



Thanks to all Holy Comforter musicians for your ministry leadership during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday services of worship. This would be a very different place without you! We are blessed!

The congregational retreat May 20-22 is booked for the Isle of Palms. A few extra rooms were returned to the retreat center to be filled. So, if you discover later that your schedule permits, contact South Coastal Retreat Center to see if rooms are still available. You can book reservations directly with them. Just let the church office know if you will be joining us. Contact me if you have any questions. **Greg Cline**

## EGGtraordinary!

What an **EGG**citing Day for our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Thank you to **ALL** those who helped with this year's Easter egg hunt whether you donated candy, helped hide the eggs or helped set up the room for fun, food and games. Over 100 folks attended (parents & children)! What a Day!

## The Lillian E. Lineberger Scholarship Ministry



Applications for the **2016-2017** academic year are available in the church office or via email.

To receive an application via email, please email [holycomforter@gmail.com](mailto:holycomforter@gmail.com) and include *Lineberger Scholarship* in the subject line. The office manager will send you an application that you can complete in Word. (Please note that because the application requires your and your parent or guardian's signature we cannot accept the completed Word file via email.)

Only those completed applications with the required essay and transcript **received by April 24th** will be considered.

*Thank You, The Scholarship Ministry*



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<sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

*John 10:27-28*



## Communion Opportunities for April

April 17: The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
(and other Sundays after the service)

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

## Our **Family Movies on the Lawn** series will resume this May!

Dates and titles to be announced next month.





Grace and peace,

As most of you are likely aware by now, this past month our council approved a new marriage policy for Holy Comforter, the most noticeable change being the allowance of the pastor to officiate at same-gender weddings. I recognize that this has been received with mixed feelings from the congregation, but I want to take my time to commend both the council and the congregation for the way in which they have carried themselves throughout this process. It has been apparent to me that the folks who have voiced their opinions both publicly and to me have wrestled with looking for a faithful response to the issue. While doing so, folks have been respectful of one another, most noticeably those with views that differ from their own. It has been a beautiful witness of Christian community, especially in times of disagreement, and I both thank you and am proud of you for the ways in which you have conducted yourselves.

I want to especially commend our church council on their faithful diligence throughout the discernment of

this new marriage policy. They approached the conversation faithfully and prayerfully, and with the intention to put aside their personal views in order to discern what was best for the congregation and our mission together. For a conversation that has generated both passionate and polarizing conversation in our culture, that is an impressive feat, and I commend them for that.

I myself have kept quiet in our discussion to allow all points of view to be shared. I do want you to know that I am in favor of this decision for reasons that have to do with biblical scholarship, our church's traditional teachings on marriage, and our call to compassion. I would be happy to talk about this with anyone, and perhaps to offer a class or discussion group if there is further interest to do so.

Again, let me end by thanking you for using your gifts of listening to one another and respecting one another both throughout this process and as a congregation in general. I am glad to be your pastor, and look forward to continuing to be in ministry and mission with you all in Christ's name.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Micah



**HCY** will meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (110 S. Main Street, Mt. Holly) on **Sunday, April 10th** at 6:00 pm. We will have a light dinner, followed by Bible Study and a few fun activities!

On **April 24th** **HCY** will go to *Sky High Sports* (The Trampoline Place). The youth will meet at the church at **5:30 pm** and should return by 8:00 pm. Cost is \$19.50 per child and includes a 90-minutes play time! **Please RSVP to Kristen Williams at ke-clanton@gmail.com or 704-678—137 by April 17th if you plan to attend.**



Holy Comforter is hosting **Camp Agape** the week of **July 18-22**. *Agape* is a day camp for **rising 1st to rising 8th graders** and is sponsored by Kure Beach Ministries.

This year we will again include 6th-8th graders. The kids in this age group will participate in service projects throughout the week at Holy Comforter as well as off-site. **We must have a minimum of 6 middle school aged kids in order to offer this expanded camp.**

Registration forms are available at the back of the church or from Misty Koehler. **The cost is \$130 per camper and is due at the time of registration.** There is only room for 20 campers, so register soon. The spaces will be filled on a "first come, first served" basis. Please contact Misty if you have any questions about camp.

**Misty Koehler, Camp Coordinator**



**Children's Sunday School** continues with the study of **"The Lord's Prayer"** during the month of April. A new study of "The Woman at the Well" begins on April 24th.

**Children's Church leaders for the month of April:**

April 3: Trudy Whitener  
April 10: Jill Cassel  
April 17: Amanda Kelly  
April 24: Veronica Bryant

A course on **Spiritual Gifts** will be taught during the **Women's Bible Study** on Wednesday nights, beginning **April 6**.

Christian Ed committee meets at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, April 26th**.

**Mandi Kline, Christian Education**

**Then the Lord took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.** Genesis 2:15



Plan to visit with Holy Comforter as we celebrate **Earth Day, April 23** from 11:00am—2:00pm at **Goat Island Park**! We will be hosting TWO booths at this event: a children's binocular craft and an informative booth discussing topics such as waste reduction, biodegradable products, and plastic recycling codes. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Deb Bingham, csbdkb@aol.com or Katie Kessen, ktkssn112@aol.com. We ask the congregation to gather their empty toilet paper rolls for our craft...a collection box will be in the fellowship hall. **Stewardship Committee**





*Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.* Proverbs 22:6

Due to our growing congregation and growing families **we are in need of new volunteers in our nurseries!** We have an infant nursery which is located upstairs for children up to 18 months old and our current downstairs nursery for toddlers ages 18 months - 3 years old. We are in need of volunteers to assist in each nursery from **9:30 am – 11:45 am** each Sunday and ask that if you felt led to do so, to please sign up in the narthex or by emailing Melissa Bocchino @ [melissa.bocchino@pwc.com](mailto:melissa.bocchino@pwc.com).



**BCO Items of the month:  
CRACKERS & RICE**



## NOTE THE DATE CHANGE: June 26-29 6:00-7:45 pm

This summer, Holy Comforter is providing kids an adventure like no other, deep within the mysterious sea. Our **Vacation Bible School** Program will allow kids to submerge themselves in God's Word, they will discover that Jesus didn't just see what's on the outside of people. He looked deep down on the inside. So grab your goggles, step into your flippers, and prepare to register your kids for diving below the surface to find the truth! A quick meal will be provided, and then the kids rotate through activities of recreation, Bible/missions, music and crafts. Parents are welcome to stay or take this time for themselves. Information about registering will be coming soon.

If you would like to help with the program, whether it's providing a meal, helping decorate, or assisting with one of the stations, you would be welcome! More formal guidance and materials will be provided for all volunteers.

Contact Melissa Bocchino at  
[Melissa.bocchino@pwc.com](mailto:Melissa.bocchino@pwc.com).

VBS Planning Committee: Melissa Bocchino, Jill Cassel, Jenn Kearney, Debbie Mendez & Krystyna Sarrazin

## CHURCH SCHEDULE:

### Sunday, April 3 Second Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

### Tuesday, April 5

7:00 pm Property Committee meeting

### Thursday, April 7

6:00 pm Stewardship Committee meeting

### Sunday, April 10 Third Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

6:00 pm **HCY** at Good Shepherd, Mt. Holly

### Tuesday, April 12

12 Noon Agape Lunch Bunch/Bible Study

7:00 pm Property Committee meets

### Saturday, April 16

11:00 am **Kids' Club**

Meets at Davis Park. Bring a picnic lunch.

### Sunday, April 17 Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion

### Thursday, April 21

7:00 pm Evangelism Committee meeting

### Saturday, April 23 Earth Day Celebration

11:00 am-2:00 pm *Goat Island Park*

2 booths hosted by Holy Comforter

### Sunday, April 24 Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

5:30 pm **HCY** meets to go to *Sky High Sports*

### Tuesday, April 26

7:00 pm Christian Education meeting

### REGULAR MEETING TIMES:

**Sundays:** 9:15 am Handbells

10:10 am Church Choir

4:00 pm Children's Ensemble

6:00 pm Church Choir

**Tuesdays:** 7:00 pm Chamber Choir

Nar-Anon

**Wednesdays:** 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

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

Report for Month	February 2016	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$21,751.00	\$43,502.00
Actual Expenses:	\$21,990.15	\$42,110.18
Offerings Received:	\$19,745.00	\$243,414.00
Gain (Loss) for the Period:	(\$2,245.15)	\$ 1,313.82

## ASSISTING MINISTERS:

### LECTORS:

Billy Joye, Chief Lector

April 3: Jim Buell

April 10: Volunteer

April 17: Billy Joye

April 24: Judy Caldwell

### ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:

Need Volunteers

### ALTAR GUILD: (Team 4)

Diann Halvorson, Co-Captain

Dean Halvorson, Co-Captain

Carmen Buell Barbara Kasmer

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team C)

Volunteers

### EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

April 17: Rochelle & Danny Potter

### GREETERS FOR THE MONTH:

April 3: Katie Kessen

April 10: Trudy Whitener

April 17: The Potters

April 24: Amanda Kelly

### TELLERS:

Rochelle & Danny Potter

### USHERS:

Volunteers Needed

### FLOWERS:

April 3: Judy Caldwell

1 vase available

April 10: Dean Burwell

Angie Morton

April 17: The Younts & Vias, both vases

April 24: **Both vases available** (email or call church office if you would like to buy a vase)

### NURSERY: (9:30 am-11:45 am) *Infants; Toddlers*

April 3: Infant: Need Volunteer; Toddler: Lorry Caldwell

April 10: Infant: Volunteer; Toddler: Ashley Ange

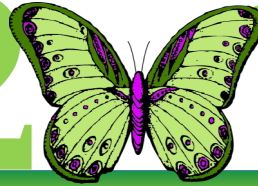
April 17: Infant: Jill Cassel; Toddler: Veronica Bryant

April 24: Infant: Need volunteer; Toddler: Need volunteer

Newsletter articles and announcements for next month are **due to Dianne by April 20.**



# APRIL 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Celebrate</p>  <p><b>Earth Day:</b></p> <p>April 23 at Goat Island</p>					1	2 <b>Staying Connected</b> will <u>NOT MEET</u> during April since our regular meeting time is during <i>Spring Break</i> for the children.
3 <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> 9:15 am Handbells 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir prep 10:30 am The Service  4:00 pm Children's Ens. 6:00 pm Church Choir	4	5   7:00 pm Chamber Choir Property Committee Nar-Anon	6   6:45 pm Women's Bible Study "Spiritual Gifts"	7   6:00 pm Stewardship Committee meets	8	9
10 <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> 9:15 am Handbells 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir prep 10:30 am The Service <b>Council after</b> 4:00 pm Children's Ens. 6:00 pm Church Choir <b>HCY at Good Shepherd</b>	11	12  12 Noon <i>Agape Lunch Bunch/</i> Bible Study  7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	13   6:45 pm Women's Bible Study "Spiritual Gifts"	14	15	16  11:00 am <b>Kids' Club</b> Meet at Davis Park in Belmont. Bring a Picnic lunch! 
17 <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 9:15 am Handbells 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir prep 10:30 am The Service <b>w/Holy Communion</b> 4:00 pm Children's Ens. 6:00 pm Church Choir	18	19   7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	20   6:45 pm Women's Bible Study "Spiritual Gifts"	21   7:00 pm Evangelism Meeting	22	23  11:00 am –2:00 pm Meet at Goat Island Park to celebrate <b>Earth Day!</b> We will host 2 booths at the event.
24 <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> 9:15 am Handbells 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 Worship & Music 5:30 pm <b>HCY meets</b> 6:00 pm Church Choir	25	26   7:00 pm Chamber Choir Christian Ed Comm. Nar-Anon	27   6:45 pm Women's Bible Study "Spiritual Gifts"	28	29	30

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

April 1 Barbara Kasmer  
April 3 Garrett Carpenter  
April 4 Sherry Alexander  
Sandra Cline  
Myra Hollar  
April 8 Shirley Causby  
Fran Holland  
April 10 Bryan Fleming  
April 11 Matthew Mitchell  
April 12 Elizabeth Burwell  
Kristen Williams  
April 15 Nick Alvarez  
April 16 Misty Koehler  
Debbie Neagle  
April 17 Jody Flowers  
April 19 Jake MacDonald  
April 23 Tim Baker  
April 24 Mark Kline  
April 25 Julia Gunter  
April 28 Joseph Mitchell  
Rita Stewart  
April 30 Deborah Williams



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