



Parents who are planning on registering their children for music week at Lutheridge are reminded to do so before March 15.

You get a discount for early registration. Contact Greg Cline ASAP with questions.
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Grand accolades to all of our choir members and instrumentalists who have led and accompanied our Evening Prayer Services during this Lenten season. All of our ensemble members are truly ministers to our congregational family and community, through the medium of music.
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Our children's ensemble will join the members of our church choir in the loft on Palm Sunday. The anthem, Ride On, Ride On in Majesty, by Mark Shepperd will be presented as the offertory. This joyous composition is based on John 12:13.

On Easter Sunday (10:30) the children will awaken us with one of their favorites, Over My Head...I hear Music in the Air. The chamber and handbell choir will offer Easter selections during Holy Communion. As we prepare for our centennial celebration next year we decided to present a bit of a foretaste. The prelude for the day is actually the anthem for Easter 2017. I edited this publication for organ and trumpet duet. The congregation may wish to buckle their seatbelts for this one. The offertory anthem, O How Glorious Is the Kingdom, was composed by Philip

Stopford, and debuted in St. Matthew's Cathedral, Northampton, England. The text is based on Revelation 7:9.

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The Lillian E. Lineberger Scholarship Ministry

Applications for the 2012-2013 academic year are now available in the church office or via email. To receive an application via email, please email 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.)

The Lillian E. Lineberger Scholarship was established as an endowment by Mrs. Lineberger to the congregation to reinforce students of the church in their learning and in the accomplishment of an undergraduate or graduate degree. Her hope was that this bequest would help improve their lives, and in turn, serve and enrich the lives of others. Modest scholarships will be awarded to students of the congregation from the fund.

Authorized by the Holy Comforter Church Council, the Scholarship Ministry accepts applications from candidates who have been communing and contributing members of the church for at least one year. The annual deadline is the last Sunday in April and the awards are announced in May or early June.

The amount of the award depends on the following:

- Number of students applying for, and receiving, an award
- Total amount in the fund
- Recent fund performance

Other donations to this fund can be made as memorials or tributes to friends and family on their special occasions. Please make checks payable to Holy Comforter and write Lineberger Scholarship Ministry on the memo line to ensure your gift is credited appropriately.

As the fund grows, we will be able to give more help to students.

Thank You,
The Scholarship Ministry



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**So if anyone is in Christ,
there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!**

2 Corinthians 5:17

Communion Opportunities for March

March 20 Palm Sunday
March 24 Maundy Thursday
March 27 Easter Sunday
(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

FROM THE PASTOR



Grace and peace,

Somehow Holy Week and Easter are already showing up on our calendar this month! I really appreciate the worship that we have throughout Holy Week. Beginning on Palm Sunday, the week before Easter, we begin following the story of the Passion, of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem through to his death and resurrection. It is a roller coaster of emotions, and an important one for us to ride as we wrestle with the incredible love of God witnessed to us in Christ.

On Palm Sunday we experience the jubilation of Jesus being welcomed as a king into Jerusalem. It is the celebration that many during his time wanted for him, a king to overthrow the oppressive powers of this world. It is ironic, perhaps, that the public celebration during Jesus' time came at the beginning of the week, with the reaction to his resurrection, at least initially, being more confusion than celebration.

On Maundy Thursday in worship we remember Jesus and his disciples during the Last Supper. We remember Jesus in the upper room, in fellowship with his closest friends and companions, knowing that his death was now imminent, and giving them the gift of Holy Communion. It is a precious moment, connecting God's salvation of the Jews in Egypt, as Jesus and the disciples celebrated the Jewish holiday of Passover, to the salvation we now experience because of Christ's sacrifice. In communion, a gift of grace given during the Last Supper, we still experience that

promise of salvation and get to hold that promise in our hands. It is a wonderful gift, but also a night in which the coming crucifixion looms.

Good Friday brings us a long way from the celebration of Palm Sunday. The crowd that cheered Jesus' triumphant entry has turned on him. Good Friday is when we remember Christ's crucifixion, when the people he came to save call for the death of their savior. He is rejected on every level, by the chief priests of the temple, by the political powers, and by the common people. The sins of the world placed Jesus on the cross, and in worship on Good Friday we mourn the death of our Lord, and the part we have to play in it.

And then we come to Easter, the pinnacle not only of Holy Week, not only of the Church year, but really of all Creation. At Easter we celebrate that God is more powerful even than sin and death, forces that too often seem unshakeable. "Death and taxes," right? But God has defeated those in Christ, and we celebrate on Easter that there is nothing in this world that we should fear, because it is the love of that God has the final word.

Holy Week is a journey through Jesus' time in Jerusalem, filled with exuberant highs, and devastating lows. We mourn the sin and brokenness that leads Jesus to the cross, and dwell on our captivity to that same sinfulness. But in the midst of the anxiety of the week, as also with the anxiety of life, we remember that there is the Easter promise of the light of Christ casting out darkness.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Micah



HCY will meet at the church on **Sunday, March 13th** at 6:00 pm. The youth from Good Shepherd in Mt. Holly will join us for dinner and a devotion at Pizza Hut. The youth are asked to bring money for their dinner.

Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 26th** from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Lunch will be served. **Kid's Club** will not meet in lieu of this event.



It is hard to believe, but it is time to start planning for summer camp. Holy Comforter is hosting **Camp Agape 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



Thank you for all of the volunteers who help to make our Sunday School program happen each and every week.

Children's Church leaders for the month of March:

March 6: Trudy Whitener & Helper

March 13: Shelia Kelly & Helper

March 20: Need Volunteer

March 27: Easter~children stay in church

Staying Connected meets at 7:00 pm on **Saturday, March 5th** at Amberjack Steakhouse for fellowship and food. 4253 S New Hope Road. All women are invited.

Our **confirmands** will meet at 8:30 am on **Saturday, March 12th** for their class at St. Matthews Lutheran in Kings Mountain.

Christian Ed committee meets at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, March 29th**.

A course on **Spiritual Gifts** will be taught during the **Women's Bible Study** on Wednesday nights, beginning **April 6**. The participant workbook and inventory booklets will be \$16 per person, and folks will need to register by March 20. If you would like to register, or have questions concerning the course, contact Mandi Kline (mandikline@gmail.com).

Mandi Kline, Christian Education

SAVE THE DATE! **VBS** Mark Your Calendars!

Vacation Bible School 2016

SAVE THE DATE June 12th - June 15th 6:00 -7:45

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 kids rotate through activities of play, studying scripture, singing, and art. Parents are welcome to stay or take this time for yourselves. Information about registering will be coming soon. If you are interested in helping with the program, that would be welcomed, whether it's providing a meal or assisting with one of the stations. Contact Melissa Bocchino at melissa.bocchino@pwc.com.



We are excited to offer this fantastic program by Lifeway. It's called *Submerged* for this year's VBS. More info is available on Lifeway's website if you want a sneak peak.

VBS Planning Committee

Melissa Bocchino, Jill Cassel, Jen Kearney, Debbie Mendez, & Krystyna Sarrazin



Volunteer Luncheon scheduled for Sunday, March 6

Stewardship Committee invites you to "**Spring Into Action**" for our annual volunteer fair and pot luck lunch on **March 6th!** This is an opportunity for committees to present their responsibilities and goals in efforts to recruit volunteers. We ask that you reflect on your individual talents and willingness to give of your time.

The committees are: Christian Education, Evangelism, Finance, Mutual Ministry, Property, Social, Stewardship, Worship & Music, and Youth & Recreation.

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, March 1

7:00 pm Property Committee meets

Thursday, March 3

7:00 pm Stewardship Committee meets

Saturday, March 5 *Staying Connected Group*

7:00 pm Meet at Amberjack Steakhouse

Sunday, March 6 *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

12 Noon Volunteer Luncheon

Tuesday, March 8

12 Noon *Agape Lunch Bunch*

Bring Bible & Potluck or Sandwich

Saturday, March 12

8:30 am Confirmation at St. Matthews in Kings Mtn.

Sunday, March 13 *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

6:00 pm *HCY* Pizza Hut & Devotion with Good Shepherd Youth. Meet at church. Bring money for dinner.

Thursday, March 17

7:00 pm Evangelism Committee meets

Sunday, March 20 *Palm Sunday*

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, March 24 *Maundy Thursday*

7:00 pm The Service with Holy Communion

Friday, March 25 *Good Friday*

7:00 pm The Service

Saturday, March 26 *Easter Egg Hunt*

10:00 am-12 Noon Lunch will be served

Sunday, March 27 *Easter Sunday*

9:30 am Sunday School for Adult Bible Group only

10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion

Tuesday, March 29

7:00 pm Christian Ed meets

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 Nar-Anon

Wednesdays: March 2nd, 9th and 16th

6:00 pm Lenten Dinners

6:45 pm Lenten Worship, *Chamber Choir after*

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Chief Lector
March 6 & 25: Andrew C. Bryant
March 13: Jim Buell
March 20 & 27: Billy Joye
March 24: Bonnie Faust

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: Need Volunteers

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 2)

Brad Milton, Co-Captain

Brandy Milton, Co-Captain

Donna Bean

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team B)

Sherry Alexander & Volunteers

EUCARIST PRESENTERS:

March 20 (Palm Sunday): Need Volunteer

March 24: Paul & Tracey Nault

March 27: Need Volunteer

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH:

March 6: Katie Kessen

March 13: Carol Posey

March 20: Carmen Buell

March 24: Sue Lahr

March 25: Shirley Causby

March 27: Kathy Graves

TELLERS: Janet & Brian Achor

USHERS: Volunteers Needed

FLOWERS:

March 6: Beth Brittain

March 13: Carmen De Nicholas & Sonja Kreitzer

March 20: Paul, Caroline, Aaron and Ashton Nault

March 27: Bill & Myra Hollar

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

March 6: Infant: Need Volunteer; Toddler: Jill Cassel

March 13: Infant: Sarrazin's; Toddler: Need Volunteer

March 20: Infant: Need volunteer; Toddler: Jill & Kaylin L

March 27: Infant: Need volunteer; Toddler: Need volunteer




TREASURER'S REPORT: (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	January	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$21,751.00	\$21,751.00
Actual Expenses:	\$20,110.03	\$20,110.03
Offerings Received:	<u>\$23,669.00</u>	<u>\$23,669.00</u>
Gain for the Period:	\$ 3,558.97	\$ 3,558.97



March 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5  7:00 pm Staying Connected meet at Amberjack Steakhouse for food & fellowship
6 Fourth Sunday in Lent 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 Ensemble 6:00 pm Church Choir	7	8 12 Noon <i>Agape Lunch Bunch</i> / Bible Study 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	9 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner 6:45 pm Lenten Worship 7:30 pm Chamber Choir	10 6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting	11	12  8:30 am Confirmation Class at St. Matthews in Kings Mountain
13 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:15 am Handbells 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir prep 10:30 am The Service Church Council 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 6:00 pm Church Choir HCY (off site)	14	15 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	16 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner 6:45 pm Lenten Worship 7:30 pm Chamber Choir	17 7:00 pm Evangelism Meeting	18	19 
20 Palm Sunday 9:15 am Handbells 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir prep 10:30 am The Service w/HC 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 6:00 pm Church Choir	21	22 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	23	24 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion	25 7:00 pm Good Friday Wor- ship	26 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am—12 No Age 2—Grade 5 Egg Hunt, prizes, fun! Lunch served
27 Resurrection of Our Lord 7:00am Easter Sunrise Service Breakfast after No Children's or Seeker's Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir prep 10:30 am Easter Service w/HC HCY will not meet	28	29 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	30	31		

We recognize and celebrate these
birthdays in the month of March.
We are thankful for the life and Spirit
of those we celebrate.

May the blessings of God flow

March 2	Khloe Tench
March 4	Dean Halvorson
March 5	Rob Ratchford
March 6	Ann Ashe Debbie Baker Jo Singleton
March 7	Roman Bell Holly Harper
March 8	Graham Baakko
March 10	Dee Smith
March 11	Thomas Kasmer
March 12	Arden De Nicholas
March 13	Raini Kimball
March 14	Tyler Ange Tracey Nault Nancy Powell
March 20	Mike Wesson
March 21	Riley Fleming
March 22	Louise Day
March 24	Tim Baakko Brandie Bell
March 25	Pat Koehler
March 26	Hailey Ange Cheryl Grant
March 31	Pat Long

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