# The Holy Comforter Comment

# *June 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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**Diamond Cansler, Office Manager**

## FROM THE PASTOR

***Pastor***
***Micah Kearney***

I couldn't find the exact quote, but I have heard it said that the best way to gauge the impact of a church is to ask the poor in the community around them. Caring for the poor is not the

only good a church does, it helps people in times of grief, it celebrates joys, it accompanies people who might be lonely, it wrestles with and teaches the ideas of love and faith, it offers God's grace and forgiveness, it reminds people of God's presence in their lives, it proclaims Christ to the world in word and deed, and so very much more. We do a lot, but one of the things Jesu clearly told his followers to do was the care for the poor...

**Read More**

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## June 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.*

June 3 — Jimmy Holloway
June 5 — Asa Gross
June 6 — Katie Piscatelli
June 11 — Tonya Zander
June 12 — Martha Hogge
June 18 — Dawn Fleming
June 18 — Jack Veydovec
June 19 — John Koehler
June 25 — Wil Carpenter
June 27 — Reid Passer
June 28 — Barbara Manson
June 29 — Gabriel Kearney
June 30 — Leah Koehler

## June Monthly Gatherings:

**Monday, June 1**
- 7:00pm — Book Club

**Wednesday, June 3**
- 6:45pm — Women's Bible Study

**Sunday, June 7-10**
- 6:00pm-8:00pm — VBS

**Monday, June 8**
- 7:00pm — Book Club

**Wednesday, June 10**
- 8:30am — Men's Breakfast
- 6:45pm — Women's Bible Study

**Thursday, June 11**
- 10:30am — Prime Timers

**Sunday, June 14**
- 12:00pm — Church Council

**Monday, June 15**
- 7:00pm — Book Club

**Wednesday, June 17**
- 6:45pm — Women's Bible Study

**Thursday, June 18**
- 7:00pm — Outreach Meeting

**Monday, June 22**
- 7:00pm — Book Club

**Wednesday, June 24**

- 8:30am — Men’s Breakfast
- 6:45pm — Women’s Bible Study

**Monday, June 29**

- 7:00pm — Book Club

**Sundays:**

Koinonia Coffee - 9:30am

Church Choir - 10:00am

Worship - 10:30am

Choir Rehearsal - 6:30pm

**2nd & 4th Tuesdays:**

Nar-Anon Meeting - 7:00pm

**Every Monday:**

Book Club - 7:00pm

**Every Wednesday:**

Women's Bible Study - 6:45pm

**Every Other Wednesday:**

Men's Breakfast - 8:30am

**Church Calendar**

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## Threads Of Kindness

Through out June we will be collecting clothing for our pop up with Threads of Kindness. Drop off donations in the fellowship Hall.
Save our volunteers some time and sort your donations by size and gender if you can. If not, that’s ok! We will take any donations!

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Join us for **Bethlehem Bound Vacation Bible School**, where our theme is “No Room, Make Room”! Kids will discover what it means to make room for Jesus and how that helps us make room for peace, hope, joy, and love in our hearts, and share all of it with others. Each day, children will hear Christmas stories, make fun crafts, enjoy tasty snacks, and play games that help them learn what it means to make room for Jesus and to share that room with friends, family, and anyone in need.

**Dates: June 7th – 10th**
**Time: 6:00 PM–8:00 PM**
**Ages: 3 years old through rising 6th grade**

Come celebrate God’s love with us as we journey to Bethlehem together!

**Register Here**

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We are excited to welcome ***Matthew Carpenter*** as our summer organist! Matthew is a resident of Charlotte, and just finished his first year at Baylor University studying organ performance and church music. Matthew met with our Music Transition Team, where he impressed them with his skill as well as personality. *He will begin playing in worship on June 7th*, and leading worship music entirely beginning the next week. Our Transition Team will begin interviewing folks for the permanent position in the coming weeks, but we look forward to a summer with Matthew in the meantime!

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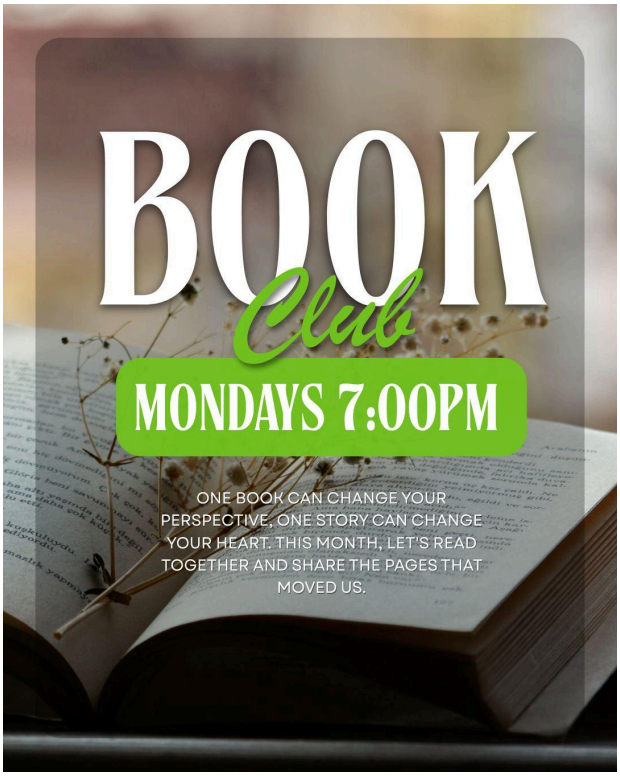
## Join Us For Book Club

Book Club is back, and we're excited to gather again for thoughtful conversation and connection! This session will be led by Josh Stone and Jan Buell as we read Sinners in the Hands of a Loving God by Brian Zahnda compelling exploration of moving beyond fear-based faith into a deeper understanding of God's love and grace. **Join us Mondays at 7:00 PM in the parlor** as we grow together through meaningful discussion and fellowship.

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## Join Us In Faith and Fellowship

June 10th and June 24th
Holy Comforter Men's Breakfast
Every Other Wednesday 8:30am at Eggs Up Grill
Lead by Pastor Micah

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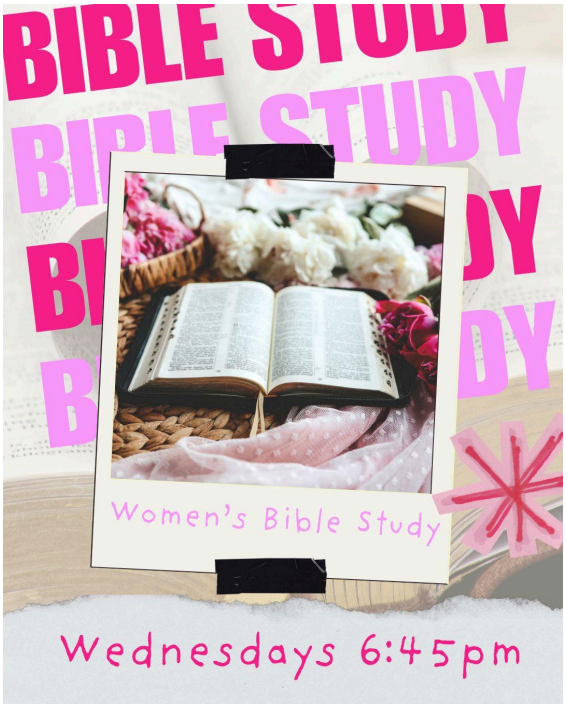
## You're Invited: Women's Bible Study

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.**

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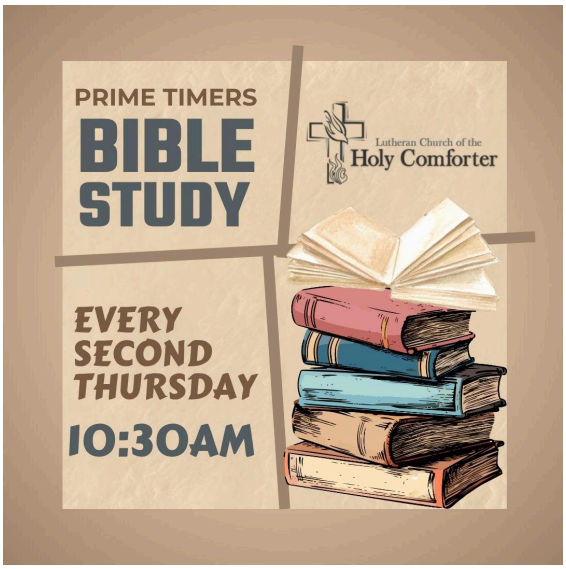
## Come Join Our Prime Timers Bible Study!




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 June 11th at 10:30 am.**
Come for the conversation, stay for the fellowship.
*For more information, contact Lyn Miller.*

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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** that will be repurposed into mats for unhoused neighbors.

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**

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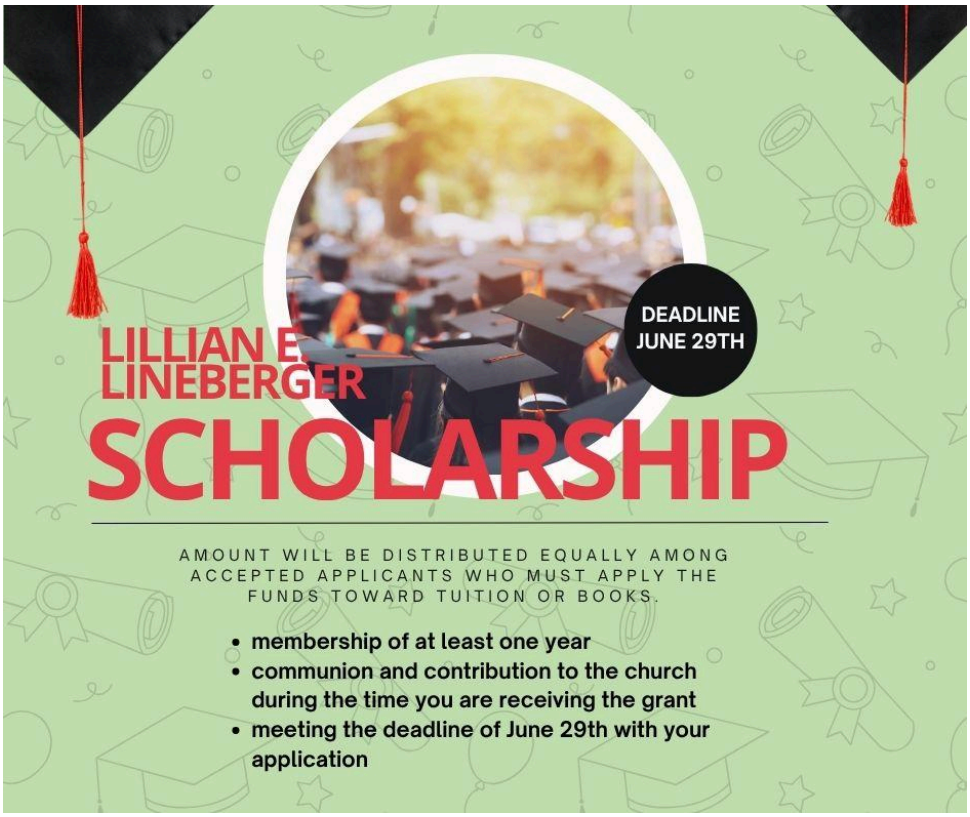


**The Lineberger Scholarship**

Is for members of Holy Comforter seeking collegiate or post-collegiate level education. We will accept applications until ***June 29th.*** The scholarship divides up the earnings from the fund created by Lillian E. Lineberger to further the education of members of Holy Comforter.

The forms can printed and turned in, or can be picked up from the church office until the deadline

**Apply Here**

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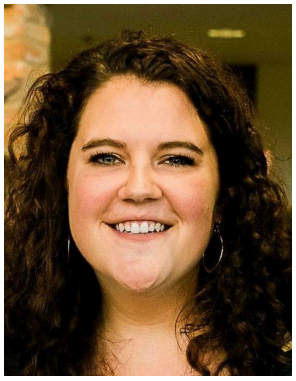

## Beka's Buzz

For years, VBS at Holy Comforter has meant buying curriculum and then rewriting half of it anyway. We run four days, but most programs are built for five, so every summer becomes a season of cutting, rearranging, and tweaking theology to make sure it actually reflects what we believe. And the music? If the songs were catchy, the theology was questionable. If the theology was solid, the songs just didn't hit. At some point this past year, I finally sat with all of that and thought: Advent has four themes. We have four days. That clicks. My friend Cassie (who is always the cheerleader) looked at me and said, "You should just write it yourself." But even with a good idea, I knew it had to actually work for our kids....

**Read More**

## Youth Summer Mission Trip Fundraiser

First, Pick an envelope numbered 1–150
Second, Donate the matching amount
Third, Return your envelope by July 1st

Give online or through the offering plate.
Every gift makes a difference.

If every envelope is filled, we'll raise $11,325 for our mission trip to The Dwelling!
Questions? Ask Deacon Beka.

**Donate Here !**

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## Outreach Meeting Reminder

**June 18th 7:00 pm**

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**Christian Education Meeting**

**June 16th 7:00 pm**

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# Holy Comforter Business

## Church Council Meeting

**Sunday, June 14th, 12:00pm - 1:00pm**

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COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

### April 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 April 2025

| LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER - Current Financial Summary | | |
|---|---|---|
| | For Month of Apr-26 | For Year Through 4/30/26 |
| Actual Offering ($) | 23,723 | 105,340 |
| Actual Expenses ($) | 31,461 | 113,171 |
| Actual Offering less Actual Expenses ($) | -7,738 | -7,831 |
| Detail: | | |
| Actual Offering ($) | 23,723 | 105,340 |
| Planned Offering for Budgeted Expenses ($) | 31,491 | 125,965 |
| Actual Offering less Planned Offering ($) | -7,768 | -20,624 |
| Expected Expenses (Budget) ($) | 31,491 | 125,965 |
| Actual Expenses ($) | 31,461 | 113,171 |
| Budgeted Expenses less Actual Expenses ($) | 30 | 12,794 |
| Actual Offering less Planned Offering + Budgeted Expenses less Actual Expenses* ($) | -7,738 | -7,831 |
| *Cross references "Actual Offering less Actual Expenses" above | | |
| **Cause(s) of the YTD budget shortfall:** | **Insufficient offerings in current and and 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**

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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**

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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..

**June 7-**
**June 14-**
**June 21-**
**June 28- Sheila & Tim Kelly / Rochelle Potter**

**Sign Up Here**

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**Worship Assistants**

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**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.*

**June 7-**
**June 14- Deacon Beka**
**June 21- Jill Cassel**
**June 28-**

**Sign Up Here**

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**June Lector:**
William Charnock

**Sign Up Here**

**June Teller Schedule:**
Ellie Holloway and Sheila Kelly

*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.*

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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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