



Sunday School Rally Day: August 25th, in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am. Breakfast will be served (listen for calls from Debbie Neagle to assist with a dish) to be followed by activities and introductions. Save the date and plan to attend as a family.



Blessing of the Backpacks: This is new to Holy Comforter, but not to the greater Christian community. **All children are encouraged to bring their backpacks for school and participate in a special time of blessing for the new school year. This will take place during the worship hour on August 25th.**

Sunday School for all ages will resume its regular schedule of 9:30 am on September 1.

All teachers who have agreed to lead our children and youth are asked to meet with Beth at 9:30 am Sunday August 11, to receive your curriculum and training for this coming Sunday School year. Thank you in advance for your time, willingness and leadership in growing our children and youth in their faith.

The last **Holy Play Day** for adults for 2013 will take place on Saturday, **August 24th**, in the fellowship hall beginning at 9:30 am. Thank you to all who have given of their time and talents to start this program.

Workday for cleaning & organizing the Sunday School rooms is scheduled for Saturday, August 17th. Please come as you are able to help spruce up this area.

Kids' Club will meet **Saturday, August 17th at 10:00 am** in the fellowship hall for a *Back-to-School* party.

We are establishing a rotation of leadership for the children's worship time during our regular worship service (about a 20-minute program). We are seeking adults to commit one Sunday a month to lead our children. Several youth are willing to be assistants. We are trying to establish teams of 2 for leadership. Please prayerfully consider this ministry to our children.
Beth Brittain, Christian Education



- Birthstone: Peridot
Birth Flower: Gladiola
- 1: First US census (population of 3,939,214) 1790
 - 1: Blacks vote for first time in a state election in South (Tennessee) 1867
 - 1: The first airplane train, plane tows 3 mail gliders behind it. 1934
 - 2: The first Lincoln head pennies minted. 1909
 - 4: First trans-Atlantic cable completed. 1858
 - 4: Anne Frank, 15, (Diary of Anne Frank) is arrested by Nazis. 1944
 - 4: Civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman & James Chaney found buried inside an earthen dam in Mississippi. 1964
 - 5: First transatlantic telegraph cable laid. 1858
 - 7: 1st American offensive in Pacific in WW2, Guadalcanal, Solomon Island. 1942
 - 10: O B Brown patents moving picture projector on this day in history. 1869
 - 11: World's 1st roller rink opens (Newport RI). 1866
 - 12: Thomas Edison invented the phonograph. 1877
 - 14: Oldest known exactly dated printed book (c 3 years after Gutenberg). 1457
 - 14: Social Security Act became law. 1935
 - 17: 1st air mail (in a balloon) took off from Lafayette, Indiana 1859
 - 17: Gold is discovered on Klondike River. 1896
 - 17: Building of the Berlin Wall begins. 1961
 - 17: The first manned balloon crossing of Atlantic Ocean (Eagle II). 1978
 - 21: John Hampson patents venetian blind. 1841
 - 21: Hawaii becomes the 50th state of the United States of America. 1958
 - 28: 1st radio commercial is broadcast. Queensboro Realty receives 10 minutes of air time on New York station WEAf for \$100. 1922
 - 30: Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans. 2005

Holy Comforter Comment

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Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:2-3

Communion Opportunities For August
August 4 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 18 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Dianne Lail Communications/Office Manager

SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service
Church Office Hours Monday-Thursday
8:30 am—3:00 pm

Two Opportunities for Spiritual Formation, led by Pastor John ...

In 1982 while I was serving a Church in Phoenix, Arizona a good friend lovingly “nudged” me to participate in a Cursillo weekend. The weekend ended up being a major milestone in my Spiritual journey with Jesus. **Via de Cristo**, “the way of Christ” is Cursillo today. On **September 8 at 9:30 am**, I will share a bit about this Spiritual gift. I personally will be helping to lead one of the three weekends (November 7-10) in the fall at Lutheridge.

There are other gifts of grace like **TEC** (Teens Encounter Christ), **Marriage Encounter** and others that I'd love to talk with you about. Drop me an e-mail if you think you might be here on Sept 8 – JohnCPropst@gmail.com.

Do You Have an “Inquiring Heart?” ... about things like ...

- Growing in your faith journey with Jesus (discipleship)
- What it means to be a Lutheran Christian...beliefs about baptism, communion, salvation, the Bible, Luther's Small Catechism, the Trinity, eternity, how to stay awake in Church (just seeing if you're reading this!)...and many, many more beliefs.
- About the ELCA, NC Synod, other denominations and how we are similar and different, about other Lutheran “flavors”
- Maybe you wonder about the Church year (seasons, colors, etc.), the Reformation, what to bring to a Lutheran potluck (still reading??)
- Questions specific to Holy Comforter Church: mission & ministry opportunities, various SS classes, how you can join our WONDERFUL choir, youth program, what membership means AND others.

Accept this as a special invitation for you to join an “inquiring Heart Class” at Holy Comforter!
Sunday Mornings 9:30 am (Sunday School hour)
September 22 and 29 & October 6, 20, 27

If you are considering membership, these classes would be great for you! Call the Church office (704-825-2483) or e-mail JohnCPropst@gmail.com.



Music Week at Lutheridge

Recently, Greg Cline and I, plus about 325 others, from young children to adults, participated in Music Week at Lutheridge in Arden, NC. **It was a great week!** For all participants there were optional activities such as choral groups, handbell classes, drumming, and other musical activities, plus swimming, hiking, crafts, and many of the usual camp activities for children. There was plenty of time for relaxation throughout the week as well. Any child or adult who enjoys music might consider attending during Music Week. Lutheridge offers weekly sessions all summer (only one Music Week, though)! My 4 adult children and I have spent a total of 40 weeks through the years at camp at Lutheridge!

Elizabeth Bruchon

Agape Day Camp was a huge success again this year! I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help with dinners, snacks, and lunches for the counselors and campers. Also, a big **Thank You to the Buchanan family:** David, Cynthia, Taylor, and Alyssa, for providing a comfortable retreat for the counselors after a busy day ministering to our kids. We had 21 campers this year and hope to grow even more next year.

Without your help, Agape Day Camp would not be possible.

Thank you,
Misty Koehler, Camp Coordinator

WORSHIP AND WEAR!



Support a worthy cause and show your Holy Comforter T-shirt pride during church outings, during casual time and by wearing it on

August 25th,

Holy Comforter's Rally Day!

Holy Comforter is building a NEW website and 100% of t-shirt proceeds will help build and maintain it. The website will be launched on Rally Day and a few group photos will be taken following service to mark this special occasion.

In order to guarantee you will receive your t-shirt with the correct size, please preorder your shirts by Sunday, August 11th.

Sizes: Youth S,M, L & Adult S, M, L, XXL, 3XL (Gildan Ultra, preshrunk, 100% cotton)

Cost: Suggested minimum donation of \$12 each, any additional offerings welcomed!

Please complete the order form online at <http://holycomforter.weebly.com/t-shirt.html> or sign up via the clipboard during services.

Checks should be made to “Holy Comforter” (indicate for “Website”) and cash offerings should be exact. All offerings will be collected on August 18th & 25th. (See Debbie Baker)

Questions? Email holytshirts@yahoo.com.



The **Call Committee** is now in the process of receiving names for Pastoral Candidates.

If anyone in the congregation has someone they would like to nominate for *consideration*, **the forms are available in the church office and should be returned to me.**

The Call Committee welcomes your suggestion of possible candidates. **Only a member of the clergy roster for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America may be nominated.** All ELCA pastors with the exception of our interim pastors, John Propst and Jack & Linda McHenry are eligible.

The Call Committee will take all nominations seriously and share appropriate names with the office of the Bishop. **If the nominee is from a synod other than NC, our bishop will obtain clearances from the nominee's synod.** It is *strongly suggested* that the first contact with the nominee be made by his or her bishop. Also, due to the call process and confidentiality, please know that there may be no direct response.

The Call Committee appreciates your input and if you have any questions, please let us know.

Faithfully yours,
John Crist, Call Committee Chair

MUSIC NEWS

Friday, August 2 Holy Comforter enthusiasts will travel to Lutheridge for a field trip. We will explore the camp, get a personalized tour, and have lunch on the mountain. Departure is at 8:00 am and we will return at 6:00 pm. Pre-registration is required for lunch. \$5.00 per participant.

Lutheridge is “our” closest church camp and is supported by the southeastern synods of the ELCA. Just 1 hour and 30 minutes drive from Belmont, Lutheridge provides ministries for all ages year round. If you are available to assist with transportation, contact Greg Cline.

Sunday, August 11 at 6:30 pm Worship and Music Ministries will gather for a brain-storming session. This meeting involves Altar Guild Ministry as well. Make plans to attend and help us plan for the future.

Sunday, August 18 ALL musical activities will resume at Holy Comforter. We have had a nice summer break. “O, Come, All Ye Faithful!” (See Calendar!)

We have purchased a new music planner program entitled, “Prelude.” This state-of-the-art system will enable us to digitally catalog our entire worship and music library. This will be a very useful tool to our congregation in the future. Entering all this information will be time consuming. We would like to form a task force team to assist in this undertaking. If you have a laptop computer and a willingness to share some hours of your time, contact Greg Cline.

At some point this summer we will do some light renovation to the choir balcony. Everything that is not nailed down must be moved to a secure location. We need helpers (angels) when the time comes to do this. Please let Greg Cline know of your potential generosity!

Greg Cline, Music Director

HOLY COMFORTER YOUTH (Rising 6th grade—High school) August Schedule



**Tuesday, August 6
5:00 - 10:00 pm**

Leave the church at 5:00 pm
for Carowinds

**Tickets \$31.99 + money for
dinner in the park.**

Let Kristen know by

Monday, August 5 if you will be
attending so she can coordinate
transportation.

Friends always welcome!



**Sunday, August 18 4:00 pm
Back-to-school Pool Party
And Cookout**

At the Carr’s home,
5409 Amanda Lane, Belmont.

Bring a swimsuit, towel,
and an appetite!

Kristen Clanton, HCY Advisor

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, July 2 HCY leaves for *Carowinds*

3:30 pm—9:30 pm Cost: \$27 + cost of food

Sunday, August 4 11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**

Saturday, August 10 Staying Connected

7:00 pm Details to follow

Sunday, August 11 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

Church Council meets after

6:30 pm Worship & Music Committee meeting

Saturday, August 17 Kids Club

11:00 am *Back-to-School* party

(Adults meet to clean Sunday School
rooms)

Sunday, August 18 13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**

4:00 pm **ALL** music activities resume

Saturday, August 24 Adult Play Day

9:00 am Meet in Fellowship Hall

Babysitting available

Call Beth Brittain to reserve space

Sunday, August 25 14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am **Rally Day** for Sunday School

Breakfast served

10:30 am The Service

Blessing of the Backpacks

Regular Meeting Times:

Sundays at 8 pm Nar-Anon

Tuesdays at 7pm Nar-Anon

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer’s Report (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	June	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$17,454.83	\$104,729.00
Actual Expenses:	16,424.72	105,643.43
Offerings Received:	22,164.60	120,769.84
Gain (Loss) for Period:	\$ 5,739.88	\$ 15,126.41

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Jr., Charles Mauney

ACOLYTES: Becca & Gage Gatlin

CRUCIFERS: Wil Carpenter, Cody Koehler

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 4)

Diann Halvorson, Co-Captain

Dean Halvorson, Co-Captain

Barbara Kasmer

Gayla Foscue

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team B)

Sherry Alexander

Charles Mauney

Fran Holland

Dee Smith

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

August 4: Shelia & Tim Kelly

August 18: **Need Volunteers**

GREETERS:

Need Volunteers

USHERS:

Denise Wiegand + Courtney Gatlin

FLOWERS:

August 4: Jody Flowers

One vase available

August 11: Dianne Lail

One vase available

August 18: Lynn Martin

Brian & Lucy Mitchell

August 25: Beth Brittain

Courtney Gatlin

All information for the September
newsletter is **due by August 19.**
Please email to holycomforter@gmail.com
or bring to the church office.

August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Lutheridge Field Trip 8:00 pm - 6:00 pm	3 Staying Connected 7:00 pm At the church
4 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	5	6 The Transfiguration 5:00 pm HCY to Carowionds 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	7	8	9	10
11 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service Church Council after 6:00 pm Worship & Music 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	12	13 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	14	15 St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord	16	17 Kids Club 10:00 am <i>Back to School</i> Party Fellowship Hall All adults who are able Meet to clean and prepare Sunday school rooms for the coming season
18 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion Children's Ensemble HCY Pool Party 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir Reunion 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	19	20 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	21	22	23	24 Holy Play Day for Adults 9:30 am Fellowship Hall St. Bartholomew, Apostle
25 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School Rally Day Breakfast 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	26 	27 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	28	29 The Beheading of St. John the Baptist	30	31

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

August 2 Alyssa Buchanan
 August 3 Joy Robinson
 August 4 Mark Yount
 August 6 Justin Koehler
 Stanley Lahr
 Blythe Thompson
 August 11 Cynthia Buchanan
 Ginger MacDonald
 August 13 Ned Featherstone
 August 15 Brenda Dabrowski
 August 16 Eric Carpenter
 August 17 Wesley Ashe
 Mark Dabrowski
 Carol Posey
 August 18 Katie Baker
 Alex & Henry Bocchino
 Cindy Braddy
 Daphne Hansen
 August 21 Lynn Martin
 Andrew Robinson
 August 22 Becke Featherstone
 Allison Wallace
 August 25 Gage Gatlin
 Kim Wallace
 August 27 Dillon Kasmer
 August 29 Matthew Bruchon
 Tommy Causby
 August 30 Becca Gatlin
 Ronald Starnes

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

