

AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

September 2019



Pastor's Cause to Pause

What do Lutherans Believe? ... "about baptism"

As I began to plan confirmation for this year's students, I wonder how much you remember from your own confirmation classes. You might like to know that I don't require confirmands to learn the books of the Bible. They should already know them. Our Sunday School teachers do a great job teaching our youngest disciples Bible stories and also the books of the Bible. When students come to confirmation, they are taught a deeper meaning of the books of the Bible and that the Bible is "the written Word of God. Inspired by God's Spirit speaking through their authors, they record and announce God's revelation centering in Jesus Christ. Through them God's Spirit speaks to us to create and sustain Christian faith and fellowship for service in the world." It is Holy Scripture that teaches Lutherans why we baptize... because Jesus said so!

- *¹⁵And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. ¹⁶The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. (Mark 16:15-16)*
- *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, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)*
- *¹ Our baptism is connected to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:2-4)*
- *³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. (Acts 8:35-39)*

Successfully completing confirmation classes means the students have an understanding of the importance of Holy Baptism along with Holy Communion and Holy Scripture. The students will be able to articulate their faith. They will demonstrate a life of servanthood by serving during worship, as well as, in the life of the church. In other words, they know the importance of living out their faith in a lifelong discipline of being a disciple of Christ!

Sister in Christ,
Pastor Gina

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Congregational Council Mini Minutes for August 2019

ATTENDANCE: All were present with the exception of Bryce Addy (excused), Joe Koon, and Al Stevens.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The agenda for August was adopted

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

REPORTS:

Pastor Gina- Report received for July.

Treasurer- Report received for July.

Financial Secretary- report received for July.

Team Report/Recommendations:

1. Team for Ministry- Will be meeting September 5th.
2. Worship Team- Report received.
3. Support Team- **Recommendation:**
The Property Board recommends that we schedule an outage with Dominion Energy to disconnect and remove the defective surge protector in main panel, and install I-line circuit breaker and new surge protector in main panel, not to exceed a cost of \$2,100. **Passed**
4. Care Team- new Chair is needed
5. Outreach Team- met this month

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Farming Church: Information from listening groups has been compiled, and sorted. The 5 initiatives have been established, and feedback given to Ministry Teams. Proposed meeting on Sunday, September 8 after Sunday school to present this information to the congregation. Tables from each ministry board will be set up as well. A meal will be provided funded by Specialty meals fund.
Motion made for Congregational forum to be held on September 8 to present findings and initiatives from Farming Church listening groups. **Passed**
This will be advertised in newsletter, bulletin, and e-news.
Motion made to hold September Council meeting following the forum. **Passed**
2. Cemetery Upkeep- Committee is meeting with another potential provider, and quotes are being gathered.
3. Safety Committee- Working on developing team training, procedures, and policies.
4. Parsonage Update- Mt. Tabor will not be using parsonage for their intern. Information needs to go back to congregation. This will be addressed at Congregational meeting in November. Congregation will be updated at the September 8 forum.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2020 Spending plan- submit request by September 1.
2. September Council meeting will be held after the forum
3. Oktoberfest- Mt. Tabor and Faith asked Mt. Hermon to participate in this. It will be held September 21 at Corley's nursery property. There will be food and beer trucks, and booths from all churches, Seminary, and Lutheran Family Services of the Carolinas. Requesting \$1,000 from each church, with the plan that the money will be returned from profits. Any other profits would go to the Love One Another Campaign. Money could come from Thrivent funds. Motion made for Mt. Hermon to contribute \$1,000 and participate in Oktoberfest. **Passed**

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

Alyson Price, Council Secretary

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Outreach Team Happenings

Thank you for your tremendous support to our church's outreach ministries. Through your generous contributions our **Food Pantry** shelves are well stocked. We currently have about twelve families who come each month along with others who come only one time. They are extremely appreciative of the food items and cleaning supplies that we give them. We are looking at ways to increase the awareness in the community of this tremendous ministry.



Through your donations we were able to create over 50 **Grace bags** during VBS. We distributed 30 of these bags to **Palmetto Place** and they were excited to receive them. Most of the other bags are being distributed throughout the community by our children and youth as they and their parents see people in need.



You made our **School Supply Drive** a huge success. We were able to donate needed school supplies to three local elementary schools and two middle schools. Thank you for your tremendous response to our School Supply Drive. We are excited about our developing relationship with Palmetto Place, a home

for unaccompanied youth. Several of their residents were able to join us for the congregation's Ice Cream Social. It was an enjoyable event for all. We look forward to our continued relationship with Palmetto Place.

Upcoming events:

We are hosting a **Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 31**. We are looking for members to come to the church parking lot, decorate their car and give out candy. We want to provide the families in our community with a safe place for the children to "trick or treat." If you are interested in participating in this event, please let someone on the Outreach Team know. Our members are: Diane Boulware, Eric Carroll, Angie Hydrick, Joey Koon, Mary Koon, Jo Leach, Jenny Scott, Laura Stevens, Allison Swygert and Pastor Gina.



On **Saturday, November 23** we are having a Fall Festival with something fun for all ages. There will be children's games, youth relays, crafts and even games in which the adults can have fun participating.



The rumor is that there may even be a chili and/or soup cookoff. Save the date and watch for more information to come.

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Interested in Sunday School Classes 10:15 – 11:15 am

CHILDRENS

Nursery

4 yrs – 1st grade

2nd – 5th grade

Tone Chimes choir

Middle & High School Youth

ADULTS

Friendship

A scripture oriented class. We learn more about the word and how we can use it in our everyday life.

Journeys

A class of 30 & 40 year olds who enjoy Bible study topics ranging from current events to Bible character studies to in depth discussion on books of the Bible.

Kairos

Using the scripture readings from the service, we reference multiple versions of the Bible to enhance our class discussion.

Koinonia

A Bible study class studying the various books.

New Horizons

A class that meets to support each other with what is happening in our daily lives. We look at how we can relate scripture to our everyday life.

Young Adult

A place where all young adults – college and career, single and married – are welcome to discuss the Gospel message and how it is relevant in our world today.



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Farming Church Update

Sunday, September 8th

LUNCH IS PROVIDED

Immediately following Sunday School
join us in the Fellowship Hall for a luncheon
and an update from Farming Church.
(If you don't attend Sunday School,
please come to the Fellowship Hall
for coffee and cookies following worship.)

Plan now to attend this informational meeting
and be a part of Mt. Hermon's vision for the
future of God's church!



Young @ 

Wednesday, September 18th

Chicken Stew

12:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 2nd (tentative)

Apple Picking

Hendersonville, NC

Please sign up!

Wednesday, November 20th

Catered Thanksgiving Lunch

12:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Please sign up!

Wednesday, December 18th

Christmas Party

12:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Please bring your favorite Christmas goodies!

Clergy and Congregations Confronting Racism

October 15, 2019



10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
(a working lunch)

Host: Mt. Hermon
Lutheran Church
3011 Leaphart Road,
West Columbia, SC 29169

Our presenter will be
Dr. Will Willimon
from the faculty of Duke
Divinity School and author of
WHO LYNCHED WILLIE EARL?
PREACHING TO CONFRONT RACISM

Pre-registration required: \$15 per attendee (includes lunch)

Registration Due: Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Register on-line at www.sccouncil.net or by check using the form below.

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SCCAC REGISTRATION: Clergy and Congregations Confronting Racism, Oct. 15, 2019

NAME _____ TITLE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE (____) ____-____

MAILING ADDRESS _____
PO Box/ Street# _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DENOMINATION/FAITH _____

DIETARY RESTRICTION _____



If registering for more than one person, list additional names on reverse with an email address and/or telephone number for each and send check. To register on-line go to www.sccouncil.net.

No. Registered _____ at \$15.00 per person. Total Check \$ _____



Interested in being Happier, Healthier and Living Longer?

*If you are over 50, please join us
for the 4th annual*

“50Forward” Living Well Retreat Oct. 18-20, 2019 Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center

The retreat focuses on building meaningful community after 50 and includes:

- Enlightening keynote speaker **Susan Pinker**, psychologist and award-winning author of *The Village Effect*, who will talk about the impact of face-to-face contact on health, lifespan, education, romance and business;
- Saturday workshops on building community, alternative retirement communities, using technology to avoid isolation and more;
- Optional Saturday afternoon activities including a winery/cidery/coffee bar tour, football watch party and massage;
- Meaningful Christian worship, including storytelling and music;
- Engaging Saturday evening entertainment with the ‘60s-‘70s band Sound Investment; and
- Excellent meals AND comfortable lodging in the midst of fall color brilliance, all for a great price.

For more information, see Terry or Allison Swygert. We were privileged to serve on the planning team in the past and it was such an uplifting and memorable experience that we are returning this year as participants. We would love nothing more than to share this experience with our church family, so please join us if you can! To register, contact Terry or Allison or go to 50forwardlife.org.

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Serving Schedule: September 2019

COUNCIL REP: Robin Ellisor

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Frances Sease, Kim Jolly

TABULATORS: Buddy Hydrick, Everette Price, Jean Shealy (Parker Boulware)

USHERS: Joel Price Jr., Dennis Thurman, Jim Whitaker, Parker Boulware

Altar Flowers:

- 1 Dennis Thurman
- 8 Ronnie & Debbie Fulmer
- 15 Marie Kleckley
- 22 Anthony/Price (1 Vase)
- 29 Kim Jolly

Food Pantry:

- 4 Annette Price
- 11 Diane Boulware
- 18 Renee Greenbaum
- 25 Jim Whitaker

Greeter:

- 1 Al Stevens
- 8 Mary Frances Sease
- 15 Cindy Price
- 22 Jo Leach
- 29 Laura Stevens

Crucifer:

- 1 Mitch Stevens
- 8 Joel Price Sr.
- 15 Jackson Price
- 22 Wynne Price
- 29 Mitch Stevens

Lector:

- 1 Devona Price
- 8 Sheila Eargle
- 15 Joel Price Jr.
- 22 Ronnie Fulmer
- 29 Diane Boulware

Children's Sermon:

- 1 Ruthie Brannen
- 8 Daryl Leigh Anthony
- 15 Diane Boulware
- 22 Sheila Eargle
- 29 Pastor Gina

Acolytes:

- 1 Mackenzie Burns, Jackson Price
- 8 Connor Eargle, Sam Koon
- 15 Josh Koon, Spencer Price
- 22 Tanner Addy, Hayden Eargle
- 29 Brayden Rutherford, Mackenzie Burns

Communion Assistants:

- 1 Mitch Stevens, Breanna Metze, Jackson Price
- 8 Breanna Metze, Sheila Starkey, OPEN
- 15 Jackson Price, Joel Price Sr., Angie Hydrick
- 22 Wynne Price, Lynn Bouknight, Danny Scott
- 29 Mitch Stevens, Ronnie Fulmer, Marion Leaphart

Nursery:

- 1 Grace Roof, Larry Amick, Kay Bryant
- 8 Grace Roof, Brittany Allen, Alyson Price
- 15 Grace Roof, Emily & Moises Arroyo
- 22 Grace Roof, Haley Addy, Karen Nicholson
- 29 Grace Roof, Brittany Allen, Alyson Price

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**Sept 02**

Mike Watford

Sept 04

Wayne Eargle

Sept 07

Blake Allen

Sept 13

Shirley Riley

Sept 14

Cyndi Crolley

Sept 16

Gene Sexton

Sept 19

Regan Anthony

Sept 22

Karen Nicholson

Sept 23

Cameron Bucknam

Myra Kinard

Sept 24

Grayson Anthony

Sonya Miller

Jerry Price

Sept 26

James Hallman

Sept 27

Dave Butts

**Sept 02**

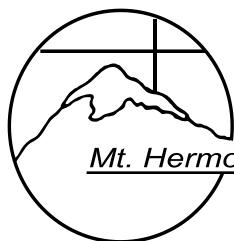
Mike & Dianne Watford

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please contact the church office at 803.794.6430 or send an email to office@mthlc.org. We are sorry we did not have the information in time of printing!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	2 Labor Day	3 1:00 pm Staff meeting	4 5:30 pm Executive committee 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	5 6:00 pm Team for Ministry	6	7 FH: Nancy Addison
8 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Farming Church 2:00 pm Council Meets	9 6:30 pm Luth. Men	10 1:00 pm Staff meeting	11 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	12	13	14
15 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	16	17 1:00 pm Staff meeting	18 12:00 pm Young @ Heart 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	19 PG: Cont Education	20 PG: Cont Education	21 PG: Cont Education 11:00 am Octoberfest
22 PG: Cont Education 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	23 PG: Cont Education	24 PG: Cont Education 1:00 pm Staff meeting	25 PG: Cont Education 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	26	27	28
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