

# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, November 18, 2018

## The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Micah Kearney  
Pastor

Greg Cline  
Organist/Choirmaster

### WELCOME/GATHERING

**PRELUDE:** *Old 100th* ..... Johann Christoph Bach

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**C Amen.**

P One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P O God, our merciful redeemer,

**C we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for ☩ his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

**C Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG: *My Lord, What a Morning* . . . . . All Stand & Sing

*Refrain*



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## KYRIE

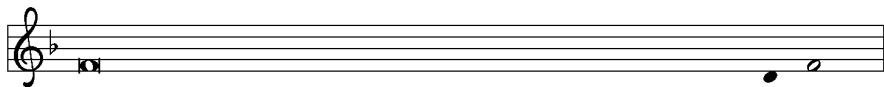
*Pastor*

*Congregation*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

*P*



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

*C*

Lord, have mer - cy.

*P*

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

*C*

Lord, have mer - cy.

*P*

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Congregation</i>
let us pray to the Lord.	Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.	A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Pastor*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*All*

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Congregation is Seated and are invited to sing “Jesus Loves Me”  
as the children come forward.*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**Children ages 4 to 8 years-old** are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together **immediately after the Children's sermon**. *Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day.* Children **birth through 3 years-old** are invited to join others their age **in the nurseries**.

### FIRST READING

**Daniel 12:1-3**

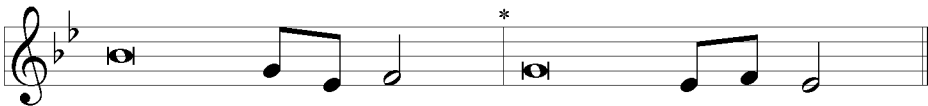
A reading from the twelfth chapter of Daniel.

*The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.*

<sup>1</sup>"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



**PSALM 16** ..... All Sing  
Men sing Odd verses, **Women sing even verses**

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,  
never take their names up- | on my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;  
it is you who up- | hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night | after night.

<sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;  
my body also shall | rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me | to the grave,  
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the | path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

## SECOND READING

**Hebrews 10:11-25**

A reading from the tenth chapter of Hebrews.

*Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.*

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

<sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:  
I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”  
<sup>17</sup>he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

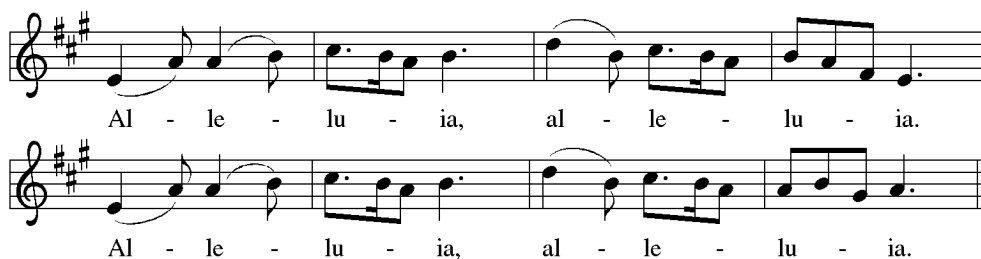
<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

**Mark 13:1-8**

P The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.*

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign

that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

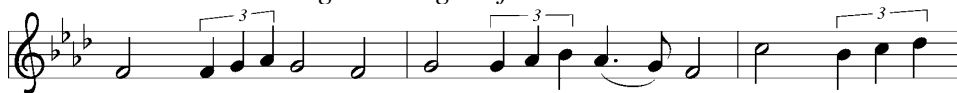
**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*The assembly is seated*

**SERMON** ..... Pastor Micah

*Silence is Kept for Reflection.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow . . . All Stand & Sing*



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward  
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the  
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as  
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,

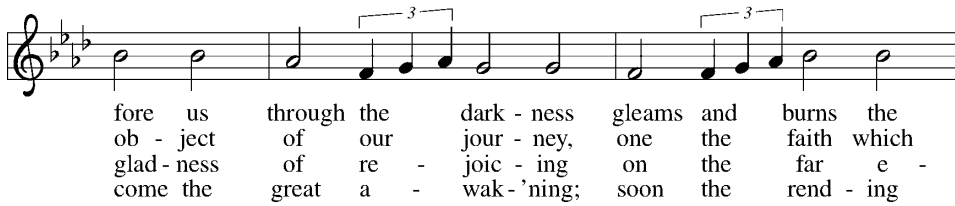


goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -  
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and  
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the  
 with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -  
 ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the  
 per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the  
 bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall





Text: Bernhard S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.  
 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

## APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms* . . . . . Chamber Choir

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE:** *Create In Me* . . . . . All Stand & Sing

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray,

**C** Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you made the church through the working of the Holy Spirit, and you provide the assurance of faith through your Son. Guide us in our proclamation of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You created all things and said your creation was good. Protect land and water from harm, cause all living things to thrive, and raise up stewards for the well-being of creation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You desire peace for the whole world. Provide refuge for those in harm's way, bring an end to war, and instill in political leaders the love for all that comes from you. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You reveal your compassion through caregivers, advocates, and medical professionals. Heal the sick, deliver the suffering, bind up the brokenhearted, provide shelter for the homeless and food for the hungry. We pray especially for . . . Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You bless us in our coming and our going, in our waking and our sleeping, and in our daily work. Make our love and good deeds a reflection of the freedom you give us in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You grant us everlasting life. Through the witness of your saints who now rest in the Lord, inspire us in our lives of faithful service. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

## BLESSING

P The love of God surround you; the grace of ✠ Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit  
be your guide and strength,  
now and forevermore.

C Amen.

**SENDING SONG:** *Lead On, O King Eternal* . . . . . All Stand & Sing

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a final cadence. The lyrics are written below the staves, with three verses of text aligned with the notes.

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.  
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of pre - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;  
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,  
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
 but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917  
 Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

## SENDING

**P** Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**During the Postlude the Church and Children's ensemble are asked to come to the chancel to practice the Offertory Anthem for next Sunday!**

**COMMUNION** for those who desire it will be offered at the alter after church.

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**A CORDIAL WELCOME** is extended to all our visitors on this **Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP.** Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. Nurseries for children (**infants through 3 years old**) are in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance.



**KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER:** Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer board, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in the online form at [www.holyc.org](http://www.holyc.org).**

**THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Rochelle Potter in honor of Danny's birthday.

**Those who have placed flowers on the altar** may use the containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church.

***Carmen Buell, Worship & Music***

**Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, November 11, 2018:**

Attendance: 84

<b><u>Budget Report</u></b>	<b><u>November 11, 2018</u></b>	<b><u>Year-to-Date</u></b>
Offering	\$ 2,453.00	\$235,368.60
Expenses	\$ 5,551.17	\$242,760.43
Offering less Expenses	<u>(\$ 3,098.17)</u>	<u>(\$ 7,391.83)</u>
Expected (Budgeted) Expenses		249,274.11
Offering less Expected Expenses		<u>(\$ 13,905.51)</u>

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:**

**LECTOR:** Teresa Keller

**GREETER:** Teresa Keller

**ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:**

Volunteers

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Melissa Bocchino

**NURSERY:** (10:30-11:45 am) Brandy Milton

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 3)

Fran Holland, Tracey Nault, Co-Captains

Katie Howard

Rebecca Yount

**TELLERS:** Rochelle & Danny Potter

**USHERS:** Volunteers

**THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:**

**Today, Sunday, November 18:**

8:45 am Children's Ensemble

9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir prep

10:30 am The Service

Congregation meeting/elect council officers

Discuss budget for 2019

2:00 pm Adult Catechism class

5:00 pm Handbells

**HCY** Campfire

6:00 pm Church Choir Practice

**Monday, November 19:**

4:00 pm Youth Handbells

**Tuesday, November 20:**

7:00 pm Chamber Choir

Nar-Anon

**BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: November 18-24**

Today, November 18 Brian Achor

November 19 Nathaniel Kearney

Danny Potter

Lucy Mitchell



November 21 Olivia Sarrazin

November 23 Cheryl Fox





## PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen  
Hailey Ange  
Tim Baker  
Cynthia Buchanan  
Carmen Buell  
Brenda Dabrowski  
Becke Featherstone  
Ellen Fleming

Cher Grant  
Sarah Tench Helms  
Zac Hullander  
Jo Irwin  
Sue Lahr  
Ben Moose  
Holly Peche  
Sherry Perry

Pat Roberson  
Kathie Schaumburg  
Scott Schaumburg  
Marguerite Shive  
Denise Taylor  
Beverly Reynolds  
Jo Singleton  
Jerri Wesson

## GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Amy Beale Blythe  
Doug Brewer  
Ron de la Vega  
Carol Fox  
Larry "Poss" Garrett

Ruth Lail  
Beverly Lineberger  
Jennifer Lineberger  
Ronnie Lunsford  
Clarence McLain

Susan Misner  
Anne Murdy  
Tommy Smith  
Brody Thornburg  
Dennis Yates

## OUR SERVICEMEN



Beau Carroll    Tom Kasmer    Leo Kasmer    Colton Parker

Please remember these people in your prayers.  
**If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list,  
please inform the church office.**

The sign-up prayer forms are in the narthex and online at [www.holyc.org](http://www.holyc.org).





# Holy Doodles





## **Did you know that 70% - 80% of all illness is stress related?**

What happens when we are **stressed**? Our breathing, heart rate and blood pressure increase to send more oxygen into our systems. Circulation reroutes itself from the digestive tract and extremities into the large muscles and brain. Our fat and sugar reserves pour into the bloodstream to provide quick energy. Blood-clotting elements enter the bloodstream to prepare the body to defend against injury. Digestion stops, muscles tense, perspiration increases, our senses become more acute.

How does this translate into recognizable signs? We experience a tightening in the stomach or chest; clenching of jaws and gritting of teeth; tensing of muscles; rapid breathing; rapid and pounding pulse; cold, clammy hands; tightness in the throat.

What can we do about it? Next time you become aware that you are getting tense, try these techniques: **SIGHING** – Take a long, slow sigh, and another, and another, until you feel the tension begin to release. **HUMMING** – The vibration of humming is relaxing. Try humming steadily while you exhale. Repeat the exercise until you feel the release of tension. **PROGRESSIVE RELAXATION** – Sit in a relaxed position or lie down. Starting with your heels, tighten the muscles in the back of your heels, hold for a count of 8, then release. Working your way up from your heels, follow that same technique of tense and release for each muscle group in your legs, buttocks, abdomen, hands, arms, shoulders, and neck. **MUSIC** – even at work, soothing music will ease tension. Environmental sounds such as rain, birds, surf, or other natural sounds are particularly helpful.

**DON'T LET STRESS MAKE YOU ILL!** Practice these techniques and minimize the effect stress has on your body and mind.

Contact Teresa Keller, Parish Nurse, at 717-329-8507 or [parishnurse0407@gmail.com](mailto:parishnurse0407@gmail.com).

## November BCO Items Needed:



Oatmeal  
+  
Spaghetti  
Sauce



### Holy Comforter Lutheran Church

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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

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Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster

Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager