



Children's Sunday School will take a Summer break beginning May 31. Full age Sunday school will resume with Rally Day on August 23 followed by age graded classes beginning August 30.

A debt of gratitude is owed to all those who have taught this last year in our Sunday School...you are helping us honor and live our Baptismal vows to provide training in the faith. I appreciate the tireless hours you spend preparing your lessons and actually interacting with the students. Thank you for following our call to faithfulness.

Children's' Church will continue through the summer with the leaders as follows:

Children's Church leaders for June:

June 7: Trudy Whitener + Helper
June 14: Shelia Kelly + Helper
June 21: Tracey Nault + Helper
June 28th: Judy & Mollie Caldwell

Children's Church leaders for July:

July 5: Brandy Milton + Helper
July 12: Tom & Melissa Bocchino
July 19: Carmen De Nicholas & Natalie Hullander
July 26: Maria & Madison Carr

HCY meets on Sunday, **June 14.**

Kids' Club meets **Saturday, June 20** to attend a *Gastonia Grizzlies* game. Game starts at 7:15 pm, gates open at 6:15 pm. **Contact Misty Koehler at mistykoehler@gmail.com if you are interested in going.**

Prayerfully consider your role in the leadership of Sunday School for the 2015-2016 year. We are continuing the workshop rotation model, however we are going to have two children's classes instead of one so each teacher will instruct two times per rotation.

The division will allow for fewer children in each class and a smaller age range to instruct. We need leaders in the following areas: Art, Drama, Cooking, Computer, Games, and Video. We are also asking for people to serve as assistants in each class (so we will need 2 per week). We will call them *shepherds* and they will truly assist. This is a great role for someone who is considering teaching in the future.

We will also need teachers for the Pre-K group. They typically lead for an entire rotation...about 4-6 weeks and have a very fun and active group.

We will have a teachers' training in early August to provide the information needed for class leadership.

Please prayerfully consider your role in the leadership of our Sunday Church School and **contact Mandy Kline or Beth Brittain.**

Beth Brittain, Christian Education

Dianne will be out of the office from June-August (maybe longer) for back surgery. *You can check your online Holy Comforter calendar for committee meeting dates and times, and church activities.*

We have four wonderful ladies who have volunteered to help in the office while she is healing. **Please give Pat Long, Debbie Mendez, Jo Singleton and Dee Tucker your prayers and support.** And, remember, the office is closed on Fridays.



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³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God... ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

Mark 4:30a, 31-32

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager
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Communion Opportunities for June

June 14 The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 28 The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
(June 7 & 21 after the service)



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,

Recently in announcements before worship I've challenged everyone in the congregation to invite one person to the church picnic on Saturday, June 6. Late last year I participated in a conference where one of the keynote speakers, David Lose, President of Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, lifted up a few key ideas about the state of evangelism in the Lutheran church. In general we view it as being really welcoming and when they come to us they'll want to stay. There is some truth that remains in this idea, but in large part that is a leftover idea from years ago when going to church was the assumption, and so when people moved to a new town they actively looked for a church. That isn't the case anymore, and evangelism takes much more of an active effort on our part to go out and invite others to come experience the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

One idea David Lose lifted up was that if everyone in the church invited someone to church once a month, and 1 out of 12 people came, we'd double the size of the church in a year. Not that the point is the size of the congregation, but it is a visual to the work and ministry of the congregation. The reality is that we don't do this well at all. David Lose's criticism of the Church is that in large part we don't equip people for this work, we just expect people to do it and get disappointed when they don't. We need practice.

So that is what I'm asking for in this challenge for everyone to invite someone to the cookout. This isn't a church service and we're not expecting conversion. It is chance to practice invitation, it's even ok if they say no, and as an added bonus if they come then they can enjoy a wonderful community, good food, and fun times.

To aid you in your challenge, here are a few helpful tips for evangelism:

- Evangelism works best in relationship. An invitation for someone to join you at church that comes without some sense of relationship can seem driven by self-interest and arrogance. This isn't always the case, and if you feel moved by the Spirit to offer invitation to someone you've just met, don't ignore that. But in general, it is in relationships where a level of trust and care for one another has been established that invitations work best. An invitation within a friendship is more easily seen as sincere and caring for the other, wanting them to be a part of a life-giving community of Christ, and not a desire for your church numbers to look better.
- Think about what your faith in Christ means to you ahead of time. Why do you attend church? What difference does believing in Christ and being a part of Holy Comforter make in your life? This should be something you can give witness to when you invite someone to church, because they might just ask that terrifying three-letter question, "why?"



- Be sincere. Don't try to give witness to someone else's faith experience, but your own. Don't try to use "churchy" words that you think make you sound "more faithful." Be you. You're the person that cares enough for this person to invite them, and you're the person the Holy Spirit has chosen to work through. You don't need to try to be anyone you're not in order to do evangelism. Just be you.

***Yours in Christ,
Pastor Micah***

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Saturday, June 6 Church Picnic
3:00 pm Church Picnic-all food provided
Meet in the church parking lot

Sunday, June 7 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service

Tuesday, June 9
12 Noon **Agape Lunch Bunch**
Bring Bible & Potluck or Sandwich

Sunday, June 14 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service **w/Holy Communion**
Council meets after
Confirmands leave for Lutheridge
5:00 pm **HCY**

Saturday, June 20 Kids' Club
6:15 pm Gates open for *Gastonia Grizzlies* game
Contact Misty if you are interested

Sunday, June 21 4th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service

Sunday, June 28 5th 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)

<u>Report for Month</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Budget Expenses:	\$19,925.83	\$79,703.33
Actual Expenses:	21,487.53	81,343.81
Offerings Received:	<u>20,936.65</u>	<u>83,706.86</u>
Gain for Period:	(\$ 550.88)	\$ 2,363.05

STAYING CONNECTED will not meet in June. However, the group will meet Saturday, July 11 at 7:00 pm and August 1 at 7:00 pm at the church. Details to follow.

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Chief Lector
Charles Mauney

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: Need Volunteers

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1)
Bev Mauney, Co-Captain
Charles Mauney, Co-Captain
Carmen De Nicholas Deb Williams

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team C)
Sherry Alexander
Courtney Gatlin + 2 Volunteers

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:
June 14: Shelia & Tim Kelly
June 28: Need Volunteers

GREETERS:
June 7: Sherry Alexander
June 14: Need Volunteer
June 21 & 28: Pat Long

TELLERS: Sherry Alexander, John Koehler

USHERS: Need Volunteers

FLOWERS:
June 7: Debbie Mendez
Jill Leitner
June 14: Dean Burwell
Lynne Sudarich
June 21: Lynn Martin (both vases)
June 28: Beth Passer (both vases)

NURSERY: (9:30 am-11:45 am)
June 7: Makayla Brooks and Rebecca Yount
June 14: Veronica Bryant and Emily Koehler
June 21: Maria, Catherine, Madison Carr
June 28: Deb Williams

KIDS' CLUB will not meet in July due to Camp Agape. However, Kids' Club will meet August 15 at 10:00 am at Misty's house for a Pool Party.

Congratulations to our 2015 GRADUATES



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Wil Carpenter

(Son of Renee & Eric Carpenter)
SC Governor's School for Science &
Mathematics to
University of Alabama

Logan Colone

(Grandson of Pat Long)
South Point High to
UNC Chapel Hill

Carson Potter

(Son of Rochelle & Danny Potter)
South Point High to
University of South Carolina

Noah Rogers

(Son of Karen & Gary Rogers)
South Point High to
Western Carolina University

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Danielle Ballard

(Niece of Maria & Scott Carr)
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Degree from the
Charles Snipes School of Business
Marketing & Management

Garrett Buell

(Son of Carmen & Jim Buell)
Penn State University
Bachelor of Architecture
Minor in International Business &
Minor in Business — Liberal Arts

Carly Caldwell

(Daughter of Judy Caldwell)
Appalachian State University
Business Management

Leo Kasmer

(Son of Barbara Kasmer)*
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Degree in Geology
After four years as a member of the
Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets
Leo will be commissioned as a
2nd Lt in the US Army

Tom Kasmer*

Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I.
1st in class commissioning as an
Ensign Nuclear Submarine
Warfare Officer

Madison Kelly

(Daughter of Shelia & Tim Kelly)
Cum Laude
Appalachian State University to
Grad School for Physical Therapy
or Chiropractic

Madison Morton

(Daughter of Angie & Jesse Morton)
Appalachian State University
Secondary Education
Teaching Middle School Math &
Language Arts

Sarah Anne Reese

(Daughter of Anne & Mark Reese)
NC State University
College of Textiles



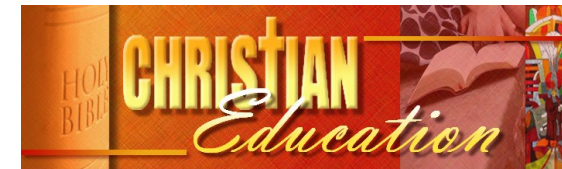

The church choir continues to gather each Sunday morning at 10:10 to prepare for worship through the summer months.

Music Week will be held at *Lutheridge* from July 5-11. Five (5) members will represent Holy Comforter at Music Week. Winston Baker, Preston Baker, Elizabeth Bruchon, Eva Kline and Greg Cline will all be working with outstanding music clinicians from around the United States.

Children and youth also enjoy canoeing, swimming, hiking, craft activities, as well as making friends that can last a lifetime. Don't expect any of these campers to return home well rested. You're certain to hear all details later.

Greg Cline

★ June 25 at Dusk ★
The Sandlot
OUTDOOR MOVIE
Approximately 8:30 pm
Movies On The Lawn
2nd & 4th Thursdays In July!
Popcorn Provided
Invite a Friend



The Christian Ed Committee will not meet in June. The next meeting will be July 21 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

Rally Day is set for August 23. Our first day of Sunday School after summer break will be August 30.

Anyone interested in volunteering as a teacher or teaching assistant for the **younger children's Sunday school classes (grades pre-school through 5)** should let **Beth Brittain** know as soon as possible. She will be getting commitments and schedules made sometime in July.

Anyone interested in working with the **middle and high school Sunday school classes** next year should **get in touch with Ashley Ange** as soon as possible.

Mandi Kline is looking for interested individuals to lead **adult classes** during the Sunday school hour. If anyone feels led to volunteer for a specific course of instruction or time period, let her know.

The **infant nursery is scheduled to open after Rally Day in August.** We will need volunteers to staff this nursery. This will be for **children ages 0-18 months** and will be upstairs. The **downstairs nursery will be for children ages 18 months-3 years.** There will be a Sunday school program offered to these children in the downstairs nursery during the church school hour.

*Mandi Kline,
Christian Education*

June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	3	4	5	6  3:00 pm Church Picnic All food provided. Meet in church parking lot. Monetary donations to offset costs are welcome.
7 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	8	9 12 Noon <i>Agape Lunch Bunch</i> Bible Study 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	10	11 St. Barnabas, Apostle	12	13
14 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/HC Council meets after Confirmands to Lutheridge 5:00 pm HCY 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	15 Campfirmation at Lutheridge June 14-20 Pastor Kearney available by Email & cell phone when not with the children.	16 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	17	18	19	20  7:15 pm Game Starts For Grizzlies Game tickets Contact Misty Koehler.
21 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service 8:00 pm Nar-Anon Happy Father's Day!	22	23 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	25 The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530	26	27
28 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/HC 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	29 St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles	30 7:00 pm Nar-Anon		 ENJOY THE SUMMER!		

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.



June 9 Kaylin Leitner
June 10 Greg Garrison
June 11 Tonya Zander
June 13 John Kreitzer
June 16 Cooper Burwell
Brooke Martin
Sarah Tench
June 17 Marsha Kinley
June 18 Dawn Fleming
June 19 John Koehler
June 23 Eric Scholler
June 25 Wil Carpenter
June 27 Reid Passer
June 29 Gabriel Kearney
June 30 Leah Koehler

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 office.

