



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!**
(We plan to offer worship here at
Holy Comforter in the fellowship
hall for those unable to make the
trip)

From Our Handy Property Committee:

There have been a number of projects that we've been working on this summer. Some of the more notable ones include:

- 1) New air conditioning and heat have been added to the balcony for our choir.
- 2) New drain installed at fellowship hall entry.
- 3) Upstairs class rooms have been rearranged, including downsizing storage to allow our youth a new and in-the works space.

Thanks to all those who have helped with this work.

There are a few things that are on the horizon for us as well.

- 1) There are plans for new and improved sign along Main Street that we think will look great with our architecture!
- 2) We will have a Fall Workday, likely in October, so keep an eye out for more information here.

Sincerely,
Your Property Committee

Staying Connected will not meet in September. Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 3 at 7:00.

Dianne, our office manager, continues to improve from her back surgery, and we are talking about getting her back to work soon in short bursts to work her back up to full-speed as she's ready!



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Holy Comforter COMMENT

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*Praise the Lord! Praise
the Lord, O my soul! I
will praise the Lord as
long as I live; I will
sing praises to my God
all my life long.*

Psalm 146:1-2

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager
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Communion Opportunities for September

Sept 13 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sept 27 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(September 6 & 20 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



As we all wave goodbye to the summer and summer schedules, some with a sense of relief, some already counting the days until the next one, we begin to settle down into new, or at least renewed, routines. At church we start back our Sunday School programs, our handbells, choirs, children's ensemble, among other ministries. In homes with children, school has started back and families are adjusting again to routines of early mornings, homework, and sports or other activities.

Depending where you look, I am either on the tail end of Generation X, or am Generation Y/Millennial, which basically just means I grew up in the time of an overabundance of extracurricular activities and constant stimulation. Schedules and routines don't seem to be getting any easier, and the world around us continues to vie for our time and attention. There was a while there that attendance at church was an assumption in society, and so at least Sunday mornings were carved out and untouchable. That is no longer the case, and even Sunday mornings often include sports tournaments.

However, even growing up with these realities as my norm, I would argue that routines, particularly healthy routines, are even more important in this culture of things vying for your attention and time. For starters, routines tend to minimize stress and anxiety, particularly in children. I know when Jenn and I have something that breaks the routines that we have in the week, particularly bedtime routines, it really sets off our children and we get more mood swings and fits.

Granted Nathaniel can't figure out a sleeping routine no matter what right now, but he'll get there.

The other, and more important reason that routines are important, is that our routines shape us, particularly as children. If your family tends to eat dinner all together, you begin to long for that time and miss it when it doesn't happen. We are very much creatures of habit around holidays, and if we don't participate in those routines, or traditions, it doesn't feel quite right. I grew up going to church every Sunday, so any Sunday that I didn't get to church felt slightly empty, even if sleeping in was nice.

A piece of scripture that I continually go back to once I heard this interpretation is Matthew 6:21, "where you treasure is, there your heart will be also." It is not judging our use of money, but rather says the way we spend money shapes our heart. The same is true for our time as well. How we spend our time shapes us. If we want to be someone that cares about volunteering our time for charity, then we should go ahead and volunteer our time, even if begrudgingly, and doing so will shape our heart. If we want to have a rich devotional life, set aside that time even if it hurts at first, and eventually you long for it.

The routines we set shape us. So as we begin new schedules and settle into routines, be intentional about how you spend your time and what that says about your priorities and values. If it seems out of balance from the person you'd like to be, shape your routine for the person you'd like to be, or better yet, the person God calls you to be, and the Spirit can even work through routines to shape you!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Micah

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Sunday, Sept 6 15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

Tuesday, Sept 8th

12 Noon **Agape Lunch Bunch**

Bring Bible & Potluck or Sandwich

Saturday Sept 12

7:30 Habitat For Humanity Build (meet at church)

4 pm Installation of Bishop Smith at Christ Charlotte

Sunday, Sept 13 16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am The Service **w/Holy Communion**

5:00 pm Holy Comforter Youth (HCY)

Friday Sept 18

6 pm Kids Club Lock-In

8 pm Movie on the Lawn!

Saturday, Sept 19

9 am Confirmation

Sunday, Sept 20 17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

Sunday, Sept 27 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at Lutheridge!

11 am The Service **w/Holy Communion**

REGULAR MEETING TIMES:

Sundays: 8:00 pm Nar-Anon

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	June 2015	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$19,925.83	\$139,480.83
Actual Expenses:	20,324.41	137,526.13
Offerings Received:	19,489.35	143,986.90
Gain for Period:	\$ (835.06)	\$ 6,460.77

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Chief Lector
Elizabeth Bruchon

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: Volunteers

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

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team C)
Sherry Alexander Courtney Gatlin
Need Volunteer (x2)

EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:
September 13: Shelia and Tim Kelly

GREETERS:
Sept 6: Ginger MacDonald
Sept 13: Shirley Causby
September 20: Pat Long
September 27: Phil and Carol Posey
(@Lutheridge)

TELLERS: Raini Kimball and Dennis Tucker

USHERS: Volunteers

FLOWERS:
Sept 6: Charles and Bev Mauney
Sept 13: Tim and Shelia Kelly
Sept 20: Fran Holland
Sept 27: Bob and Denise Wiegand
Brad and Brandy Milton

NURSERY: (10:15 am-11:45 am)
Sept 6: Ginger MacDonald/Volunteer
Sept 13: Cheryl Fox/Rita Stewart
Sept 20: Veronica Bryant/Volunteer
Sept 27: No Nursery (Lutheridge Sunday)

MUSIC News

Parents: Several have approached me regarding the appropriate age for participation in the children's ensemble. Ideally there would be (2) ensembles; one for Kindergarten - Grade 2, and one for Grade 3 - 5. We currently have participant numbers combining these age ranges. If your child possesses a love of music and your desire/commitment to support this ministry, bring your child to our two sessions (Sunday, September 13 and 20. (4:00 - 4:45)

We usually gather at the playground, weather permitting, and often move from one activity area in the fellowship hall, to the choir room and balcony. Music takes many forms from singing, bell ringing, games, and bible stories.

If your child has not participated in the past we welcome you to investigate this ministry. Questions? Please contact me.

Greg Cline (704) 860-4460

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All of our adult handbell and choral choirs resumed rehearsals in August.

Due to scheduling challenges the church and handbell choirs (as well as children's ensemble) will only meet on September 13th and 20th. Chamber choir schedules are unaffected by Labor Day Weekend and Lutheridge events. See newsletter calendar.

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Girl Scouts Coming!

Beginning in October Girl Scouts will be returning to Holy Comforter! Girl Scout Troop 20017 will be meeting on the first and third Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 under the supervision of troop leaders Jill Leitner and Misty Koehler. The troop will consist of Brownies, grades 2nd and 3rd. We are very excited to have this great opportunity to make an impact on the young lives of these girls. Please contact Misty or Jill if you have any questions.

KIDS CLUB LOCK-IN

Kids club will be having our first ever LOCK-IN. The kids can be dropped off at the church Friday, September 18 at 6:00 and need to be picked up Saturday morning at 7:00. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. Kids need to bring a sleeping bag and pillow. Please email Misty Koehler at mistykoehler@gmail.com if your child is interested in coming.

Habitat for Humanity!

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

Bishop Installation

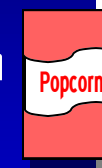
At Synod Assembly in May, Rev. Timothy Smith was elected as our next bishop of the NC synod of the ELCA. His installation will take place **September 12 at 4 pm**, at Christ Lutheran Church in Charlotte, NC. All are invited to attend.

Women's Bible Study

A Women's Bible Study has begun meeting Wednesday nights at 6:45 in the fellowship hall. This month they are working their way through the Book of Ruth, and will decide topics as they move along. If interested, contact Jenn Kearney at jenniferhasskearney@gmail.com

Friday September 18 OUTDOOR MOVIE

Approximately 8:00 pm
Movies On The Lawn
Popcorn Provided
Invite a Friend!



- ◆ Sunday School for all ages 3 and up began August 30. If you are unsure which class to attend, ask Pastor Micah or a Christian Education team member for assistance.
- ◆ As always, keep your eyes out for visitors with us who might need some help finding their way around on a Sunday morning. Hospitality is important!
- ◆ Christian Education Committee will meet Tuesday, September 22 to assess how our Sunday School year has started out and see if there are any bumps to smooth.
- ◆ Pastor Micah will be leading in 6 week series through the first week of October as a good foundation for a congregational stewardship program in the fall. All adults are welcome to join us for this class.
- ◆ As Beth Brittain had her last Sunday as a staff person at Holy Comforter, her responsibilities of coordination fall to a number of our education committee members. Please be gentle with them! If there are places we can improve how we do things, helpful suggestions work better than whispered criticism. We want things to be the best they can be, just like you! Most of all, thanks to all the committee members, teachers, nursery volunteers, and PARENTS who contribute to our weekly Sunday School program.

Yours in Christ,
Your friendly Christian Education Committee

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 pm Chamber Choir 7:00 pm Nar-Anon 7:30 Property committee	2 6:45 Women's Bible Study	3 6- Stewardship Comm. Meets	4	5
6 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sun School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	7	8 12 Noon Agape Lunch Bunch Bible Study 7:00 pm Chamber Choir 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	9 6:45 Women's Bible Study	10	11	12 7:30 am Habitat For Humanity Build 4pm Installation of Bishop Smith at Christ Lutheran, CLT
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27 LUTHERIDGE SUNDAY!! 18th Sunday after Pentecost 11 am The Service w/HC 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	28	29 7:00 Chamber Choir 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	30 6:45 Women's Bible Study			

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

Sept 2 **Preston Baker**
Sept 4 **Deborah Bingham**
Sept 6 **Alex Buell**
Sept 7 **Elizabeth Bruchon**
Sept 11 **Hannah Carnes**
 Maria Carr
 Madison Carr

Sept 14 **Emily Koehler**
Sept 16 **Leslie Payne**
Sept 17 **Bill Hollar**
Sept 18 **Winston Baker**
Sept 20 **Lyn Miller**
 Beverly Reynolds
 Dan Wallace

Sept 21 **Horace Bean**
Sept 22 **Dean Burwell**
Sept 23 **Mary Page**
 Anne Reese
 Rebecca Yount

Sept 24 **Collin Martin**
Sept 25 **Harold Singleton**
Sept 26 **Warren Heller**
Sept 28 **Leo Kasmer**
 William James Milton
 Elizabeth Passer
 George Roberson

Sept 29 **Barbara Beale**
 Claire Mitchell

Sept 30 **Louise Austin**



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