of the program is Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Greg Cline**

**Our playground is in the ground and work is underway for improvements** to the sidewalk and parking lot as we planned. The lighting and ceiling improvements for the sanctuary should begin in the near future as well.

**We are excited about these projects, but also ask for patience in the process!**



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<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—

*Ephesians 2:8*

### Communion Opportunities for October

October 5 World Communion Sunday

October 26 Reformation Sunday

(October 12 & 19 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



Grace and Peace,

In mid-September I attended the NC Synod Rostered Leaders Convocation at Lutheridge. While there, the keynote speaker had a bit of an aside comment that stuck with me. He spoke about Jesus' parable about the Prodigal Son, a parable I have heard countless times and yet continue to hear something new from it. His comment was about two words the younger (Prodigal) son uses in the story.

As the son speaks to his father about his inheritance, he uses a word which translates basically to mean "give." "Give me my inheritance." We know that the son squanders all he is given. When he humbly returns to his father he doesn't ask for his father to "give" him anything. He asks his father to "make" him a servant, no longer asking for "things" given, but asking to be changed.

This difference, I think, informs us on how it is we approach God in prayer. When we come to God are we like the son at the beginning of the story, asking God to give us things? Or rather are we like the son at the end of the story, humbled by failure and the realization that "things" do not save us, and instead asking God to make us into God's servants in the kingdom?

This difference also illuminates a distinction people make in why we come to church, and whether we do so putting ourselves first, or God first. Putting ourselves first leads us to ask questions such as, "Do I have fun," "Do I like the music being played," "Does it rejuvenate me for my daily life?" Those things aren't bad if they happen, but if they are the goal then we are focused on ourselves.

Rather we should ask questions such as, "Do I experience Christ's presence in this place," "Is God molding me and making me into a more faithful follower through this community," and "Is worship here Christ-centered, and is the Gospel proclaimed?" These questions recognize that God and God's desire for the Body of Christ, the Church on Earth, is what is most important, and we desire God to make us and mold us into people who work for God's purpose and not our own.

We are all somewhere on the path from self-centered lives to Christ-centered lives, being shaped in faith so that we ask God to "make us" instead of "give us." No one is the "perfect" Christian, getting it right all of the time. So it is that we come together in worship, confess our sinfulness, and continually ask God to "make" us new, and live into our baptismal identities as Children of God, and workers in God's kingdom.

*Yours in Christ, Pastor Micah*

**Romans 12:2** ***"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."***



**NOTE: Morning Circle Meets Wednesday, October 1 1:30 pm at Holy Comforter to discuss plans for the coming year.**



**FOOD, Fellowship & FUN!**

**Saturday, October 4**

**Starting at 3:00 pm**

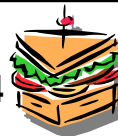
Please bring side dishes.

*All Ages Welcome!*

Contact Tom Bocchino at  
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704-461-8208



Study/Lunch  
**Tuesday, October 14**  
**12 Noon—1:00 pm**



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

**Elliott Williams**, Development Officer for Lutheran Services Carolinas, will be our speaker and will bring the Director of *Faith Farm* with him to this meeting.

This should be an informative meeting!  
Invite a guest.

## Heather Mauney Yount Memorial Playground Project



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

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

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

October 5: Trudy Whitener + Helper  
October 12: Shelia Kelly + Helper  
October 19: Tracey Nault + Helper  
October 26: Judy & Molly Caldwell



**3:00 pm Saturday, October 18**  
**Meet in Holy C's Parking Lot**  
**For**

**Trunk-or-Treat**  
**Wear Costumes!**







**Martin Luther** was born (November 10, 1483) into Roman Catholicism in the small town of Eisleben, near modern Berlin in Germany. His father Hans, a miner, worked hard to ensure a proper education for his son, and by age 21 Martin Luther held a Master of Arts degree from the University of Erfurt. Following Hans' dream for his son to become a lawyer, in 1505 Martin began to study law. But later that year, while traveling through a terrible thunderstorm, Martin had an experience that would change the course of his future. Fearing for his life when a lightening strike narrowly missed him, Martin cried out a vow to God. If he survived he promised to live as a monk. And so he did! To the strong disappointment of his parents, Luther entered the Augustinian Order at Erfurt in less than a month's time, becoming an Augustinian friar.

Even after his ordination in 1507 he was haunted with insecurity over his eternal fate, and disillusioned by the immorality and corruption he witnessed among the Catholic priests he had visited in Rome. In an effort to shift his focus from the spiritual state of his troubled soul, in 1511 Luther moved to Wittenburg to earn his Doctorate of Theology.

As Martin Luther immersed himself deeply in the study of Scripture, especially the letters written by the Apostle Paul, God's truth broke through and Luther came to the overwhelming knowledge that he was "saved by grace through faith " alone (Ephesians 2:8). Salvation, Luther now felt with all assurance, was God's free gift. It didn't take long for his radical ideas to get noticed. For not only did these revelations of God's truth change Luther's life, they would forever change the direction of church history. In 1514 Luther began to serve as a priest for Wittenburg's Castle Church, and people flocked to hear God's Word preached like never before.

During this time Luther learned of the Catholic Church's unbiblical practice of selling indulgences. The Pope, according to his discretion from the "treasury of merits from the saints," sold religious merits in exchange for building funds. Those who purchased these indulgence documents were promised a reduced punishment for their sins, for the sins of departed loved ones, and in some cases, total forgiveness from all sin. **Luther publicly objected to this dishonest practice and abuse of church power.** On **October 31, 1517** Luther nailed his famous **95 - Theses** to the University's bulletin board—the Castle Church door, formally challenging church leaders on the practice of selling indulgences and outlining the biblical doctrine of justification by grace alone. This act of nailing his Theses to the church door has become a defining moment in Christian history, symbolic of the **birth of the Protestant Reformation.**

In January of 1521, Luther was officially excommunicated by the Pope. Two months later, he was ordered to appear before Emperor Charles V in Worms, Germany for a general assembly of the Holy Roman Empire, a convention known as the "Diet of Worms" (pronounced "dee-it of Vorms"). On trial before the highest Roman officials of the Church and State, again Martin Luther was asked to renounce his views. And just as before, with no one able to refute the truth of God's Word, Luther stood his ground. As a result, Martin Luther was issued the Edict of Worms, banning his writings and declaring him a "convicted heretic." Luther escaped in a planned "kidnapping" to Wartburg Castle where he was kept protected by friends for almost a year. During his seclusion, **Luther translated the New Testament into the German language, giving ordinary lay people the opportunity to read God's Word for themselves and distribute Bibles among the German people for the first time ever.**

Taken from About.com religion; article by Mary Fairchild

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

- Wednesday, October 1 Morning Circle**  
1:30 pm Meet at church to plan for the year
- Saturday, October 4 Church Picnic**  
3:00 pm Bring side dishes
- Sunday, October 5 World Communion Sunday**  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**  
5:00 pm HCY at Holy Comforter
- Sunday, October 12 18th Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am The Service  
Church Council meets after
- Tuesday, October 14 Lunch Bunch**  
12 Noon Bring potluck & Bible.  
Elliott Williams, guest speaker
- Saturday, October 18 Kids' Club Trunk or Treat**  
3:00 pm Meet in parking lot for *Trunk or Treat*
- Sunday, Oct. 19 19th Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am The Service
- Saturday, October 25 Confirmation Class**  
8:30 am Leave Holy Comforter to carpool to Philadelphia Lutheran in Dallas
- Sunday, October 26 Reformation Sunday**  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**

- Regular meeting times:**
- Sundays:** 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble  
5:00 pm Handbells  
6:00 pm Church Choir  
8:00 pm Nar-Anon

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	August	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$19,519.92	\$156,159.33
Actual Expenses:	24,193.78	143,959.37
Offerings Received:	19,916.48	140,668.78
Gain (Loss) for Period:	(\$ 4,277.30)	(\$ 3,290.59)

All information for the November newsletter is due to Dianne by October 20.

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

- LECTORS:** Billy Joye, Jr., Chief Lector  
Beth Brittain
- ACOLYTES:** Becca Gatlin, Matthew Carr
- CRUCIFERS:** Cooper Burwell, Madison Carr
- ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 1)  
Bev Mauney, Co-Captain  
Brad Milton, Co-Captain  
Carmen DeNicholas Charles Mauney  
Brandy Milton
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** (Team A)  
Cynthia Buchanan Shelia Kelly  
Jo Singleton Jack Tench
- EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:**  
October 5: Shelia & Tim Kelly  
October 26: Tracey & Caroline Nault

- GREETERS:**  
October 5 & 12: Barb Kasmer  
October 19: Shirley Causby  
October 26: Deb Baker

**TELLERS:** Rochelle & Danny Potter

**USHERS:** Nathan Kelly + Volunteer/s

- FLOWERS:**  
October 5: Donna & Horace Bean (Both vases)  
October 12: Shelia & Tim Kelly (Both vases)  
October 19: **Both vases available**  
October 26: The Kline Family  
Rick & Debbie Neagle

- NURSERY:** (9:30 am-11:45 am)  
Oct. 5: Makayla Brooks  
Oct. 12: Jill Leitner  
Oct. 19: **Need Volunteer**  
Oct. 26: Melissa Bocchino & Makayla Brooks



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  1:30 pm <b>Morning Circle</b> Meets this <i>afternoon</i> To plan for the year.	2	3	4  3:00 pm <b>Church Picnic</b> Bring side dishes.
5 <b>World Communion Sunday</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/H/C 4:00 pm Children's Ensem. 5:00 pm <b>HCY</b> Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	6	7  7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	8	9	10	11
12 <b>18th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service Church Council 4:00 pm Children's Ensem. 5:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	13 <b>Columbus Day</b> 	14  12 Noon <b>Agape Lunch Bunch</b> Bible Study/Lunch Elliott Williams, Speaker With Director of Faith Farms 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	15	16	17	18 <b>St. Luke, Evangelist</b>  Kindergarten - Grade 5 3:00 pm <b>Kids' Club</b> <b>Trunk-or-Treat</b> HolyC parking lot
19 <b>19th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service 4:00 pm Children's Ensem. 5:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	20	21  7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	22	23 <b>St. James of Jerusalem, Martyr</b>	24	25  8:30 am <b>Confirmands</b> Meet to carpool to Philadelphia Lutheran in Dallas.
26 <b>Reformation Sunday</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/H/C 4:00 pm Children's Ensem. 5:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	27	28 <b>St. Simon &amp; St. Jude, Apostles</b>  7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	29	30  <b>Happy Halloween!</b>	31	

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



October 1	Ellen Fleming Andres Mendez
October 4	Mark Reese
October 5	Larry Siglar
October 7	Catherine Carr
October 8	Brenda Daly
October 10	Tim Kelly
October 11	Evan Howard Pat Roberson Mike Varn
October 12	Dee Tucker Jean Ferguson
October 14	Linda Grimsley Jeff Howard
October 18	David Koehler
October 22	Whit Braddy Carmen Buell
October 23	Eva Kline Carson Potter Noah Rogers
October 24	Renee Carpenter
October 25	Virginia Neagle Andrew Whitley
October 27	Kay Holden
October 28	Mitch Brooks Pastor John Propst Sarah Reese Rodger Walker
October 30	Shawn De Nicholas Bill Joye Micah Kearney
October 31	Cody Koehler Gary Rogers

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