




Thank you to all who helped make our **Hay Day VBS** a success. We could not have done it without the help of willing volunteers to lead our children. Thank you for living out your faith in leadership.

Sunday School continues for adults with the Adult Bible Class meeting in the fellowship hall. At the request of the parents of the children, Sunday Church School for children will not meet again until **August 25th, Rally Day**.

The next **Holy Play** Bible study and Expressive arts class for adults will be **July 27th** at the church. **Please pre-register with Beth Brittain by July 24th** so we can have enough supplies. We are asking for a \$5 supply fee for these classes. Those desiring baby-sitting need to pay an additional donation to the youth who are helping us out. **Youth willing to baby sit for this session need to contact Beth to be put on the roster.**

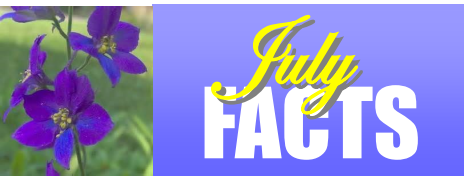
Thanks to all who helped the **Wrap-Around** prayer shawl ministry by creating shawls that were dedicated on June 30th. You have earned a much deserved break...however, we will have another dedication in the late fall...I'm just saying...

 **We need to secure Sunday School teachers for the Pre-school age group** (2-3 to rotate), the **God's Eden** elementary age group (7 to rotate) and the **Youth** class (2-3 to rotate). The **Adult Seekers** class is always willing to have help and I am sure the **Adult Bible Class** would appreciate additional help as well. **If you are willing to help in any of these areas, please contact Beth Brittain by July 25th.** A teachers meeting for those helping with all children and youth will take place on August 4th during the Sunday school hour in the church parlor.

Save the date for **Sunday School Rally Day on August 25th** during the Sunday School hour. Meeting will be in the fellowship hall. Breakfast will be served along with fun and fellowship for all.



**Beth Brittain, Christian Education**



- Birthstone: Ruby  
Birth Flower: Larkspur
- 1: First adhesive postage stamp offered for sale. 1847
  - 1: US Post Office started 5-digit zip codes. 1963
  - 2: Amelia Earhart and her airplane were lost in Pacific Ocean. 1937
  - 3: Congress created the US Veterans administration. 1930
  - 4: Declaration of Independence was approved. 1776
  - 5: Salvation Army was founded in London. 1865
  - 6: Louis Pasteur successfully tested an anti-rabies vaccine on a boy bitten by an infected dog. 1885
  - 6: First All-Star baseball game was played in Chicago. 1933
  - 7: The Reader's Digest was founded. 1922
  - 7: First women were sworn as F.B.I. agents. 1972
  - 16: First parking meters were installed In Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. 1935
  - 18: Elias Howe invented the sewing machine. 1847
  - 19: Christa McAuliffe of New Hampshire was chosen to be the first schoolteacher to ride aboard the space shuttle. 1985
  - 20: Sioux Indian leader Sitting Bull, fugitive since Little Big Horn, surrendered to federal troops. 1881
  - 20: First man (Astronaut Neil Armstrong) to set foot on the moon. 1969
  - 22: American citizenship was re-granted to Confederate General Robert E. Lee by President James Carter. 1975
  - 23: The ice cream cone was invented by Charles E. Menches during the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis. 1904
  - 25: The CIA was created. 1947
  - 30: 1st color motion pictures exhibited. 1928

# Holy Comforter Comment

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Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education  
Kristen Clanton, HCY Advisor  
Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager



**Communion Opportunities For July**  
July 7 The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 21 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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



Your representatives on the Call Committee have been quietly at work in the early stages of finding a primary candidate to present to the congregation as our next pastor. I know it may be difficult to understand, knowing the members of the committee, that we can do anything quietly but divine intervention is already having influence. As a tribute to your prayerful selection of the committee's members we are already gelling as a group and have approached each step with humor and grace.

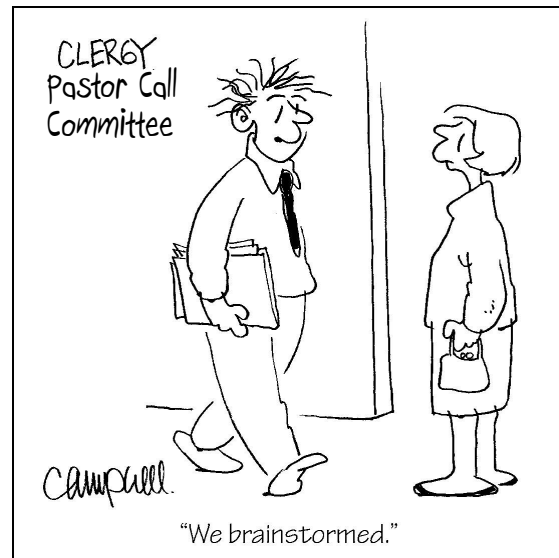
After our preliminary meeting with representatives from Church Council to discuss our MSP (Ministry Site Profile) we set up our Synod training session for Friday, June 14th and Saturday, June 15th. The Synod sent two excellent trainers: Pastor Dennis Hacher and Jack Weller, a retired Human Resources director, to lead us in the right direction. On Saturday afternoon a mock candidate, Pastor Bob Stoffner, gave us his insight and a chance to use some of our new found skills. The total of 11 hours of in-depth instruction was tiring, but thanks to Shelia Kelly and Debbie Neagle, we ate well.

The Call Committee has now completed training, reviewed and commented on the MSP and returned it to Church Council to submit the final document to Synod. The Synod will then use the MSP to compile a list of prospective candidates. This will work out well since vacations will take its

toll the next couple of weeks. We will then meet to hone our interview skills and plan an agenda about the time we hope to hear back from synod.

The most heard comment from the congregation is that our new pastor is out there and God knows who it is. The Holy Spirit is at work at Holy Comforter every day and we all must open our hearts and minds to his direction. The Call Committee is aware of the great responsibility entrusted to us, but we are very pleased to be so directly involved in this exciting time of our church family. We ask for your patience and your prayers for guidance and understanding. We all are truly blessed.

*John Crist, Call Committee Chair*



**Have a Safe & Enjoyable  
July 4th Holiday.  
The church office will be  
closed July 4 & 5.**



**Agape Day Camp is scheduled for July 15-19.** Agape is a day camp for **rising 1st to rising 5th graders** sponsored through Kure Beach Ministries.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church or from Misty Koehler. **The cost is \$125 per camper and is due at the time of registration.** There is only room for 4 more 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.**

### Children & Youth Summer Spiritual Joy!

**VBS - HayDay!** Growing in friendship with Jesus! **Thanks Beth and ALL** who made this a wonderfully *MOOOving* experience! "Our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends with God." (Romans 5:11) - Indeed, for this special weekend experience, God did!

**CAMPFIRMATION—Gage Gatlin Luke Via, Austin Ross and Pastor John**, along with 40+ other youth and leaders spent a week in June at Lutheridge deepening their prayer life, learning about the Church year, studying the Book of Luke, being a servant of Jesus, learning what it means to know Jesus as Lord—just a sampling of their week, not to mention the Lutheridge programming. Yeah, God!

## Grand Opening Celebration for Trinity Ridge in Hickory

Please join Lutheran Services Carolinas in celebrating the opening of Trinity Ridge, a 120-bed skilled nursing community in Hickory. Trinity Ridge is the replacement home for Lutheran Home—Hickory West.

**Sunday, July 21, 2013**

Dedication Service at 2:00 pm

Self-guided tours will be available from  
2:30 pm until 4 pm.

Refreshments will be served following  
the program.

Trinity Ridge is located at 2140 Medical Park Drive in Hickory, NC. Additional parking with shuttle service will be available from the Westover Plaza Shopping Center, located 1/2 mile west of Trinity Ridge on Hwy. 127 S.

Trinity Ridge features a state-of-the-art neighborhood design with mostly private rooms. Each neighborhood will have its own living room, dining room, kitchen, outdoor courtyard, and activity space. Trinity Ridge also will offer a chapel, kennel, children's playground and indoor play areas, buffet-style dining, an Internet café, and enhanced safeguards for residents at risk of wandering. The skilled nursing community is located on 12 acres of land in the Mountain View area of Hickory.

**For questions about the Open House and Dedication Service, call the LSC Office at 704-754-8229 or email [kkitchen@LSCarolinas.net](mailto:kkitchen@LSCarolinas.net).**





# MUSIC NEWS

**Thanks to the members of the church choir** who continually lead our services of worship throughout the hot days of the summer. Speaking of hot...we invite all cold natured Lutherans to sit in the balcony this summer. The air conditioning system for our 40-foot ceiling was not the best design in the 1950's. Thus we sometimes must chill extra degrees to be able for the choir to survive.

We have signed a contract to repair the Carillon. The electrical system on the tower rendered the bells inoperable in October 2012. It will take a few months before the work can be completed. We hope to rededicate the Carillon by late summer. These repairs are being completed thanks to an anonymous benefactor.

At some point during the summer we hope to replace flooring in the chancel and choir areas. When these projects are being done we may need to relocate to the fellowship hall for a Sunday. We will keep the congregation informed of our progress. These Sanctuary enhancements are also a gift from Holy Comforter benefactors. We are a very blessed congregation in so many ways. Those desiring to make gifts to Holy Comforter through living wills, stocks, life insurance, or other venues may speak with a member of church council or staff. There are many areas of ministerial need inside and outside our church walls.

**Greg Cline** and **Elizabeth Bruchon** will be representing Holy Comforter during music week at Lutheridge. There are activities for hundreds of participants of all ages.

Campers and clinicians from many states, as well as other countries, participate in worship, instrumental, vocal, and spiritual growth opportunities. Thursday, July 11 a hymn festival is featured in Hendersonville. Friday, July 12 there are concerts literally all day long with closing worship/festival concert in the chapel on the summit of Lutheridge mountain. Any folks desiring to attend any of these events, contact Greg Cline.

*Greg Cline, Music Director*

## HOLY COMFORTER YOUTH July Schedule



**July 2, 3:30 - 9:30 pm**

Leave the church at 3:30 pm  
for Carowinds

**Tickets \$27 + money for dinner  
in the park.**

**Let Kristen know by  
Monday, July 1** if you will be  
attending so she can coordinate  
transportation.

**Friends always welcome!**



**Tuesday, July 16**

**Movie night in the theater!**

Begin at 6:30 pm with traditional  
movie snacks.

The film **Oz, the Great and Powerful**  
will begin at 6:45 pm and  
should end at 9 pm.

**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, July 7 7th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

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

**Music Week at Lutheridge**

**Saturday, July 13 Staying Connected**

7:00 pm Details to follow

**Sunday, July 14th 8th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

Church Council meets after

**Monday, July 15-Friday 19 Agape Day Camp**

9:00 am Bring bagged lunch

**Tuesday, July 16 HCY Movie Night in Theater**

6:30 pm Snacks then movie

**Friday, July 19 Grizzlies Game for Zac**

7:30 pm Game start

**Saturday, July 20 Kids Club**

11:00 am Pool Party at Misty's house

**Sunday, July 21 9th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

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

**Saturday, July 27 Adult Play Day**

9:00 am Meet in Fellowship Hall

Babysitting available

Call Beth Brittain to reserve space

**Sunday, July 28 10th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

**Regular Meeting Times:**

Sundays at 8 pm, Tuesdays at 7pm Nar-Anon

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

**Treasurer's Report** (Warren Heller)

<u>Report for Month</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Budget Expenses:	\$17,454.83	\$87,274.17
Actual Expenses:	18,515.60	88,496.24
Offerings Received:	15,859.87	98,605.24
<b>Gain (Loss) for Period:</b>	<b>(\$ 2,655.73)</b>	<b>\$ 10,109.00</b>

## ASSISTING MINISTERS:

**LECTORS:** Billy Joye, Jr. + Jo Singleton

**ACOLYTES:** Claire Mitchell  
Garrett Fox

**CRUCIFERS:** Cooper Burwell  
Chase Lineberger

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 1)  
Bev Mauney, Co-Captain  
Brad Milton, Co-Captain  
Carmen De Nicholas  
Brandy Milton

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:**  
**Need Volunteers**

**EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:**  
**Need Volunteers**

**GREETERS:**  
Brenda Daly & Louise Day

**USHERS:**  
**Need Volunteers**

**FLOWERS:**  
July 7: Dianne Lail & De Nicholas Family  
Paul & Tracey Nault & Family  
July 14 : Debbie Bray  
One vase available  
July 21: Richard, Cheryl & Dylan Fox  
Linda Grimsley & Cheryl Grant  
July 28: Paul & Tracey and Aaron Nault

All information for the August newsletter is **due by July 22**. Please email to [holycomforter@gmail.com](mailto:holycomforter@gmail.com) or bring to the church office.

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

- July 4

Ann Miller
- July 8

Jeff Thompson
- July 8

Merritt De Nicholas
- July 8

Leona Ireland
- July 9

Chase Lineberger
- July 10

Jeffrey Martin
- July 10

Hailey Ratchford
- July 10

Laura Tench
- July 11

Sheri Whitley
- July 13

Don Robinson
- July 14

Beverley Mauney
- July 15

Russell Fleming
- July 16

Sierra Hullander
- July 18

Nicholas Ashe
- July 18

Steve Bingham
- July 18

Holly Peche
- July 19

Lynne Sudarich
- July 20

Garrett Fox
- July 20

Brian Mitchell
- July 21

John Crist
- July 21

Ashton Nault
- July 21

Caroline Nault
- July 22

Melissa Bocchino
- July 24

Cathleen Allen
- July 26

Emilie Bruchon
- July 26

Bryant Deaton
- July 29

Kathleen Elliott
- July 29

Ardean Dwing
- July 29

Pauline Joye
- July 30

Madison Morton

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

July 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2  3:30 pm HCY Leaves for Carowinds 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	3	4 	5	6  1st All-Star Baseball game Played in Chicago 1933
7 7th 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	8	9	10	11  Hymn Festival Hendersonville, NC Contact Greg for details	12  Concerts All Day Contact Greg for times & locations	13 Staying Connected 7:00 pm Details to follow
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