The Holy Comforter Comment

August Newsletter

Worship with us on Sundays at 10:30 am.

10:30 am worship is live-streamed on YouTube for those unable to join us in person.

Click Here to Find Our Worship Services

Church Office Hours:
Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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FROM THE PASTOR

Pastor
Micah Kearney

When Greg Cline retired from 44 years as the organist and choir director at Holy Comforter, we didn't really know what to expect from the transition to a new organist and choir director;

we don't have a lot of experience in looking for musicians for Holy Comforter. The music program has long been a vibrant part of both worship and community here. I've had many conversation with new members about how an early hook for them to visit, and return to, Holy Comforter was the well-played organ music in worship. All that meant that there was some angst among leadership about wanting to get the hiring of our next musician right.....

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August Birthdays

We recognize and celebrate these birthdays! 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 3 — Darin Zepf
August 3 — Joy Robinson
August 4 — Kathy Graves
August 4 — SarahJo Plemmons
August 4 — Mark Yount
August 6 — Eric Carpenter
August 6 — Justin Koehler
August 7 — Josh Stone
August 11 — Darrell Drum
August 15 — Amber Diffley
August 16 — Lisa Brown
August 18 — Grayson Kelly

August Monthly Gatherings:

Wednesday, August 5
- 8:30am — Men's Breakfast
- 6:45pm — Women's Bible Study

Sunday, August 9
- Back Pack Blessing Sunday
- 12:00pm — Church Council

Wednesday, August 12
- 6:45pm — Women's Bible Study

Thursday, August 13
- 10:30am — Prime Timers

Sunday, August 16
- 4:00pm — Kingdom Crew
- 5:00pm — Young Disciples

Tuesday, August 18
- 7:00pm — Christian Ed meeting

Wednesday, August 19
- 8:30am — Men's Breakfast
- 6:45pm — Women's Bible Study

Thursday, August 20
- 7:00pm — Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, August 26
- 6:45pm — Women's Bible Study

August 20 — Regan Porter
August 21 — Kristen Bunney
August 23 — Meredith Ramsey
August 25 — Jeff Featherstone
August 27 — Logan Howard
August 29 — Graham Kelly
August 30 — Savannah Peoples

Sundays:
Koinonia Coffee - 9:30am
Church Choir - 10:00am
Worship - 10:30am

2nd & 4th Tuesdays:
Nar-Anon Meeting - 7:00pm

Every Wednesday:
Women's Bible Study - 6:45pm
Every Other Wednesday:
Men's Breakfast - 8:30am

Church Calendar

This summer we replaced the air conditioning system for the balcony that consists of a compressor on the roof and three mini splits, one above the organ, and two over the choir. The previous system was installed ten years ago and had died, which is about the expected lifespan of those systems. The purpose of the air conditioning is two-fold. One is to keep the choir comfortable when it can easily be at or over 90 degrees in the balcony during the summer. The other purpose is to protect the organ, which is a unique instrument worth well more than a million dollars and is beloved in our music ministry for worship. Significant fluctuations in humidity and temperature can cause wear to the instrument, as well as keep it from being in tune.

The cost of the air conditioning was close to $25,000. We borrowed funds from an endowment, as well as $10,000 from the music fund, to cover the cost of the new

system, but we very much would like to pay back those funds, especially the music fund so that our incoming musician has ample resources with which to start. An anonymous member of the congregation has offered up to $10,000 matching funds as a challenge to the congregation to support this work. That means for every $1 you give, the church receives $2. Please consider contributing to this project that directly benefits the valued music ministry of Holy Comforter. To give, you can write a check with “balcony HVAC” or something similar in the memo line, include a note with a donation in the offering plate, or give online to the Balcony HVAC fund. You can click the included link here.

Give Online Here

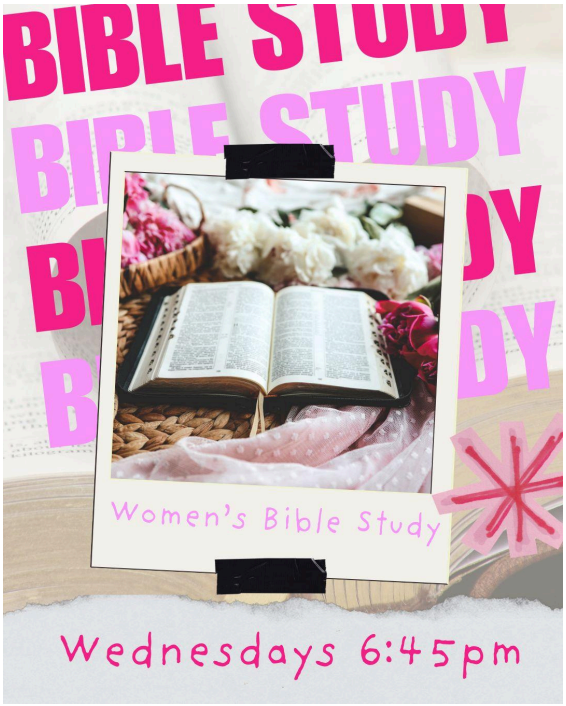
Join Us In Faith and Fellowship

August 5th and August 19th
Holy Comforter Men's Breakfast
Every Other Wednesday 8:30am at Eggs Up Grill
Lead by Pastor Micah

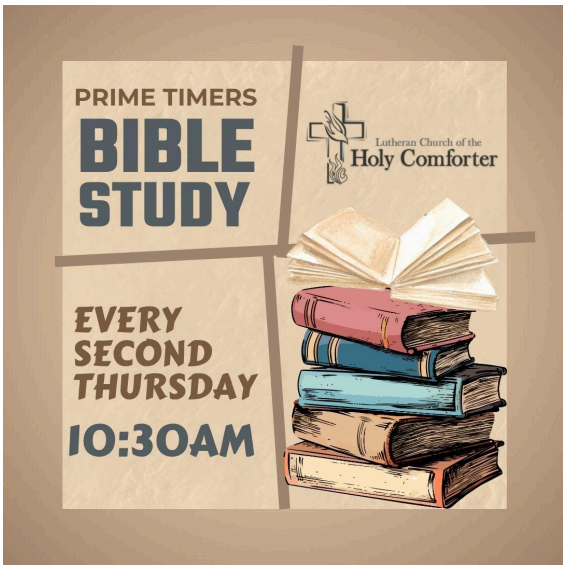
You're Invited: Women's Bible Study

We would love for you to join us for a new season of Women's Bible Study! We are studying Better by Jen Wilkin.

Whether you're brand new to Bible study or have been part of one for years, you'll find encouragement, friendship, and meaningful conversation here. Come as you are, bring your Bible, and let's make room for God's Word and each other. **Join us Wednesdays at 6:45 pm. We will meet in the parlor.**



Come Join Our Prime Timers Bible Study!



Prime Timers is a monthly gathering of retired friends who explore the upcoming Sunday Gospel together, sharing in discussion, reflection, and prayer. It's a wonderful way to deepen your understanding of scripture and connect with others.
All are welcome, whether this is your first time or you've been attending for years! **We are meeting on August 13th at 10:30 am.**
Come for the conversation, stay for the fellowship.
For more information, contact Lyn Miller.

Our Outreach Team invites you to make a meaningful impact in our community through several ongoing opportunities to serve. We are collecting **feminine hygiene products** and other wishlist items for Catherine's House, gathering **non-perishable food donations** for our Blessing Box, and accepting **plastic grocery bags (**collection box located in the Narthex) that will be repurposed into mats for unhoused neighbors. SOCKS will still need **Toliet Paper and any larger food donations** that will not fit in the Blessing Box

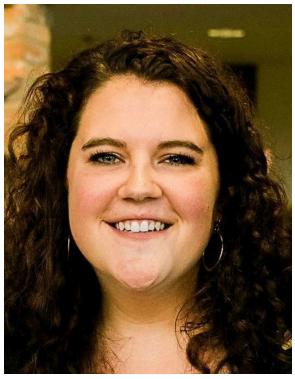
Every donation, big or small, helps empower lives and extend care to those in need—thank you for being part of this important ministry!

Blessing Box Grocery List

Catherine House Needs

Help us prepare local students for a successful school year! Throughout the entire month of August, we are collecting new school supplies to support children and families in our community.

You can drop off your donations in the Education Building anytime during the month. Every notebook, pencil, backpack, and box of crayons helps equip a student with the tools they need to learn and thrive.
Thank you for your generosity and for helping us share God's love in a practical way.



Beka's Buzz

This season has me doing a lot of reflecting. In July, I celebrated five years since my ordination as a Deacon, and in October I will mark ten years of serving in at Holy C. Milestones have a way of making us look backward with gratitude and forward with hope, and I find myself doing both.
When I first began serving in ministry, I could never have imagined all the places God would

Parents Don't Forget to Join Our GroupChat To Stay Up To Date !

lead me. Over the last decade, there have been moments of incredible joy, unexpected challenges, holy conversations, laughter till you cry, grief crys till you smile, and countless reminders that God is always at work,.....

Read More

Kingdom Crew GroupMe Link

Young Disciples GroupMe Link

We're excited to gather for some great food and even better company! If you'd like to help provide dinner for Kingdom Crew or Young Disciples gatherings, please sign up using the link below. Your support means the world to our kiddos and leaders!

Sign Up Here

Outreach Meeting Reminder

August 20th 7:00 pm

Christian Education Meeting

August 18th 7:00 pm

Holy Comforter Business

Church Council Meeting

Sunday, August 9th, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

June 2025 Council Minutes

We invite you to take a moment to review the recently approved minutes from our Council meeting.

The minutes provide a summary of our discussions, decisions made, and action items moving forward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a council member.

Council Minutes Here

Treasurer’s Report for June 2025

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER - Current Financial Summary		
	For Month of Jun-26	For Year Through 6/30/26
Actual Offering ($)	22,193	163,036
Actual Expenses ($)	30,074	168,544
Actual Offering less Actual Expenses ($)	-7,881	-5,508
Detail:		
Actual Offering ($)	22,193	163,036
Planned Offering for Budgeted Expenses ($)	31,491	188,947
Actual Offering less Planned Offering ($)	-9,298	-25,911
Expected Expenses (Budget) ($)	31,491	188,947
Actual Expenses ($)	30,074	168,544
Budgeted Expenses less Actual Expenses ($)	1,417	20,403
Actual Offering less Planned Offering + Budgeted Expenses less Actual Expenses* ($)	-7,881	-5,508
*Cross references "Actual Offering less Actual Expenses" above		
Cause of the YTD budget shortfall:	Insufficient offerings in current and several previous months	

Children's Church Volunteers are Needed

The children need your help! Children's church needs o*ne volunteer per Sunday* to teach *using scripted curriculum*. The volunteer would find our user friendly Children's Church material in the Fellowship hall in the yellow binder. We have plenty of openings from now till the end of the year.

Sign Up Here

New Sign Ups Are Here

Altar flowers are the flowers that are on the altar during worship. They can be given *in honor or memory* of someone and are a reminder of the resurrected Christ. Once worship is over, you are able to collect the flowers that you sponsored. The price per vase is $30, or $60 if you purchase both.

2026 Altar Flowers

Being a Lector is an easy and important way to lead during worship. It would be most helpful for you to sign up for a month at a time, or as much of the month as you can. Readings will be sent to you the Monday before your Sunday.

2026 Lectors

Being a Worship Assistant is a meaningful and important way to help lead during our worship services. Worship Assistants support the flow of the service by assisting the pastor and congregation throughout the liturgy. It is most helpful if you are able to sign up for a month at a time, or as much of the month as you are available.

2026 Worship Assistants

Volunteer Schedule

Altar flowers

Available to be sponsored. If you would like to do so in honor or memory of a loved one or to celebrate a milestone please click the button below..

August 2-
August 9- Shelia and Tim Kelly
August 16- Shelia and Tim Kelly & Will And Katie H.
August 23-
August 30-

Sign Up Here

Children's Church

Children's Church is available for pre-k-5th graders every Sunday during the readings, the Gospel, and the Sermon. Children's church takes place in the fellowship hall.

August 2-
August 9- Deacon Beka
August 16- Jill Cassel
August 23-
August 30-

Sign Up Here

Worship Assistants

Worship Assistants support the flow of the service by assisting the pastor and congregation throughout the liturgy. please click the button below to sign up..

Sign Up Here

August Lector:
William Charnock

Sign Up Here

August Teller Schedule:
Ellie Holloway and Jill Cassel

Note: If you can't count during your assigned time, please ask another Teller to count for you or Contact Shelia via text or phone.

The church calendar is updated weekly and can always be found on the church website under the events tab. Take a look!

Church Calendar

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