



Sunday School for children continues through December 27.

On **November 22** God's Eden begins the series ***Jesus is Born***.

The schedule for November:

Class Younger/Older	Teachers
Nov. 1: Cooking/Computer	M. Koehler/C. De Nicholas
Nov. 8: Drama / Video	J. Cassel / J. Leitner
Nov. 15: Games / Drama	Jenn Kearney / J. Cassel
Nov. 22: Art / Games	B. Martin / Jenn Kearney
Nov. 29: Games / Art	Jenn Kearney / B. Martin

Children's Church leaders for November:

November 1: Maria & Madison Carr
November 8: Trudy Whitener + Helper
November 15: Shelia Kelly + Helper
November 22: Judy & Mollie Caldwell
November 29: Brandy Milton + Helper

HCY meets Sunday, **November 8 from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm**. The youth will prepare the meal together, give thanks and assemble "goody" bags for our shut-ins. ***Friends are always invited.***

Kids' Club meet from **10:00-11:00 am on Saturday, November 21** to make Christmas Cards for the residents of Holy Angels.

Mandi Kline, Christian Education



Friday, May 20 - Sunday, May 22, 2016
(Monday, May 23-Optional Day)

Cost will be \$79.00 per room

Let Greg Cline know if you wish to be placed on the waiting list!

Open to all members of Holy Comforter.



All of our musical ensembles are hard at work preparing for the many upcoming festivals of worship throughout the rest of the calendar year. We also began a new opportunity for our youngest musicians. ***Musician in Training*** (MIT) will allow each child, who wishes to participate, the opportunity to assist the director of music during the preparatory time with the church choir, as well as assisting with musical tasks in the choir loft during the beginning moments of the service of worship. This ministry is open to all members of the children's ensemble.

Sunday, December 6 from 1:00-6:00 pm Holy Comforter Church will remain open for *Belmont's Historic Christmas Tour of Homes*. All homes are within walking distance from the church. Our parking lot will be in use for the tour on that day. We would love to have volunteers from HolyC to meet and greet visitors during the afternoon. We will create a sign-up sheet for volunteers willing to serve in 1-hour blocks of time.

We have been told that they will cut off ticket sales at 1500 guests, so they must be expecting a large crowd. **Tickets are not required to tour the church.**

On that day we will host live rehearsals from our Sanctuary throughout the afternoon.

2-3 pm Children's Ensemble
3-4 pm Adult Hanbell Ensemble
4-6 pm Church Choir

During the afternoon our Fellowship Hall will function as a "tea room".

Greg Cline, Organist/Choir Master



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¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved. **Psalm 93:1**

Communion Opportunities for November

November 1 All Saints Sunday

November 22 Christ the King Sunday
(After worship on other Sundays)

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager
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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,

November is a really busy month for us, though I feel like we can say the same at the start of most months lately, which is a good thing! We have *All Saints Sunday*, *Consecration Sunday*, two baptisms, Thanksgiving, and the start of the season of Advent (which of course makes us mentally jump ahead to Christmas being around the corner), on top of regular activities. Things seem to come at us fast from now through New Years.

The one thing that is new to us, and so can be disconcerting to some, is our *Consecration Sunday* on November 8th, which is our Stewardship program for the fall. You've already gotten information about this day, and you'll receive a bit more, so I wanted to speak to it myself.

First of all, Stewardship is only marginally about a church budget. While there is room for growth in our church budget, particularly in supporting areas such as Christian education, youth and family ministry, and outreach, we have done well in supporting the budget that we as a congregation voted on last year. What Stewardship is about, first and foremost, is our own Spiritual practice of giving to God in recognition of what God has given us, which is everything. As a congregation, we work for Holy Comforter to be a faithful community through which the kingdom of God is served and grown, so in that sense the budget, the way in which we spend our financial resources to support Christ's ministry through the congregation, is part of stewardship because giving through the church, ideally, is giving to support God's kingdom on earth. Stewardship and the budget are connected, but not the same.

In scripture we read about the Israelites giving burnt offerings to God. These offerings were not used to support the church, or temple, or the poor, but given in recognition of the gifts God has given us and so given back in worship as a sign of thanksgiving. They were the "first fruits," given before all the rest of the bills and costs of life were accounted for.

Our offering in worship is not the moment that we put worship on pause as we cough up some money to pay the staff and keep the lights on, but it is part of worship, as we recognize the abundance of gifts God has given us and respond in thanksgiving. If we think of the church as service to God's kingdom, then giving to the church is more easily understood as giving to God.

We are using this program to help us think through the financial side of Stewardship, much like how in the Spring we think through the volunteering side of stewardship related to time and talents. We are not judging people for their giving, especially as individuals' giving is private, not devaluing what people are able to give, but inviting the congregation to be intentional about recognizing the abundance of God's provision in our lives and responding with thanksgiving through tithes and offerings. We are all in different places financially, some able to give large amounts of money, some able to give small amounts. In such times we remember the story of the woman who gave two pennies and Jesus praised her more than the rich men giving large sums. It is not about how much we are able to give, but that we give faithfully in response to God's grace.

Part of the program includes "Estimate of Giving" cards that will be given to the congregation and turned in on *Consecration Sunday*. This is a tool to help us all to have intentional conversations in our families wherein we think through what we feel God is calling us to give, and then we turn them in so that the church is able to be a partner in that process and remind us at some point during the year how we are doing. It is not a pledge that we are bound to or by which we set our budget, as we recognize life and financial situations change, but a record of our intentions for our financial response.

Ultimately, giving to God can and should be a joyful thing for us. It is a process wherein we get to enumerate the ways in which God is working in our lives, and then we get to respond in thanksgiving to God and in such a way that we are supporting God's work through the Church and its various ministries. This is good news, and *Consecration Sunday* is a way to help us be intentional about how we do this.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Micah

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Sunday, November 1 All Saints Sunday
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**

Tuesday, Nov. 2
7:00 pm **Property Committee** meeting

Sunday, Nov. 8 Consecration Sunday
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service
Congregational meal
Council meets after
5:00 pm **HCY** meets to prepare meal & give thanks; prepare goody bags for shut-ins

Tuesday, Nov. 10
12 Noon **Agape Lunch Bunch**
Bring Bible & Potluck or Sandwich

Saturday, Nov. 14
8:30 am Meet to carpool for **Confirmation** class

Sunday, Nov. 15 25th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service

Thursday, Nov. 18
7:00 pm **Evangelism Committee**

Sunday, Nov. 22 Christ the King Sunday
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**
Congregational Meeting
Thanksgiving/Christmas lunch
Decorate the church after

Tuesday, Nov. 24
7:00 pm **Christian Ed** Meeting in fellowship hall

Sunday, Nov. 29 1st Sunday in Advent
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service

REGULAR MEETING TIMES:

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

Tuesdays: 7:00 pm Chamber Choir & Nar-Anon

Wednesdays: 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	September	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$19,925.83	\$179,332.50
Actual Expenses:	20,979.63	179,678.71
Offerings Received:	14,013.96	180,394.91
Gain (Loss) for Period:	(\$ 6,965.67)	\$ 716.20

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Chief Lector
Nov. 8 & 15: Brian Achor
Nov. 29: Jim Buell

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: Need Volunteers

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 2)
Brad & Brandy Milton, Co-Captains
Donna Bean Susan Woodcock

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team B)
Fran Holland, Charles Mauney, + Volunteers

EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:
Nov. 1: Paul & Tracey Nault
Nov. 22: Ashley Ange & Trudy Whitener

GREETER FOR THE MONTH:
Kathy Graves

TELLERS: Sherry Alexander & John Koehler

USHERS: Need Volunteers

FLOWERS:
Nov. 1: Greg Byrum (both vases)
Nov. 8: Linda Grimsley & Cher Grant
Harold & Jo Singleton
Nov. 15: Dianne Lail
Debbie Mendez
Nov. 22: Beth Brittain (both vases)
Nov. 29: Jean Ferguson (both vases)

NURSERY: (9:30 am-11:45 am) *Infants; Toddlers*
Nov. 1: Ginger MacDonald; Jill Cassel
Nov. 8: Misty Koehler; Ashley Ange
Nov. 15: Jane Howard; Amanda Kelly
Nov. 22: Rebecca Yount & Veronica Bryant
Toddlers: Need Volunteer
Nov. 29: Rebecca Yount & Ginger MacDonald
Toddlers: Makayla Brooks

BCO items of the month:
spaghetti sauce and noodles.



ELCA Malaria Campaign



Please join us for the annual
Congregational

Thanksgiving/Christmas Luncheon

to be held on

Sunday, November 22

The church will provide meat
and drinks. The congregation
is asked to bring a side dish
and/or dessert.

You are asked to please stay
after the luncheon and
**help decorate the church
for Christmas.**

Every 5th Sunday of a month, the kids of Holy Comforter have been taking part in something called “noisy offering,” where those worshipping with us donate their change as the kids collect it in cans they’ve decorated. ***The Good News is that the 15 million dollar goal for the Malaria Campaign has been reached!*** We will continue to collect “noisy offering” but will change the recipients of the collection. Collection is **on Sunday, November 29.**



FOOD FOR THE POOR

Saving Lives... Transforming Communities... Renewing Hope

On October 25th Pastor Golnitz spoke to us about the great work ***Food for the Poor*** is doing to help those in need.

In response to his witness, members of the church have offered to match donations received, up to \$3200 total, in order to build two houses through the organization.

We invite members of the congregation to donate to this cause *through the month of November*, so that we as a congregation can make this difference for families in need.

Please make donations to Holy Comforter and **make a note that they are for Food for the Poor.** We will collect the money and send it all together.



We made quick work of our work day with Habitat, but our work is not done!

Each church is asked to raise between \$2800 and \$3000 for the cost of the project. Please consider contributing to this wonderful work that makes a real difference in someone’s life!

Consecration SUNDAY is November 8.

Consecration Sunday is when we will focus on our financial stewardship, in particular our tithes and offerings, and think about how God is calling us to respond in thanksgiving for what God has given us. We hope you will join us in worship as well as be a part of a wonderful lunch together afterwards.

God’s Peace, Pastor Micah



Kid’s Club will meet on
Saturday, November 21
10:00 am-11:00 am at the
church to make
Christmas cards for the
Residents at
Holy Angels



**HCY will have a
Youth Thanksgiving Dinner on
Sunday, November 8 from 5-7 pm
In the fellowship hall.**

The youth will prepare the meal together, give thanks and assemble “goody” bags for our shut-ins.

Friends are always welcome!

Contact Kristen Williams at
keclanton@gmail.com or
704-678-0137 with any questions or
dietary restrictions.

ATTENTION PARENTS:

If you have children in college,
please send their address to Kathy
Graves at kgraves2@live.com.
We would like to try to stay
in touch with them.

Kathy Graves, Social Ministry

Volunteers are needed for the *Infants’ and Toddlers’* nurseries. Check the sign-up sheet for dates that you are needed.



Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland Area Lutheran Foundation, Inc.

**Official Announcement from the
Board of Directors**

Effective December 1, MTC Adult Care will assume daily operations at *Heritage Oaks*. *MTC Adult Care* currently operates seven adult-care facilities in the Piedmont region of North Carolina including Gaston and Cleveland counties.

Company owners, Georgette and Tony Johnson, have a 25-year professional background in adult care and have operated adult-care facilities for the past decade.

While *Heritage Oaks* will be operated under a lease agreement with *MTC Adult Care*, the facility will remain under *The Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland Area Lutheran Foundation’s* ownership. *Heritage Oaks Assisted Living* will remain a ministry of *The Foundation* and the Lutheran congregations in the Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland County Area. You are encouraged to support this ministry with your prayers and gifts of time, talent and treasure as you have in the past..

The new operation agreement will also allow *The Foundation’s* Board to **shift its focus from the daily operations at *Heritage Oaks* to the long-term development of an adult-care community at *The Foundation’s* 68+ acre site in Dallas.**

Please join with the Whole Church in prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession trusting that God’s love, grace and wisdom will continue to guide and sustain the *Vision & Mission of The Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland Area Lutheran Foundation, Inc.*



November 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir prep 10:30 am The Service w/HC 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	2	3 7:00 pm Property Committee	4 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study	5	6	7
8 24th Consecration Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service Meal & Council after 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Handbells, HCY 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	9	10 12 Noon Agape Lunch Bunch With Bible Study Meets at the church 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	11 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study	12	13	14 8:30 am Carpool 9-12 Noon Confirmation at Philadelphia
15 25th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	16	17 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	18 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study	19 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee	20	21  10-11 am Meet at the church to make Christmas Cards for the residents at Holy Angels.
22 Christ the King Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir prep 10:30 am The Service w/HC Thksg./Christmas lunch Decorate after 4:00 pm Children's Ens. 5:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir	23	24 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Christian Ed Committee Nar-Anon	25 	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 The First Sunday in Advent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir prep 10:30 am The Service 4:00 pm Children's Ens. 5:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	30	St. Andrews, Apostle 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon				

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

November 1	Donna Bean
November 3	Brad Milton
November 5	Debbie Mendez
November 6	Debbie Bray
	Jenn Kearney
November 8	James Buell
November 11	Ashley Ange
	Richard Holden
November 12	Libby Joye
November 15	Laurel Mauney
November 16	Dylan Fox
	Bob Wiegand
November 18	Brian Achor
November 20	David Bruchon
	Jessica Martin
	Lucy Mitchell
November 21	Greg Byrum
November 23	Cheryl Fox
November 25	Mallory Morton
November 27	Sue Lahr



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