Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, June 11, 2017

Holy Trinity Sunday



Micah Kearney Pastor Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins:

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, \oplus one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.
- C Amen.
- P Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Eternal God our creator,
- C in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God # forgives you all your sins.
- C Amen.

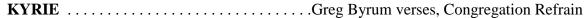
GATHERING SONG: *Holy, Holy, Holy.....* All Stand & Sing ho - ly, 1 Ho - ly, ho ly, Lord God Al - might - y! lv! the saints a - dore 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho All thee, 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly! Though the dark-ness hide ho - ly, 4 Ho - ly, ly! Lord God Al - might - y! ho the morn - ing our song shall rise cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea; though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky not see, and sea. mer - ci - ful and might - y! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly, fall - ing down be - fore cher-u - bim and ser - a - phim on - ly thou art ho there is none be - side ly; thee, mer - ci - ful and might - y! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly, 00 bless - ed God Trin - i - ty! in three per sons, ev - er - more shalt which wert and and art, per fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty. Trin - i - ty! God bless - ed in three per sons,

> Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt. Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

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.









- For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im passioned re sponse to the
- For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the





this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise, we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace, life and for love, . . . for our work and our play, nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 Genesis 1:1–2:4a

A reading from the first and second chapters of Genesis.

This first creation story reached its current form during the crisis of the Babylonian exile of the people of Israel. God, not their captors' god Marduk, was responsible for their existence. God created women and men as rulers over creation, to preserve and protect it. God also rested on the seventh day, hallowing that day forever as the Sabbath.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and

over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,

in the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A reading from the thirteenth chapter of 2 Corinthians.

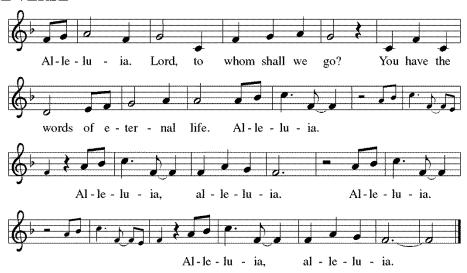
Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, the Spirit's partnership.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

- A The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL Matthew 28:16–20

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have



commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- P The gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ. C

HYMN OF THE DAY: Come, Join the Dance of Trinity All Stand & Sing



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin i ty, be fore all worlds be gun-
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin i ty, new born in Beth le hem; 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With in the dance of Trin i ty, be fore all worlds be gun,



the in - ter-weav-ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son. blood-ied by crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem. then a peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name. set of the Three, the Fa - ther. Spir - it. Son. we sing the prais - es



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance, The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone; We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with in their dance. when fear con-fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone. go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move! to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

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Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune
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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.

A brief silence.

Holy Mystery, you call us to be your church. Keep calling your people to faithful reform. Give us vision and courage to share your new life with all the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Joyful Creator, you made a wondrous universe and call us to be partners in its care. Inspire delight in the furry, scaly, watery, breezy, sandy stuff you love. Inspire us to bring about creation's healing. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, you love our enemies and bless all people. Make our hearts yearn to be joyful and share your generosity. Help leaders and citizens use political power in service of your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Compassionate One, you bring about the fullness of life. When sorrow wounds faith, send wise ones to comfort and encourage those who suffer. Heal your people in body, mind, and spirit (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy Trinity, you call us together to bless your world. Guide all who are preparing for baptism into the joy of new life in your name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you bring life out of death at every turn. We give you thanks for all the saints and for dear ones whom we mourn. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

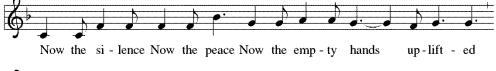
PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Lord, You Have Searched Me and Known Me -Church Choir

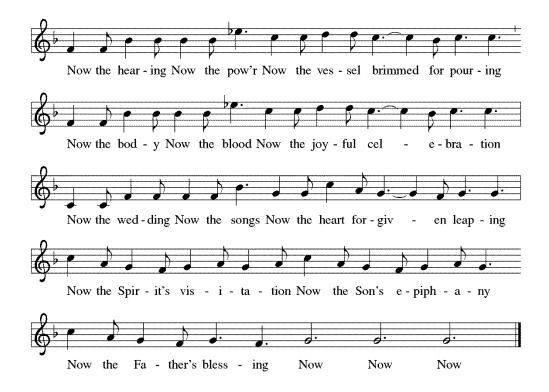
OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Now the Silence All Stand & Sing





Now the kneel-ing Now the plea Now the Fa-ther's arms

in wel - come



OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
- C Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

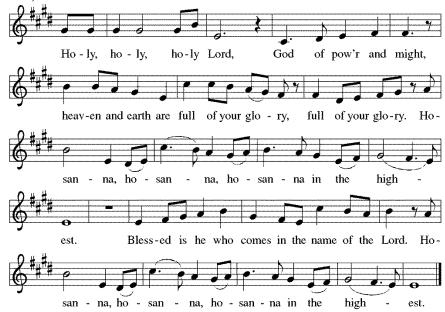
DIALOGUE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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,

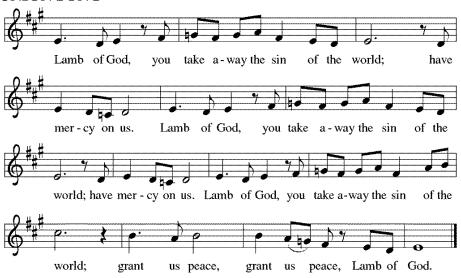
but deliver us from evil.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together.
- C Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION SONG



COMMUNION

A cordial invitation is extended to all baptized persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: *I Am the Bread of Life.....* All Sing

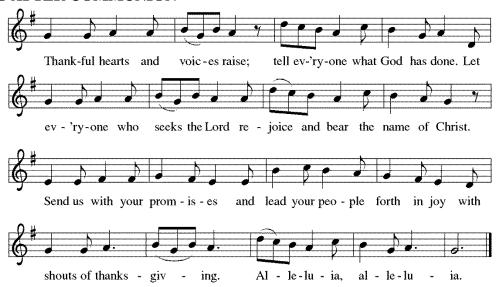




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- P The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

C Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

BLESSING

P May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, \oplus Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: Holy God, We Praise Your Name All Stand & Sing



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DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
- C Thanks be to God.

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<u>A CORDIAL WELCOME</u> is extended to all of our visitors on this **Holy Trinity Sunday.** 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.

<u>CHILDREN</u> 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. A nursery for children (**infants through 3 years old**) is located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance finding it.



<u>KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER:</u> 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.

<u>PRAYER REQUESTS</u>: 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 list, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in a form online at www.holyc.org.

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Debbie Mendez in memory of Alice & Mark Lyerly; and by Jill Leitner in honor of Kaylin Leitner's 9th birthday.

<u>Those who have placed flowers on the altar</u> may use containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church. *Carmen Buell, Worship & Music*

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, June 4, 2017:

Attendance: 169

Budget Report June 4, 2017 Year-to-Date Offering \$ 9,995.00 \$ 116,222.75 5,656.42 \$ 124,238.67 Expenses Offering less Expenses 4.338.58 8,015.92) **Budgeted Expenses** \$ 125,779.22 Offering less Budgeted Expenses 9,556.47)

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Jove **GREETER:** Kathy Graves

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: Volunteers CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1) Bev Mauney, Co-Captain Charles Mauney, Co-Captain

Carmen DeNicholas

Deb Williams

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Volunteers

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS: Volunteers **USHERS:** Volunteers

CANTOR: Greg Byrum **GUEST MINISTER:**

The Reverend Ken Gillikin

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: June 11-17

Today, June 11 Tonya Zander June 16 Cooper Burwell

Sarah Tench

June 17 Marsha Kinley Megan Sulak

Brandy Milton

Toddlers: Staff

Infants: Volunteers

NURSERY: (9:30-11:45 am)

TELLERS: John Koehler

Fran Holland

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS: Today, Sunday, June 11

9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir prep

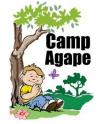
10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion Confirmands leave for Lutheridge

Tuesday, June 13 7:00 pm Nar-Anon We welcome **The Reverend Kenneth Gillikin** as our guest minister this morning. Holy Comforter is acting as a neutral preaching site as he is being considered for an Interim Minister position. The Rev. Kenneth is an ELCA minister who is currently serving as Interim Minister at Oakdale Presbyterian Church (Clover, SC). His wife, Margaret, and two daughters, Lindsay (20) and Meghan (16) reside in Clover. He has served pastorates in Tiffin, Ohio, Chapin, SC, Kings Mountain, NC and Asheboro, NC. We also welcome members of Grace Lutheran Church, Rock Hill, SC to our worship this morning.



This year we will learn how God created each of us through song, bible discovery, games and the imagination station! We are in need of volunteers to help in many capacities through the evening activities. We will also provide a quick meal each evening for all participants & volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering to lead a group of kids, a breakout session or help prepare a meal, please email Melissa Bocchino at melissa.bocchino@pwc.com. Registration forms for children in rising grades K through 5th are available in the narthex (inside front doors of entrance to sanctuary). We invite our middle schoolers & high schoolers to volunteer to help! Please reach out with any questions!



Holy Comforter is hosting **Camp Agape July 17-21**. *Agape* is a day camp for rising 1st to rising 8th graders and is sponsored by Agape Kure Beach Ministries.

During a day at camp the kids will participate in Bible study, crafts, games, skits, nature time and lots of other fun activities. The kids in the 6th to 8th grade group will participate in service projects throughout the week at

Holy Comforter as well as off-site. We must have a minimum of 6 middle school aged kids in order to offer this expanded camp.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church or from **Misty Koehler**. The cost is **\$130 per camper and is due at the time of registration**. There is only room for 25 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.**

wests PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen Dot Holland Marguerite Shive Brenda Dabrowski Zac Hullander Denise Taylor Shawn De Nicholas Chase Lineberger Jack Tench Ardean Ewing Brad Milton & Family Beverly Reynolds

Ned Featherstone Holly Peche Kay Holden Sherry Perry

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Jeanne Bernhardt Carol Fox Jennifer Lineberger
Barbara Bingham Scott Frisk Anne Murdy
Father Frank Cancro Bill Hinkle Karen Wayt
Midge Cunningham Glenda Hinkle Donnie Yavelak
Teresa Beale Davis Brian Jackson &

Karen de la Vega Family

Matt Cisek Jason Gardner



OUR SERVICEMEN

Dillon Kasmer Leo Kasmer

Tom Kasmer

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 located in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org



Be included in Holy Comforter's 2017 Photo Directory!

Lifetouch (formerly Olan Mills) supplies professional photographers on-site to provide members with the highest quality family photos as well as providing the church with a top-notch Photo Directory. We strongly encourage EVERY FAMILY to participate in this opportunity! Here are a few reasons why:

- It's 100% FREE! Lifetouch only requires there be at least 15 families photographed to provide this free service.
- Each family receives a FREE 8x10, no purchase necessary!
- Each family receives a FREE Photo Directory, a professionally bound book of photos and contact information as well as a history lesson celebrating Holy Comforter's Centennial year!
- Easy online scheduling! Visit our website or Facebook for link.
- For every session scheduled, Holy C receives \$5! So not only is the session beneficial to your family, but it's a fundraising opportunity!
- We have coupons! \$10 off any photo package simply for providing your e-mail address!

We have **FOUR** dates to ensure everyone will be able to participate.

Monday, June 12 2 pm - 9 pm

Tuesday, June 13 2 pm - 9 pm

Friday, June 23 2 pm - 9 pm

Saturday, June 24 10 am - 5 pm

Questions? Contact Katie Kessen at 815.762.5480 or ktkssn112@aol.com



Holy Doodles



BCO June Items of the Month...





Grits

Pasta Sauce

Dried Beans











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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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