

Beka's
Buzz

In the next couple of weeks I am finishing up my first year at Holy C. What a year it has been! I have met people who will be my friends forever, I have made friends that are family and I have a support system like no other! It is incredible to see how God has worked through this congregation to make me feel right at home and confident to do His work. When I started here a year ago I'm not sure I knew what I was in for. I have enjoyed every minute of being with our kids, building friendships with them and teaching them that they are a part of the body too and that we all work together. In the coming year, we will try new things, make new friends, and love like Jesus. This year we hope to change and grow.



I am eager to announce that we have five FABULOUS youth going to the National Youth Gathering. It is with great joy that I tell you that **Matthew Carr,**

Catherine Carr, Emily Koehler, Bella Ince and Noah Rawlins will head to Houston in Summer of 2018. The National Youth Gathering is when all of the eligible high school youth in the country gather in one place to serve, worship and share God's love. The theme of the Gathering is "This Changes Everything" with the theme verse being Ephesians 2:8, "*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.*" I cannot begin to share with you how awesome this will be. Our five youth along with 30,000 others from all over the country will get to experience something that is like nothing they have seen before. Along with getting to experience new things, we will have to work hard to get

there and will need your help too. We are eager to share with you about this adventure and how it will leave a lasting impact. The joy I have about this trip is truly given from God. I look forward to sharing more about this endeavor as we get closer.

A few calendar things to share with you, Sunday School is back!

Jill Cassel is teaching *The Bible: Book by Book, In a Nutshell*, for the **Seekers** class.

The **kids and youth** will be working through the Creation story.

HCY will meet on Oct. 1 & 15 for activities at the church.

On Oct. 7th **HCY** will participate in *Keep Belmont Beautiful*.

Kids' Club will be getting together on Oct. 21 for *Trunk or Treat*.

Staying Connected will not meet in October, but will resume in November.

Women's Bible Study is meeting on Wednesdays at 6:45 pm...join in on a study through Genesis. There is so much going on this time of year and we would love to have you with us!

Beka Forst, Youth & Family Ministries

BCO October Items of the Month



Canned Soups



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Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster
Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
Dianne Lail, Communications/Office



²¹*But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets,* ²²*the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction,* ²³*since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;* ²⁴*they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...*
Romans 3:21-24a

Communion Opportunities for October

October 15: 19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 29: Reformation 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



Grace and peace,

Here it is, the month in which falls the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. 500 years ago on October 31st, legend has it that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the doors of Castle Church. Plagued by his guilt over his sinfulness and need to make himself right with God, Martin Luther began the Protestant Reformation as his search for a loving God. Through his study of the Apostle Paul's writings and scripture in general he rediscovered a loving God in the grace God gives us in Jesus Christ. Through scripture, Luther rediscovered a God who does not require us to make ourselves right, but who redeems us and saves us through God's own actions in Christ Jesus, particularly his death and resurrection. His written works extend well beyond this one point, but Christ's redemption of the world remains central in all his theology. His theology was an incredible gift to Christianity, but it did not come without significant cost as it set in motion a divide in the church that exists today.

This year we commemorate 500 years of reformation not to tell ourselves how great we are compared to anyone else, or brag to the world with any sense of superiority, but to lift up the 500 years of faithful witnesses on whose shoulders we stand; 500 years of saints of the church who continued Luther's work of proclaiming to the world the grace of a

loving God. 500 years after Luther began the reformation our witness to God's grace through word and deed is still a necessary voice in the world, both in Christian conversations and for the secular world as well.

We look back and give thanks to God for Martin Luther and all the reformers and witnesses of the God's grace over these 500 years. We also look forward, recognizing that the Holy Spirit remains active in reforming the church around the world, across the ELCA, and here at Holy Comforter. We recognize that our witness to the kingdom of God is an imperfect one, so we continue to discern how the Holy Spirit is active in our community and calling us to reform, calling us to continue to be formed into the community of faith God has created us to be for the world. Thanks be to God for the reformers of the church, 500 years ago and today, who are open the Holy Spirit's continued work to form us to be a reflection of our loving God.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Micah



On Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 pm
there will be a joint Gaston County
reformation worship service at
Philadelphia Lutheran Church
in Dallas.

All are welcome to commemorate the
500th anniversary of the Reformation.

**All information for the November newsletter is
due to Dianne in the office by October 23.**

MUSIC NEWS

As we approach a very busy season of upcoming festivals, our children's ensemble, church, chamber, and handbell choirs are hard at work preparing musical offerings.

I cannot say enough in the way of thanks to these folks who give so freely of their time and talent. It's easy to take the music in our service of worship for granted. In many cases a 3-4 minute anthem may have been rehearsed literally for months before it is offered in worship.

So to all in our choirs who may be a bit overwhelmed at times by the sheer volume of material; take heart, keep the faith, run the race. Together, with one voice, we share a unique ministry as we worship the triune God.

Greg Cline



We are in desperate need of **Children's Church** volunteers. Please consider signing up for one week.

Contact Veronica Bryant at 703-860-5567 or veronicabryant@gmail.com

**Children ages up to Grade 5
are invited to join in our annual**



**On Saturday, October 21
from 2:00-5:00 pm
in the HolyC parking lot.**

**Contact Tom Bocchino
to volunteer to help with
the **Goblins**.**

**Decorate your vehicle,
wear your costume and
be ready for the little
Monsters!**



Go Team!

Watch your email
and bulletins for the
dates and places of
the volleyball
games.

The season starts October 2. Join us for the fun.



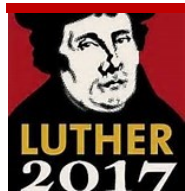
Staying Connected will not meet
in October, but will resume in
November with a project for
our shut-ins.
More to come...

Paws in the Park

The **Evangelism committee** will be participating in Belmont's first **Paws in the Park** event! Join us **Saturday, October 7th** from **9:00 am – 1:00 pm** at **Stowe Park** for a pet family friend day including a pet Halloween costume contest, police dog education, vendors, and other pet friendly entertainment.

Holy C will have a tent and table with a kids' craft. If you'd like to help with the craft table or spreading the word about how great our church is, see Katie Kessen. We hope to see you and your four-legged friend there!

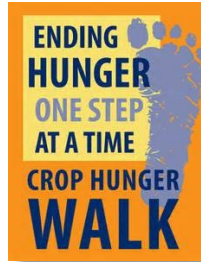
Katie Kessen, Evangelism



Centennial UPDATE

In conjunction with our tree at *Luthergarten* in Wittenburg, Germany celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we will be **planting our sister tree** at Holy Comforter on **Sunday, October 29th**. Reformation Sunday service will begin outside in the courtyard for a blessing ceremony of the new tree, also being planted in honor of our centennial year.

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 this month. If you do not have/use e-mail, please pick up an invitation and RSVP card from the narthex or office.



Communities Reaching Out To People

October's service project will focus on Gaston County's Annual **CROP Walk**. CROP Walks take place all over the world raising \$10 Million annually to end international hunger. 25% of funds are given to a local organization, Dallas High Shoals Christian Social Ministry Association and 75% addresses hunger and emergency relief across America and around the world.

Families are encouraged to walk (strollers and wagons are welcomed) the 6 miles or as long as they can. 6 miles represents an average distance it takes some to find a clean source of water and food. This year's walk is being held at Cloninger Park track in Dallas, NC on **Sunday October 15th**. Registration is at 1:00 pm, walk at 2:00 pm. We encourage folks to come to church dressed for the walk and in your tennis shoes! After service, there will be sub sandwiches for the walkers and a caravan to Dallas!



There are now orange leaves for the bulletin board's **Random Acts of Kindness!** Be sure to keep up the kindness, we have **40** and we are working towards 100!!

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Sunday, October 1 17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

Tuesday, October 3

7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 7

8:45 am *HCY* meets for *Keep Belmont Beautiful*

Sunday, October 8 18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

Church Council after

Sunday, October 15 19th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

1:00 pm Registration for **CROP WALK**

2:00 pm **CROP WALK** starts

Tuesday, October 17

7:00 pm Christian Ed Meeting

Saturday, October 21

2:00 pm **Kids' Club Trunk or Treat**

Sunday, October 22 20th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

4:00 pm *Chrismon* Workshop

Sunday, October 29 Reformation Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion and

Kids are Confirmed

Noisy Offering collected

Meal after the service

REGULAR MEETING TIMES:

Sundays: 9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

4:00 pm Children's Ensemble

5:00 pm Adult Handbells

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 August, 2017 Year-to-Date

Budget Expenses: \$24,511.17 \$196,089.33

Actual Expenses: 22,563.96 190,871.17

Offerings Received: 20,434.00 175,898.93

Gain (Loss) for Period: (\$ 2,129.96) (\$ 14,972.24)

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: October 15 & 29: Billy Joye, Chief Lector

October 1: Judy Caldwell

October 8: Jim Buell

October 22: Volunteer

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:

Volunteers

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1)

Bev & Charles Mauney, Co-captains

Carmen De Nicholas

Deb Williams

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

October 15 & 29: Volunteers

EUCARIST PRESENTERS:

October 15 & 29: Volunteers

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH:

October 1: Becky Richards

October 8: Carmen Buell

October 15: Pat Long

October 22: Katie Kessen

October 29: Pat Long

TELLERS: Fran Holland, Trudy Whitener

USHERS: Volunteers

ALTAR FLOWERS:

October 1: Both vases available

October 8: Tim & Shelia Kelly; Horace & Donna Bean

October 15: Both vases available

October 22: Danny & Rochelle Potter, 1 vase

1 vase available

October 29: Kay & Richard Holden, 1 vase

1 vase available

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

October 1: Volunteers

October 8: Jill Cassel

October 15: Volunteers

October 22: Volunteers

October 29: Volunteers

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.



October 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church choir prep 10:30 am The Service 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells HCY , dinner 6:00 pm Church Choir	2 7:00 pm Property Committee	3 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	4 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study	5 	6 	7 8:45 am HCY Meets at the church for Keep Belmont Beautiful Trash pickup 9:00 am Paws in the Park Pet family friends in Stowe Park
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15 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church choir prep 10:30 am The Service w/HC 1:00 pm Registration/Crop W. 2:00 pm CROP WALK 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells, HCY 6:00 pm Church Choir	16 	17 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Christian Ed meeting Nar-Anon	18 St. Luke, Evangelist 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study	19 	20 	21 Trunk or Treat 2:00 pm Kids' Club Trunk or Treat In the Church parking lot
22 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church choir prep 10:30 am The Service 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble Chrismon workshop 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir	23 St. James of Jerusalem, Martyr 	24 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	25 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study	26 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee	27 	28 St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles
29 Reformation Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church choir prep 10:30 am The Service w/HC & Kids Confirmed, Noisy Offering Lunch After 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir	30 	31 500th Anniversary of the Reformation 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study			

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

October 1	Ellen Fleming
October 2	Andres Mendez
October 4	Garrett Buell
October 4	Mark Reese
October 5	Larry Siglar
October 7	Catherine Carr
October 8	Brenda Daly
October 10	Tim Kelly
October 11	Evan Howard
	Patricia Roberson
October 12	Dee Tucker
October 14	Jean Ferguson
	Linda Grimsley
	Stephanie Hinrichs
	Jeff Howard
October 18	David Koehler
October 22	Carmen Buell
October 23	Eva Kline
	Carson Potter
	Noah Rogers
October 24	Renee Carpenter
October 27	Kay Holden
October 28	Andrew Bryant
	Sarah Reese
October 30	Shawn De Nicholas
	Billy Joye
	Micah Kearney
October 31	Cody Koehler
	Gary Rogers
	Kurt Scholler

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

