

December 2018



Around the Mountain

Mt Hermon Lutheran Church



This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here.

We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person -- questions, complexities and all, join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

Be Still, Be Quiet, Be Patient, Be Peaceful

Nope, not usually those things on a Christmas list, but they are the themes for Advent worship. Often, we begin the season of Advent like expectant parents in the final four weeks of pregnancy. Wondering what the child will look like. Will he have his dad's eyes and broad shoulders? Will she have her mom's smile and small feet? We wait to see what the baby looks like and that is often how we approach Advent and then the Christmas season, too.

What if we spent the four weeks leading up to Christmas, not wondering who the baby will look like, but rather we spend this time being reminded of the *continual presence* of Jesus in our lives. We then know what this baby, born in a feed trough, would do for the world.

Sometimes it takes a crisis to get our attention and pull us back to recognize that God is and always has been with God's people. During this season of Advent, let it take *Christ* to pull our attention back to recognize his presence in our lives. The writer of Hebrews declares, "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever.*" (*Hebrews 13:8*) Jesus is the same constant oneness, Emmanuel, God with us. He became fully human. We enter Advent looking for glimpses of the promises of the *return* of the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, Emmanuel, the Savior of the World, Jesus! We will gather for worship during Advent, and learn together to be still, quiet, patient and peaceful.

Sister in Christ,

Pastor Gina

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Congregational Council Mini Minutes for November 2018

ATTENDANCE: All were present with the exception of Devona Price and Alyssa Stevens, both excused.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The agenda for November was adopted with the following additions:

IT Committee- report

Old Business: Parsonage Task Force

New Business: LMM Request

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The minutes for the October council meeting were accepted.

REPORTS:

Pastor Gina gave a report for November.

Emily Morris, Treasurer, presented a report for October. She noted one mistake under Children's Designated Contributions, and will make this change.

Annette Price, Financial Secretary, submitted a report for October.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BUSINESS:

1. Property: Wall in Pastor Gina's office will be painted.
2. IT Committee: Wayne Eargle presented a proposal given to us by Spectrum for bundled services. This will give us better and added services for a lower cost. A motion was made and seconded to move forward with the bundled package price quoted to us. **Passed** Discussion was held about the age of the current telephones. We have the wiring/capability for new equipment now. Wayne will investigate cost to replace these and bring it back to council as information.
3. Education: Question was asked about whether or not there would be a Children's Christmas program. Pastor Gina looking into having them participate in a Worship service for this.
4. Worship: Advent services will be held at 6:35 with a meal after. Christmas Eve service will be held at 7 pm, with music beginning at 6:35.
5. Other: Diane Boulware is working out dates for the Free Garage Sale. Pastor Gina will work with Brittany to make sure all dates for Fellowship Hall use are on the calendar to avoid any over-booking.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Farming Church: The Leadership Plan developed was given to all. Cluster Gathering webinar will be November 13 at 6 pm. Council was asked to review the 4 questions emailed to them before the webinar.

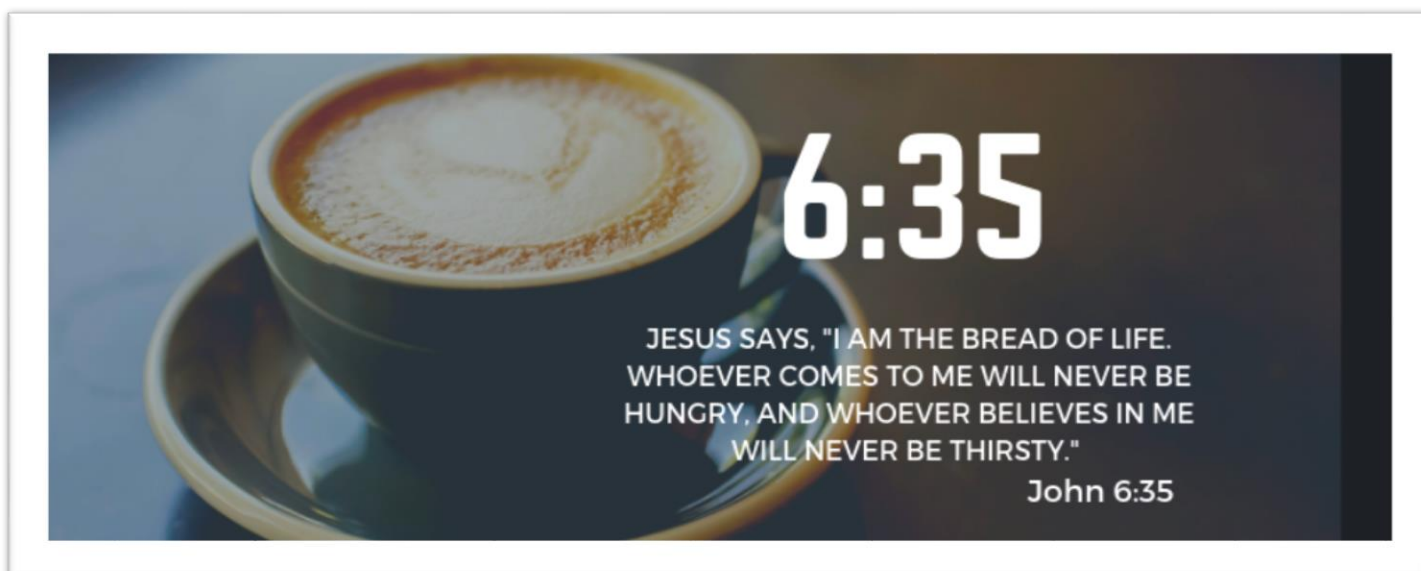
2. Cemetery: A group has been put together through Finance to review all the church's contracts and payments. Cemetery/yard upkeep is included in this.
3. Council Ballot: Ballot for Congregational meeting has been set. Nominated by council: Wynne Price, Ronnie Fulmer, Robin Ellisor, Earl Sease, and Bryce Addy (youth). Nominated by congregation: Marion Leaphart, Joey Koon, Missy Addy, Buddy Hydrick, Mitch Stevens (youth).
4. Safety committee: Working to get this going again.
5. Parsonage Task Force: Al working to get committee together and develop a task list.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Congregational Meeting: Agenda was developed.
2. A letter was received from 7th Day Adventist Church requesting to rent our building on Wednesday Evening and Saturdays. Pastor Gina contacted them to decline.
3. Community Thanksgiving service will be held on November 20 at All Saints Episcopal
4. Copier: Discussion held about current copiers. A sheet has been placed on the copier in the workroom to determine how many members are using this copier. Brittany spends several hours each week printing, stapling, and folding the bulletins. Pastor Gina has contacted several companies and has been given a proposal for a new service contract and a finishing unit. This unit would complete all of these tasks. Cost would be \$1,700 or can be financed (interest free) for 12 months. The lease and service agreements for both copiers will be reviewed and when this information is received council will be polled by email on whether or not to proceed with this purchase.
5. We received a letter from Lutheran Men in Mission requesting that our church support the Pee Dee Indian Project. A motion was made that we use Advent and Christmas offerings toward this. **Passed.**

After Feedback, the meeting was adjourned with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Alyson Price, Council Secretary



Birthdays

~Kelli Mills	12/2	~Ann Addy	12/3	~Renee Greenbaum	12/5
~Dorris Maddox	12/6	~Marie Lewis	12/10	~Jack Allen	12/11
~Earl Sease Jr.	12/12	~Austin Price	12/17	~Trudy Bouknight	12/23
~Jeff Price	12/27				

Anniversaries

- Wynne & Mary Price 12/14
- Bobby & Doris Carver 12/19

*If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary we are very sorry. Please contact the church office so we can get that information into our records!



The Church Community

Advent Services will be Wednesday Nights

November 28th, December 5th, December 12th and December 19th

Worship **6:35**

Meal at **7:00pm**

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member; it may be a time that has always been difficult.

The constant refrain on the radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost or have never had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation—all these can make us feel very alone in the midst of celebrating and spending. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern; we need to know that we are not alone.

For these reasons, Our Saviour, Mt. Hermon, Mt. Tabor, and Faith are offering a special “Longest Night” service which will be held this year at Our Saviour Lutheran Church on December 21 at 4:00 pm.

Come and join us for a service of Scripture, music, communion and prayers for healing that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle—and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness.

Choir Practice and Bell Practice have been moved to Tuesdays through the season of Advent.

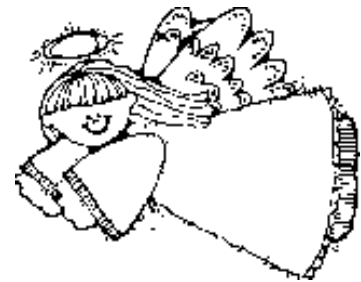
Tuesday November 27, December 4th, December 11th, December 18th
Handbells at 6:30pm and Choir at 7:00pm

St Nicolas Celebration will be December 6th at 6:35pm Children are reminded to bring socks and/or warm hats that will be donated to Oliver Gospel Mission.

You are Invited

to Make a Difference in the Life of a Child.
Participate in the Free Garage Sale & Angel Tree
Ways to Help:

- Buy gifts for a child on the Angel Tree
- Donate items for the Free Garage Sale
 - (Set them along the walls in the Assembly Room.)
- Help sort donated items
 - (Tables will be set up by Friday, Dec. 7 for sorting)
- Volunteer at the Free Garage Sale
 - (Friday, Dec. 14 & Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9:00 – 12:30)
- Please let Diane Boulware know if you can help!



MH Café
Hosted by Mt. Hermon's LCG



December 9th - 4pm - 6pm
Mt. Hermon's Fellowship Hall

Come join us for dinner and
music...starring our own LCG
accompanied by
Ruthie Brannen and Ryan Price

Please help us prepare
by signing the Sign-Up Sheet
located in the
Breezeway or your
Sunday School Classroom



All Donations will go towards LCG Activities

Christmas Eve Service

6:30pm Preservice Music
7:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve
Worship

Christmas Eve Servers

Acolytes: Tanner Addy & Connor Eargle

Greeter: Al Stevens

Lector: Alyson Price

Children Sermon: Pastor Gina

Crucifer: Wynne Price

Communion Assistants: Dion Metze,
Breanna Metze & Ronnie Fulmer.

Serving Schedule: December 2018

COUNCIL REP: Alyson Price

ALTAR GUILD: Angie Hydrick, Jennifer Price, Linda Waters-Hamilton

TABULATORS: Larry Amick, Kay Bryant, Doris Carver, Jane Sexton, Mary Frances Sease

USHERS: Ronnie Fulmer, Fran Bouknight, Ricky Bouknight, Cindy Price

Altar Flowers:

- 2 Mills
- 9 Mitch Stevens
- 16 Organ Mary & Wynne Price Earl and Mary Frances Sease
- 23 Journeys
- 30 Price Family

Greeters:

- 2 Bobby Carver
- 9 Kay Bryant
- 16 Fran Bouknight
- 23 Cindy Price
- 24 Al Stevens
- 30 Doris Carver

Lectors:

- 2 Terry Swygart
- 9 Joel Price Jr.
- 16 Scottie Marsh
- 23 Jamie Addison
- 24 Alyson Price
- 30 Parker Boulware

Children's Sermon:

- 2 Diane Boulware
- 9 Sheila Eargle
- 16 Mary Koon
- 23 Ruthie Brannen
- 24 Pastor Gina
- 30 Daryl Leigh Anthony

Acolytes:

- 2 Skyler Miller & Connor Eargle
- 9 Bryce Addy & Mackenzie Burns
- 16 Karly Addy & Joshua Koon
- 23 Jackson Price & Tanner Addy
- 24 Tanner Addy & Connor Eargle
- 30 Ainsley Allen & Brayden Rutherford

Food Pantry:

- 5 Annette Price
- 12 Renee Greenbaum
- 19 Angie Hydrick
- 26 Diane Boulware

Crucifers:

- 2 Bryce Addy
- 9 Wynne Price
- 16 Skyler Miller
- 23 Jackson Price
- 24 Wynne Price
- 30 Bryce Addy

Communion Assistants:

- 2 Trudy Bouknight, Wynne Price, Bryce Addy
- 9 Angie Hydrick & Emily Morris, Wynne Price
- 16 Joel Price Sr. & Trudy Bouknight, Perry Bouknight
- 23 Bryce Addy, Wynne Price, Angie Hydrick
- 24 Dion Metze, Breana Metze and Ronnie Fulmer
- 30 Emily Morris, Joel Price Sr., Perry Bouknight

Nursery:

- 2 Grace Roof & Emily & Moises Arroyo
- 9 Grace Roof & Haley Addy & Karen Nicholson
- 16 Grace Roof & Jamie Allen & Alyson Price
- 23 Grace Roof & Larry Amick & Kay Bryant
- 30 Grace Roof & Emily & Moises Arroyo

If you have a responsibility in the service please arrive no later than 8:45am

** If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to cover for you and notify the church office of the change.*

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 If you feel the call to use your gifts and talent to help with the different aspects of worship please contact the church office!  
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Month at a glance

Every Sunday

9:00am Worship

10:15am Sunday School

Sunday December 2

4pm Confirmation

5pm LCY Events

7pm Youth Music

Sunday December 9

4pm MH Cafe

6pm Council Meets

Wednesday December 12

6:35 Advent Service

7:00pm Advent Meal

Tuesday December 18

6pm Chancel Bells

6:30pm Chancel Choir

Monday December 24

6:30pm Preservice Music

7:00pm Candlelight Christmas

Eve Worship

Tuesday December 4

6pm Chancel Bells

6:30pm Chancel Choir

Monday December 10

11:00am Archives

6:30pm Luth. Men

Sunday December 16

5:00pm LCY Events

Wednesday December 19

12:00pm Young @ Heart

6:35pm Advent Service

7:00 Meal

Tuesday December 25

MERRY CHISTMAS!

Wednesday December 5

6:35 Advent Service

7:00pm Advent Meal

Tuesday December 11

6pm Chancel Bells

6:30pm Chancel Choir

Monday December 17

10:00am Membership

Friday December 21

4:00pm Longest Night Service

**Church Office Closed December
24-26th.**

Want to add an event? Just email office@mthlc.org with the name of the event, the date, and the time. Please submit event images and media to wearemthemon@gmail.com.

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