

Thank You Holy Comforter for \$534.39 received from the *Baby Bottle Blessings* project for Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County. The total raised was \$69,419.74. You have helped touch the lives of families in need.

Do you have a special place in your heart for the unborn?
What about a young woman facing an unplanned pregnancy?
Has there been a desire placed within your heart to help others come to know the Lord's unconditional love for and acceptance of them?
If so, we have the place for you!

CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER
OF GASTON COUNTY

We would love to have you join us for the fall session of our **Volunteer Peer Counselor Training** to begin September 27, 2016
At 700 Robinson Rd.
Gastonia

Training last for 5 weeks and will be held every Tuesday night from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm.

We have 5 locations around Gaston County That needs peer counselors like you!

Please contact Rhonda Gottfried at
704-867-3706 or
rhonda.gottfried.cpc@gmail.com
for more information.

The Volunteer Application can be downloaded on our website,
cpcgaston.net





We want to say a **BIG Thank You** to Kristen and Elliott Williams for their years of faithful leadership of our HCY program. We celebrate with them in their upcoming adventure in parenthood!

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”
John 16:33

BCO ITEMS OF THE MONTH For September:





Lutheran Church of the
Holy Comforter COMMENT
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Micah Kearney, Pastor email: micahkearney@gmail.com
Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster
Kristen Williams, HCY Advisor
Dianne Lail, Communications



Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
Luke 15:7

Communion Opportunities for September
September 4: The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25: The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship at Lutheridge in Arden, NC
(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,



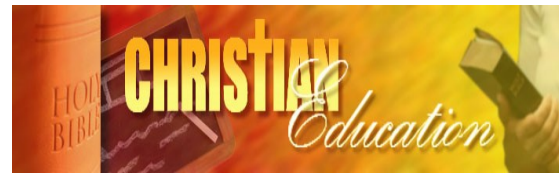
Somehow it is September, and depending on when you are reading this, schools are either about to start back, or have started back already. It's an exciting time, with kids both anxiously anticipating a new school year as well as mourning the loss of summer, and with parents doing some combination of the happy dance as school starts back and weeping as their child continues to seem way older than they're ever meant to.

It's an exciting time for the church as well, as we move with some of these same rhythms. As summer vacations end and we pick back up with our busy routines, much of our activities at church start back as well. Committees that have been on a bit of hiatus for the summer get back to work, our Kids Club and Holy Comforter Youth (HCY) kick off with pool parties, both children and adult choirs begin practicing, Bible studies hit full swing, and our Sunday School program gets back to its full schedule after Rally Day this month. It is exciting to watch the pace and energy around here begin to pick back up. It's also a fun time for the community, not just programs. While we have said "goodbye for now" to college kids and others as they move away for school or work, in general it is a time of re-gathering. Folks finish up vacations

and are back in routines that bring them to worship together (hopefully weekly!) after hectic summers. It has been fun over the past few weeks to see and hear of joyful reunions in the church parking lot, the sanctuary, or the courtyard after worship, as friends greet one another in genuine love and joy. Relationships are rekindled as we see the love of Christ bind us together in ways a summer away cannot separate.

While there are so many things that I love about our Holy Comforter congregation, what rises to the top time and time again is how deeply we seem to love and care for and about one another. We certainly aren't perfect, as no person or community is, but there is an authenticity to the community here that I fell in love with quickly, and has attracted many to our congregation over the years. There is an obvious warmth to our congregation as we care for one another that extends beyond us to visitors. We don't begrudgingly welcome visitors because Jesus said we should, but because we genuinely want them to feel welcome and at home in this place and among us. That is a wonderful gift and one way that I see the Spirit moving throughout each and every one of you. May we continue to nurture this and every gift the Spirit works in us, living out Christ's call to "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39)

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Micah



Rally Day 2016!
Christian Education would like to invite everyone to attend Rally Day, September 11th at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Come hear about the classes we will offer this year, meet your teachers, and enjoy some delicious breakfast and fellowship.

If you would like to contribute a dish to the breakfast meal, please email Melissa Bocchino at melissa.bocchino@pwc.com to let her know what you plan to bring so we can make sure we have everything covered for a good meal for all.

Sunday School for ages 3 and up begins September 18th. If you are unsure which class to attend, come explore our offerings on **Rally Day** or ask Pastor Micah or a Christian Education team member for assistance.

Christian Education Committee members should watch your email for additional information regarding Rally Day, next in-person-meeting and other items.

Yours in Christ,
Your friendly Christian Education Committee



Sunday School classes begin September 18th with a review of the studies for the year.

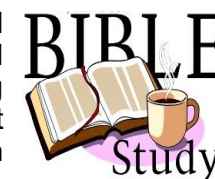
This year the children will be taught about the church calendar and the different seasons (colors, symbols, etc.) that go along with them.

There will be no Sunday School on the 25th due to the worship at *Lutheridge*.

Beginning on Sunday, October 2, **God's Eden** will begin the study of Daniel and Lion.

Teachers are still needed.
If you would be willing to help teach our children, please call or email Mandi Kline at mandikline@gmail.com.

For any women interested in Bible Study, we will have our first gathering September (7 or 14). Last year's studies were such a good time of fellowship and studying God's Word. We will begin this year studying the book of Romans.



If you are interested in joining for some or all, we will meet Wednesdays from 6:45-8:00. This is an intergenerational gathering, so please join us.

Please email Jenn Kearney if you are interested, jenniferhasskearney@gmail.com.

You are invited to join us for
Worship at Lutheridge
 Sunday, September 25
 11:00 am in Whisnant Chapel



All those who want to carpool or caravan
 need to meet at Holy Comforter
 to depart at 8:45 am.

Worship service will be held at HolyC in
 the fellowship hall for those who
 do not go to *Lutheridge*.
 No Sunday School on this day.

All afternoon church meetings
 are cancelled.



Children's Church Volunteers:

September 4: Trudy Whitener
 September 11: Shelia Kelly
 Amanda Kelly
 September 18: Jo Singleton
 September 25: Worship at Lutheridge
 No Children's Church

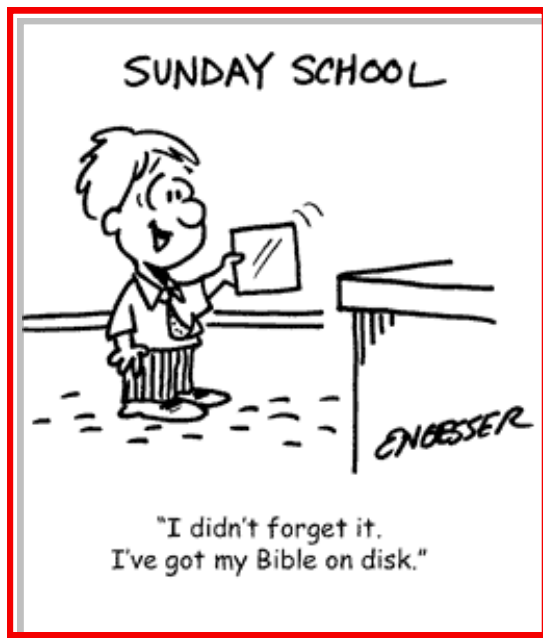
MUSIC NEWS

Chamber Choir will resume on our regular schedule in September. Due to Labor Day weekend and *Lutheridge* Sunday all of our other musical ensembles will meet on the following times on Sunday, September 11, and 18:

- 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble
- 5:00 pm Adult Handbells
- 6:00 pm Church choir

We have already begun with planning some of the events, which are a part of our upcoming *Centennial Year of Celebration*. Thanks to all of our ministers of music who assist regularly during our services of worship.

Greg Cline



CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Sunday, Sept. 4 16th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
 10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion
Tuesday, September 6
 7:00 pm Property committee meets
Sunday, Sept. 11 17th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:30 am **Rally Day!** Breakfast and meet teachers
 10:30 am The Service
 Council meets after
 5:00 pm Children's Ensemble
 HCY meets
Tuesday, Sept. 13
 12 Noon Agape Lunch Bunch/Bible Study
 6:00 pm Stewardship Committee
Friday, Sept. 16 Kids' Club
 7:00 pm **Lock-In at the church**
 Bring sleeping bags, change of clothes
Saturday, Sept. 17
 8:00 pm Pick up children from the *Lock-In*
Sunday, Sept. 18 18th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am The Service
Thursday, Sept. 22
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee meets
Sunday, Sept. 25 19th Sunday of Pentecost
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion
 At *Lutheridge* in Arden, NC Arden
 Also at HolyC in the fellowship hall
Tuesday, Sept. 27
 7:00 pm Christian Ed meets in Fellowship Hall
REGULAR MEETING TIMES:
Sundays: 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble
 5:00 pm Adult Handbells
 6:00 pm Church Choir
Tuesdays: 7:00 pm Nar-Anon



TREASURER'S REPORT: (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	July 2016	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$21,751.00	\$152,257.00
Actual Expenses:	\$21,057.90	\$146,957.53
Offerings Received:	\$23,452.61	\$157,058.86
Gain for the Period:	\$ 2,394.71	\$ 10,101.35

Information for October newsletter is due to Dianne by September 20!

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Chief Lector
 Sept. 11: Judy Caldwell
 Sept. 18: Jim Buell
 Sept. 25: Billy Joye

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:
 Need Volunteers

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 4)
 Diann Halvorson, Co-Captain
 Dean Halvorson, Co-Captain
 Carmen Buell Barbara Kasmer

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
 Need 4 volunteers

EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:
 July 3 & 24: Volunteers

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH:
 Sept. 4: Carmen Buell
 Sept. 11: Tracey Nault
 Sept. 18: Pat Long
 Sept. 25: Kathy Graves

TELLERS: Raini Kimball & Dennis Tucker

USHERS: Volunteers Needed

FLOWERS:
 Sept. 4: Dianne Lail
 Koehlers & Carrs
 Sept. 11: Charles & Bev Mauney (both vases)
 Sept. 18: Fran Holland (both vases)
 Sept. 25: Kathy Graves
 Jeff & Brooke Martin

NURSERY: (9:30 am-11:45 am)
 A nursery is provided for infants and a separate nursery for the toddlers. Let an usher know if you need assistance in locating the correct nursery for your child/children.

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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25 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir prep 10:30 am The Service Worship at Lutheridge Arden, NC	26	27 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Christian Ed meets In Fellowship Hall Nar-Anon	28	29	30	

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



- September 2

Preston Baker
- September 4

Deborah Bingham
- September 6

Alex Buell
- September 7

Elizabeth Bruchon
- September 11

Hannah Carnes
- Maria Carr
- Madison Carr
- September 14

Emily Koehler
- September 16

Leslie Payne
- September 17

Bill Hollar
- September 18

Winston Baker
- September 20

Lyn Miller
- Beverly Reynolds
- Dan Wallace
- September 21

Horace Bean
- September 22

Dean Burwell
- September 23

Mary Page
- Anne Reese
- September 24

Collin Martin
- September 25

Harold Singleton
- September 26

Warren Heller
- Henrik Sarrazin
- September 28

Leo Kasmer
- James Milton
- Elizabeth Passer
- George Robeson
- September 29

Barbara Beale
- Claire Mitchell
- September 30

Louise Austin

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