



Worship At Lutheridge!

**Mark your Calendars!
On September 27 we
will worship as a con-
gregation in the
Lutheridge Chapel,
with a picnic to follow!**

Beth Brittain to Resign

In July, Beth Brittain handed in her resignation as the director of Christian Education/Children's Sunday School at Holy Comforter, effective August 30th. Due to other responsibilities as a full-time Hospice Chaplain, among others, she felt she was not able to continue in her role here.

Beth is staying on until the end of August so as to make sure that the coming year of Sunday School is set up well, and feels confident the Christian Education Committee will be able to follow through effectively.

With Beth's resignation, the committee, council, and myself, are using this time to observe and reevaluate what that position will look like moving forward.

We appreciate all of the faithful work that Beth has put in over the years in support of Children's ministries at Holy Comforter, and look forward to her continued involvement in the community of Holy Comforter as a member here.

A continued thank you to **Pat Long, Debbie Mendez, and Jo Singleton** as they help with work in the office as Dianne continues to recover from her surgery.



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*"I am the bread of
life. Whoever comes
to me will never be
hungry, and whoever
believes in me will
never be thirsty."
-John 6:35*

Communion Opportunities for August

Aug. 9 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Aug. 23 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(Aug. 2, 16, and 30th after the service)



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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,

July 27th marked the anniversary of my ordination into ordained ministry, accepting a call as the pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter. It's been a crazy year, to say the least. First of all, my family went from 3 to 4 in that time with Nathaniel's birth, and he has kept us feeling some level of crazy ever sense with his energy and curiosity, especially now that he is mobile!

A year in ministry and Holy Comforter has been a whirlwind of a year as well. It's hard to believe we're now past that marker, as the time as flown by.

It has been a year of education through experience for me. Growing up the child of two pastors, I felt like I was as aware and prepared as most could be about what full-time ordained ministry entailed. While that have been somewhat true, there is much that I've learned through this year.

I'm not good at everything. Now, I'm not so arrogant to have ever actually thought I was good at everything, but in terms of expectations of myself starting out, I was unrealistic. I'm not good at everything. I'm not even passable at everything. It's been a year that has frustrated me with this reality, and then slowly made me realize that it's ok that I'm not good at everything. For one, it's only been a year. And another, God gifts us differently and then calls us into ministry together with one another who are all gifted differently and wonderfully. I have become more and more thankful for the gifts of this congregation and the ways in which people use their gifts for the glory of God, both through Holy Comforter and in their daily lives.

While I knew the kinds of joys and sorrows that pastors walk through with members of the congregation, I'm not sure I was prepared, or could have been, for the emotional ride that accompanied those times. Through this year, and through being invited into intimate and intense times in your lives, I have come to care deeply for you all, and so when I am invited into those times, I feel for you and with you. There are days when I have been so emotionally drained that I wonder whether I can continue this work for my lifetime, while simultaneously thinking that this work is so meaningful there is no way I could do anything else, and I feel my call to ministry affirmed.

A number of folks have begun meeting as committee to discuss the centennial celebration of the church, and it has helped me see that all that has gone on this year in ministry in this church, both that I have been a part of and that I have not, isn't even a drop in the bucket of what this congregation has been a part of through the years. These meetings have helped me to appreciate the scope of Christ's work through Holy Comforter and its members a bit more. It has also made me excited that even after a year here, I feel like we're just getting started together, and I am excited about all the ministry that we will be a part of together, in Christ's name.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Micah

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Sunday, Aug 2 10th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service
Thursday, Aug 6
8:30 pm Movie on the Lawn!
Sunday, Aug 9 11th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion
4-7 pm HCY Pool Party
Tuesday, Aug 11
12 Noon **Agape Lunch Bunch**
Bring Bible & Potluck or Sandwich
Sunday, Aug 16 12th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service
Thursday, Aug 20
8:30 pm Movie on the Lawn!
Sunday, Aug 23 13th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion
Sunday, Aug 30 14th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

REGULAR MEETING TIMES:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	June 2015	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$19,925.83	\$119,555.00
Actual Expenses:	17,514.04	117,201.72
Offerings Received:	19,403.00	124,497.55

HCY Pool Party on Aug 9, from 4-7 at Scott and Maria Carr's house. RSVP to Maria Carr at ree.carr@hotmail.com.

Kids' Club will meet August 15 at 10:00 am at Misty's house for a Pool Party! Please email Misty at mistykoehler@gmail.com if your child will be attending.

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Chief Lector
Brian Achor+ volunteers for 16th and 30th

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: Need Volunteers

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 4)
Diann Halvorson, Co-Captain
Dean Halvorson, Co-Captain
Carmen Buell Barbara Kasmer

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team A)
Fran Holland Charles Mauney
Need Volunteer (x2)

EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:
Aug 9
Aug 23: Paul and Ann Outlaw

GREETERS:
Aug 2: Denise Wiegand
Aug 9: Denise Wiegand
Aug 16: Denise Wiegand
Aug 23: Denise Wiegand
Aug 30: Pat Koehler

TELLERS: Courtney Gatlin and Bill Hollar

USHERS: Need Volunteers

FLOWERS:
Aug 2: Paul, Tracey, and Aaron Nault
Aug 9: Rebecca Yount, Luke and Alec Via
Aug 16: The Bocchino Family/
Horace and Donna Bean
Aug 23: Beth Brittain/ Jo and Harold Singleton
Aug 30: Phil and Carol Posey

NURSERY: (10:15 am-11:45 am)
Aug 2 - Need Volunteer (10:30-11:30 only)
Aug 9 - Need Volunteer (10:30-11:30 only)
Aug 16 - Trudy Whitener
Aug 23 - Lorry Caldwell
Aug 30 - Maria Carr

MUSIC News

We have had a wonderful, but hot and dry summer. We installed additional air conditioning over the choir balcony during some of the 100 degree days, which has certainly been an answer to prayer. Once August arrives the traditional summer planning begins to be put into practice. Choir members begin receiving notes from directors pleading for their return from world travels. We look forward to getting back into the fall pace of ministry. There is much of God's work yet to be accomplished!

To all tenors and basses of the Holy Comforter Church Choir:

We have several chorales which are pitched for men's chorus. All of our choir men are invited to meet on Sunday, August 2 & 9 at 7:00 in the choir room for a special "men only" session. This would be an abbreviated session to work on specific selections (chorales) and to determine what type of balance we might have. This is a special opportunity to gather before all of the choir returns, and consider a few anthems for TTBB to be offered. Dates of anthem offerings (TBD.) So for those still traveling in August, let me know. I can schedule a meeting time with individuals. Perhaps we could also meet occasionally for a few moments immediately following worship to sing in the Sanctuary and get a feel of the vocal balance.

A special session will be held (Worship and Music Ministry) Sunday, August 16 at 6:30. Revisiting

and updating wedding guidelines, and other items pertinent to the church, as time permits.

In keeping with tradition we will officially begin hand-bell and all adult choir activity on Rally Day, August 23. Mark your calendar!

Children's Ensemble will begin in September, after Labor Day.

Two special events occurring in September:

-Saturday, **September 12 at 4:00. Installation Rite for Tim Smith** (Bishop Elect for the N.C Synod.) Many will want to attend this historic event which will be held at Christ Lutheran, Charlotte. Carpooling would require us to leave early (departure TBA) in order to arrive in time to get a seat. Afterward you don't want to miss a tour of the largest Lutheran Church in North Carolina. To see their welcome/gathering hall is worth the drive.

-Sunday, **September 27** we will gather in the chapel at **Lutheridge** for a day of fellowship in the mountains. After the service of worship we will picnic at Lakeside Lodge. Check calendars for this date. Will get a head count next month to determine anthem possibilities.

Bless One And All!

Greg

Noisy Offering!

Sunday, August 30 is a fifth Sunday, so our children will do their noisy offering, where they collect change offering from the congregation. The offering supports the ELCA's Malaria Campaign. To learn more about the campaign, go to: <http://www.elca.org/malaria>

Pastor Micah will be on vacation with his family August 3-8. Pastor Cuttino Alexander at Good Shepherd in Mt. Holly will be on call in case of an emergency. The number at Good Shepherd is (704) 827-4751.

Habitat for Humanity!



Lutheran churches in Gaston County are working together to do a Habitat build. Our day will be **September 12**. We will need help in construction, as well as folks willing to support with food.

Bishop Installation

At Synod Assembly, Rev. Timothy Smith was elected as our next bishop of the NC synod of the ELCA. His installation will take place **September 12 at 4 pm**, at Christ Lutheran Church in Charlotte, NC. All are invited to attend.

Women's Bible Study

Women in the congregation are organizing a Women's Bible Study. If interested, contact Jenn Kearney at jenniferhasskearney@gmail.com


Thurs, August 13
and Friday, Aug 28

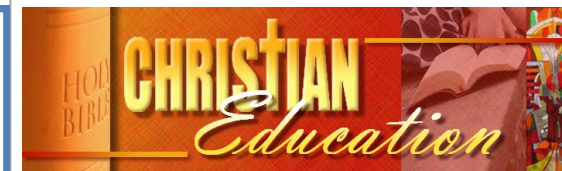
OUTDOOR MOVIE

Approximately 8:30 pm

Movies On The Lawn

Popcorn Provided





Rally Day 2015!

- ◆ Christian Education would like to invite everyone to attend Rally Day, August 23 at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Come hear about the classes we will offer this year, meet your teachers, and enjoy some delicious breakfast and fellowship. If you would like to contribute a dish to the breakfast meal, please email Jill Cassel at jill_state@yahoo.com to let her know what you plan to bring so we can make sure we have everything covered for a good meal for all.
- ◆ Sunday School for all ages 3 and up begins August 30. If you are unsure which class to attend, come explore our offerings on Rally Day or ask Pastor Micah or a Christian Education team member for assistance.
- ◆ Christian Education Committee has a tentative meeting scheduled August 19 at 7:00 PM. We will touch base via email prior to this date to see if this meeting is needed. Committee members should watch your email for additional information.
- ◆ We are excited to announce an Adult Sunday School class on the Theology of Financial Stewardship beginning August 30 in the Seekers classroom upstairs. Pastor Micah will be leading in 6 week series as a good foundation for a congregational stewardship program in the fall. All adults are welcome to join us for this class.

Yours in Christ,
Your friendly Christian Education Committee

August 15

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Adult Sun School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service 4—7 pm HCY Pool Party 7:00 Choir Men 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	3 6- Stewardship Comm. Meets	4 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	5	6	7	8
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23 RALLY DAY!! 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Adult Sun School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service 5:00 Handbells 6:00 Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	24	25 7:00 Chamber Choir 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	26	27 8:30 Movie on the Lawn!	28	29
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We recognize and celebrate these birthdays in the month of June. 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.

August 2 **Alyssa Buchanan**
August 4 **Kathy Graves**
Mark Yount
August 6 **Eric Carpenter**
Justin Koehler
Stanley Lahr
Blythe Thompson
August 11 **Cynthia Buchanan**
Jill Leitner
Ginger MacDonald
August 15 **Benda Dabrowski**
August 17 **Wesley Ashe**
Theodore Bruchon
Mark Dabrowski
Carol Posey
August 18 **Katie Baker**
Henry Bocchino
Alex Bocchino
Daphne Hansen
August 21 **Lynn Martin**
Andrew Robinson
August 22 **Becke Featherstone**
Allison Wallace
August 25 **Gage Gatlin**
August 27 **Dillon Kasmer**
August 29 **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 or email the church