

Beka's
Buzz

At **Trunk or Treat** this year we had so many families come that we ran out of hot dogs, candy, and calk walk treats. I am amazed at the amount of people in our parking lot. Normally you can tell that most of the kids around were members of the church, but we were outnumbered. Not only did we have tons of people but we had tons of fun too. Will Kline came by my car and in his bucket, I saw an onion and I asked him where he got an onion and he said, "Mrs. Melissa's car was trick or treat and I got a trick" (insert frown here). Another car had you pick Frankenstein's nose to get a treat, and a different car had you dig for buried treasure. The winner of the best trunk though was the Bryant's trunk, Veronica was dressed up like Ms. Frizzle from *Magic School Bus* and made slime! I would say that *Trunk or Treat* was a fantastic success.



Along with passing out candy we also passed out a flyers with our information on them. They were Halloween handouts that had our Sunday school and worship times on them. We handed out all of them, which is truly incredible. During the planning process, I mentioned to someone about how these handouts were super helpful but what really pulls people in is our fellowship with one another. We

love each other, we love to be together, and we love to bring people into that. This is a quality that makes us special and you know, we are teaching our kids that too. Just like their parents, our kids love each other and they love to be together. We, as a community, are doing great things.

Here are important dates to remember for this month:

HCY meets on November 5th, 12th, and 19th. On the 12th HCY will go *Go Karting* at Concord Speed Park.

Kids' Club meets on November 18th to make a craft.

Women's Bible Study will continue to meet, discussing Genesis. The group will finish Genesis before Advent, stay tuned for the next topic.

Christian Ed will meet *virtually*. If you are interested in being a part of that let us know. We would love to have you join us because ministry is better when we do it together.

Beka Forst,
Youth & Family Ministries

BCO November Items Of the Month

Spaghetti & Spaghetti Noodles/ Pasta



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[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

Matthew 25:31

Communion Opportunities for November

November 5: All Saints' Sunday
November 26: Christ the King Sunday

(Communion on 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's
Desk

Grace and peace,

It is a small but nice bit of affirmation when you and the presiding bishop of the ELCA have the same idea for a newsletter article. In the most recent edition of *Living Lutheran*, the ELCA's magazine, she wrote an article entitled, "Oct. 32." October 31 is the anniversary of the day in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses. "Oct. 32" refers to the idea that we are now done with our commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, so now what? I was going to entitle my article "500 +1." You can decide which is better.

Lutherans all over the world have spent the last year focusing on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. There have been worship services commemorating it, from Gaston County, to a combined NC/SC synod service in Charlotte, to Bishop Eaton preaching in the National Cathedral, and Pope Francis worshipping with leaders of the Lutheran World Federation. It has been impressive how much work has gone into these celebrations and commemorations. And it has been good that we have done so. It is good to celebrate our history, to lift up the rich tradition of which we are a part, to

be proud of who we are, even while recognizing the places we have fallen short of our witness to the kingdom.

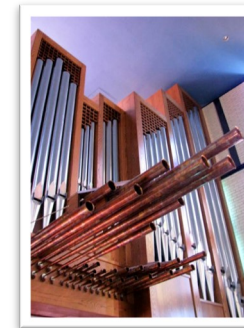
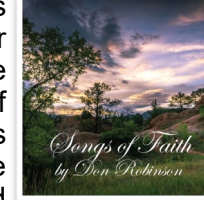
But now that the anniversary has past, we have to ask ourselves, "what now?" Now that we have spent a year looking back, what does moving forward look like? Lutherans have a rich and wonderful theology, one that Luther used to rediscover the grace of God for God's Creation, and especially for God's people. It is a grace that sets us free, free to not live in fear of death, in all its many forms, to not live in fear that we aren't good enough, and free to then live out our joy and thanksgiving for the sake of the world. I believe a wonderful testament to that theology and to our Lutheran tradition would be for us, together with the discerning guidance of the Holy Spirit, to undergo a reformation of our own, a rediscovering not only of the grace that is for us and calls us, but of the grace that sets us free for the sake of the world and sends us out to be instruments of that grace for others.

My hope and intention is that we will commemorate year 500+1 with this very work of discerning how Luther's work to rediscover God's grace for the world is calling us to live out that grace as a congregation with one another, in Belmont, and for the world.

***Yours in Christ,
Pastor Micah***

MUSIC NEWS

Don Robinson has sung in our church choir for over 65 years. We are re-releasing a CD of Don's favorite solos which are being made available to families and friends of Holy Comforter. These CDs are available in the coming weeks. Each family may pick up a CD after worship on Centennial Sunday, December 10.



Many folks have been reflecting on our centennial celebrations. I remember 25 years ago during the month of November when we were installing our new pipe organ. Decades in the making through dialog and prayer...two years from the signing of the contract until installation. We were then a congregation that had been debt free for more than 25 years, and were very comfortable with that. Our biggest fear was, "How are we going to pay for it?" I will never forget the Sunday that Pastor Mike stood before the assembly and said, "Please do not give any more to the organ campaign...it's paid for." Those were requests that we did not anticipate ever hearing, especially ahead of schedule; but, this demonstrated that we need not fear to move forward...to challenge ourselves, knowing that God provides.

There was a homemade video, grainy in quality, but now posted at the top of our videos on the church website. There you

can fast forward through scenes showing our Sanctuary transformed to accommodate an instrument which weighs 22,000 lbs. and contains 1883 pipes. We actually removed everything from the sanctuary in the summer of 1992 and pressure washed the interior of the building. Not many churches can make such a claim. The video also shows this organist playing the instrument in Indianapolis prior to shipping to Belmont by *Mayflower*. It was an amazing time.

Check it out at holyc.org. Click on *Resources*, then *Audio/Video*. Click on organ installation video.

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster



Seasons Greetings

As the holidays approach, the members of our congregation are encouraged to send cards or notes to our **HomeBound members**.

If you need any addresses, feel free to call or email me.

Thank you, Kathy Graves

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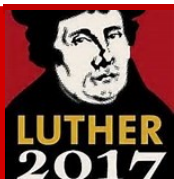
HCY meets:
November 5th
November 12th
November 19th

On the 12th **HCY** will go *Go Karting* at Concord Speed Park. **Drivers are needed.**



Kids' Club meets
November 18

10:00 am at the Church
We will be talking about
our favorite prayers.



Centennial UPDATE

Save the Date! Our Centennial Luncheon Celebration is to be held **December 10th** immediately following service at The Haid on the Belmont Abbey College campus. Invitations are being sent via e-mail. If you do not have/use e-mail, please pick up an invitation and RSVP card from the narthex or office.



Chrismon Gathering

Sunday, November 19
4:00 pm at the church

Meet to prepare the
Completed Chrismons
for blessing & display on
Sunday, November 26.



Mark your calendars (December weekends go fast)!

Our next meeting will be
Saturday, December 9th for our
"Christmas *Staying Connected*
Gift Exchange."
We will add a "giving" component
to it this year as well!

Location TBD. Likely start time of
7:00 pm (shared appetizers).
This is our biggest event of the
year, so plan to join us.

Note: There will not be a
November meeting.

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Thursday, November 2

7:00 pm Stewardship Committee meeting

Sunday, November 5 All Saints' Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion
Bless Columbarium, lunch after
Tour of former Causby home

5:00 pm **HCY**, Dinner

Wednesday, November 8

7:00 pm Church Council meeting

Sunday, November 12 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service
Congregational meting

5:00 pm **HCY**, Go-Kart racing

Saturday, November 18

10:00 am **Kids' Club**

Sunday, November 19 24th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

2:00 pm Confirmation class at St. Paul's

4:00 pm *Chrismon* Workshop

5:00 pm **HCY**, Activities

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day (Office closed)

Sunday, November 26 Christ the King Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

Congregational Thanksgiving Meal

Children's Ens. after lunch, Decorate church for Advent

REGULAR MEETING TIMES:

Sundays: 9:00 am Adult Handbells

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

4:00 pm Children's Ens. (except as noted)

6:00 pm Church Choir

Tuesdays: 7:00 pm Chamber Choir

Nar-Anon

Wednesdays: 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report for the month	September, 2017	Year-to-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$24,511.17	\$220,600.50
Actual Expenses:	23,637.58	213,308.75
Offerings Received:	18,568.50	194,467.43
Gain (Loss) for Period:	(\$ 5,069.08)	(\$ 18,841.32)

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: November 5 & 26: Billy Joye, Chief Lector
November 12: Judy Caldwell
November 19: Volunteer

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:
Volunteers

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

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
November 5 & 26: Volunteers

EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:
November 5 & 26: Volunteers

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH:
November 5: Pat Long
November 12: Carmen Buell
November 19: Becky Richards
November 26: Pat Long

TELLERS: Rochelle & Danny Potter

USHERS: Volunteers

ALTAR FLOWERS:
November 5: Jo & Harold Singleton
1 vase available
November 12: Dianne Lail
1 vase available
November 19: Rochelle, Perri & Carson Potter
Angie Morton
November 26: Both vases available

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:
November 5: Krystyna Sarrazin
November 12: Krystyna Sarrazin
November 19: Jill Cassel
November 26: Krystyna Sarrazin

NURSERY: (9:30 am-11:45 am)
A nursery is provided for infants and a separate nursery for the toddlers. We encourage you to use the nurseries if your children become restless and/or vocal. Let an usher know if you need assistance.

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
November 5 			1 All Saints' Day 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study	2 7:00 pm Stewardship Comm.	3	4
5 All Saints' Sunday 9:00 am Adult Handbells 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church choir prep 10:30 am The Service w/HC Dedication of columbarium, Catered lunch after, tour 5:00 pm HCY , Dinner 6:00 pm Church Choir	6	7 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	8 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Church Council meets	9	10	11 Armistice Day 
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26 Christ the King Sunday 9:00 am Adult Handbells 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church choir prep 10:30 am The Service w/HC Lunch/Decorate after Children's Ens. after lunch 6:00 pm Church Choir	27 	28 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	29 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study	30 St. Andrew, Apostle		

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 2	Beckham Bryant
November 3	Brad Milton
November 5	Debbie Mendez
November 6	Deborah Bray
November 8	Jenn Kearney
November 11	Jim Buell
	Matthew Heilig
	Ashley Ange
	Richard Holden
November 12	Libby Joye
November 15	Laurel Mauney
November 16	Dylan Fox
	Bob Wiegand
November 18	Brian Achor
November 19	Nathaniel Kearney
	Danny Potter
November 20	Davide Bruchon
	Lucy Mitchell
November 21	Greg Byrum
November 22	Olivia Sarrazin
November 23	Cheryl Fox
November 25	Mallory Morton
November 27	Sue Lahr
November 29	Rick Neagle

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