

AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

October 2019



Pastor's Cause to Pause

What do Lutheran's Believe? ... "about baptism"

Holy Communion and Holy Baptism are the only two sacraments of the Lutheran Church. In Holy Baptism, God uses ordinary water and with his Word, does extraordinary things for His people.

How can water do such great things?

Clearly the water does not do it, but the word of God, which is with and alongside the water, and faith, which trusts this word of God in the water. For without the word of God the water is plain water and not a baptism, but with the word of God it is a baptism, that is, a grace-filled water of life and a "bath of the new birth in the Holy Spirit," as St. Paul says to Titus in Chapter 3, "through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure." Small Catechism of Martin Luther

We began a practice of bringing water from our home faucets to the font for baptisms at Mt. Hermon. This is a symbolic event where we are reminded that we are baptized into a community of disciples who are to contribute to the development and teaching of disciples. We are also reminded that though it be water from our faucets, it is the Word of God which transforms H₂O into Holy Water! On these special Sundays we both witness the power of God as he claims a new daughter or son, and we also reminded of the promises He made to us at our own baptisms. God claims us and leads us to live a life of holy and communal living of all the baptized.

Through this gift of Baptism, we are "*brought into forgiveness of sins, redeemed from death and the devil, and given eternal salvation to all who believe it, as the words and promise of God declare.*" Each Sunday we face the baptismal font, the literal and physical entrance into the church, and we are reminded ourselves of our baptism and its connected to both life and death.

If you attend a funeral where a Funeral Pall is used on the casket, you may notice that the pall replaces the flowers as worship begins. The white cloth is reminiscent of the white garment worn in baptism. The pall is a reminder of our baptismal clothing and a reminder that we are baptized into Christ's death and Christ's resurrection. Our baptism is connected to the life, death, and resurrection of Christ and our own life, death, and resurrection.

Claimed by God, go and live into your baptism.

Sister in Christ,
Pastor Gína

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Cantor's Corner

Mt. Hermon Puppet Ministry will begin this month in preparation for a Christmas puppet musical in December. As Pastor Gina reminds us, it is important for us to teach our children/youth to serve.

Puppet rehearsals will be scheduled up to the Christmas program on December 15 (a ten week commitment). It is important to attend as many rehearsals as possible. Each rehearsal will last for one(1) hour in the choir room.



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**Our Fall Candlelight Dinner** will be October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. We have asked that everyone make reservations by signing up on the sheet located in the breezeway or by calling the church office. We have opened the dinner to the community, so reservations are very important. We will have a section of seats for those who want to come for the program and not the dinner. Once again, we need the congregation's support to provide these events for Mt. Hermon.

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Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Ruthie

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Congregational Council Mini Minutes for September 2019

ATTENDANCE: All were present with the exception of the following council members who were excused: Emily Morris, Bryce Addy, Alyson Price and Al Stevens

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The agenda for September was adopted.

REPORTS: Pastor Gina – Report received for August
Financial Secretary – Report received for August
Treasurer: Report will be sent out next week

Team Report/Recommendations:

1. Team for Ministry met on Sept. 5 to plan for today's Farming Church Event
2. Worship Team: Report received with **Recommendation:**

The Worship and Music Team recommends that we utilize the Palmetto Mastersingers for our Community Epiphany Service at a fee of \$500 to come from the Mt. Hermon Fund for the Arts.
PASSED.

3. Care Team: Fran Bouknight has agreed to chair this Team.
4. Outreach Team: Reported that we will have a Trunk or Treat on Halloween evening if we get enough people to volunteer to decorate their cars. We will also have a Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 23 for all ages. We are seeking volunteers to read with children at school and/or tutor them for thirty minutes a week.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Farming Church held a congregational event today to share with the congregation the information gathered from the listening groups. Each Ministry Team had a display with ministry opportunities. Members were encouraged to sign-up to participate in the ministry opportunities. Urgency is the next readiness indicator. Terry will send an email with the Urgency Webinar link tonight.
2. Cemetery Upkeep – We are still researching the best way to go. Several options have been discussed. Committee is asking council to give them feedback on which direction we should go.
3. Safety Committee – Herb Bucknam is in the process of scheduling a date for training.
4. Parsonage update – Outreach Team has reached out to Lutheran Services Carolina and SC Synod and neither group has a need for the use of our parsonage at this time. Robin Ellisor and others are working to gather the answers to the questions the congregation raised at the last congregational meeting. The Parsonage will be on the agenda for our annual meeting in November.
5. Oktoberfest – Mt. Tabor and Faith have not finalized plans for this year's event though it is two weeks away. Council decided to not participate in this year's Oktoberfest.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. October Council Meeting – We will be voting on the 2020 Spending Plan and Council Nominations. Council members are encouraged to come to the October meeting with the names of four adults and one youth who have agreed to run for council. A list of the ineligible adult members and eligible youth members will be distributed to council.
2. Will Willimon event October 15 – Christian Action Council is sponsoring this event to be held at our church on October 15. Dr. Will Willimon is a professor at Duke Divinity School. The topic is Clergy and Congregations Confronting Racism. The registrations for this event are coming in ahead of schedule.

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

Submitted by Diane Boulware substituting for Alyson Price, Council Secretary

Fall Candlelight Dinner

Dinner with Musical Entertainment by:
Ruthie Brannen – keyboard Belle Kneece – trumpet
Eleanor Cannon & Ryan Price – vocals



October 12
2019

6pm

Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church • Fellowship Hall
3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia SC

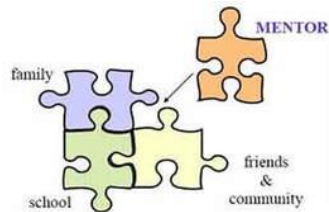
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794-6430 or
Sign-Up Sheet
located in the
Breezeway

All donations will support
Mt. Hermon Funds for the Arts & Mt. Hermon's Youth

Outreach Happenings

Our First Initiative in our Farming Church program was to look for ways to serve the community. Outreach Team has talked with community leaders in government, schools and the synod. From those conversations, we have identified several new ministry opportunities that we are excited to share with you.

Reading Buddies – We are looking for adults who can meet with a student in Grades PreK – 2nd grade for 30 minutes once a week to read with that child. This would occur during the school day. Just 30 minutes a week can make a huge difference. Midlands Reading Consortium is willing to train volunteers free of charge on the best way to help these students advance. Some volunteers may choose to work with two students back-to-back for one hour during the week to reach more students.



Mentoring – If you are interested in becoming an encouraging, supportive, dependable friend for a student, here is your opportunity. Mentors are needed at all age groups. Mentors build trust, listen, encourage and have fun with the students. Most schools have mentors meet with their mentee during lunch.

Cooking Opportunities- There are several ways you can serve if you enjoy cooking. One way is to volunteer to provide a **pot of chili, soup or dessert** for our **Fall Festival, Saturday, Nov. 23** from 11:00am – 1:00pm. The two other cooking needs involve **Palmetto Place**. The residents are interested in people providing a meal to them and also people teaching them how to cook. If you enjoy cooking, use your gift to help others by volunteering to cook or teach someone how to cook.



Scooter Scott Tutors Needed – The Scooter Scott program needs tutors on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:30 – 5:00 to assist middle school and high school students. These students meet at Airport High School. This is a wonderful opportunity to not only help tutor but also make a positive difference in the life of a young person.

These are just the new ministry opportunities available. We are always looking for volunteers to help with **Mt. Hermon's Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels** and **Adopt-a-Hwy**.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events, please let the Outreach Team know. Our email is MTHOutreach@gmail.com.

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Upcoming events:

Trunk or Treat- We are hosting a **Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 31** from 5:30 – 7:00pm in the front parking lot. 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.” We also need donations of individually wrapped candy for this event.



Fall Festival - On Saturday, November 23 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, we are having a Fall Festival with games/activities for all ages. Great opportunity for Fun/Fellowship and Outreach. The meal (chili and/or soup) will be served around 12:00pm. We will be having a chili and soup cookoff. We are inviting the community as well as the congregation. We need volunteers to

help with this event. Some of the areas in which we need help are: Cook a pot of chili or soup, provide a dessert, donate prizes for bingo, assist with games and/or assist with clean up the day of the event.

Outreach Team members are: Diane Boulware, Eric Carroll, Angie Hydrick, Joey Koon, Mary Koon, Jo Leach, Jenny Scott, Laura Stevens, Allison Swygert and Pastor Gina.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events, please let the Outreach Team know. Our email is MTHOutreach@gmail.com

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Wednesday, October 2nd

Apple Picking
10:00 am bus leaves
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!



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.

Reformation Sunday October 27, 2019 ***Wear red***

All Saints Sunday November 3, 2019 ***Wear white***

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Mt. Hermon Lutheran Men's Project
Wheelchair Ramp Ministry
September 23, 2019



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Serving Schedule: October 2019

COUNCIL REP: Marion Leaphart

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Frances Sease

TABULATORS: Ann Addy, Mary Frances Sease, Diane Boulware (Larry Amick)

USHERS: Ricky Bouknight, Fran Bouknight, Ronnie Fulmer, Wayne Eargle

Altar Flowers:

6 Jason & Kim Addy
13 David & Scottie Marsh
20 Dennis & Cyndi Thurman
27 Stevens

Food Pantry:

2 Jo Leach
9 Diane Boulware
16 Angie Hydrick
23 Becky Koon
30 Annette Price

Greeter:

6 Fran Bouknight
13 Everette Price
20 Dennis Thurman
27 Faye Sox

Crucifer:

6 Perry Bouknight
13 Jackson Price
20 Skyler Miller
27 Joel Price Sr.

Lector:

6 Allison Swygert
13 Ricky Bouknight
20 Jennifer Miller
27 Wynne Price

Children's Sermon:

6 Mary Koon
13 Ruthie Brannen
20 Daryl Leigh Anthony
27 Sheila Eargle

Acolytes:

6 Josh Koon, Connor Eargle
13 Lawson Morris, Spencer Price
20 Mackenzie Burns, Brayden Morris
27 Tanner Addy, Hayden Eargle

Communion Assistants:

6 Perry Bouknight, Trudy Bouknight,
Angie Hydrick
13 Jackson Price, Emily Morris, Danny Scott
20 Skyler Miller, Lynn Bouknight,
Marion Leaphart
27 Breanna Metze, Sheila Starkey, OPEN

Nursery:

6 Larry Amick, Kay Bryant
13 Emily Arroyo, Haley Addy, Karen Nicholson
20 Brittany Allen, Alyson Price
27 Larry Amick, Kay Bryant

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Oct 02

Amanda Mills

Oct 09

Tanner Addy

Oct 17

Pressley Miller

Aiden Thompson

Oct 18

Audrey Whitaker

Oct 19

Emily Arroyo

Oct 20

Jean Shealy

Oct 21

Preston Bryant

Denise Thurman

Oct 22

Sophie Martin

Oct 23

Mackenzie Burns

Oct 27

Lynn Card

Oct 28

Jackson Price

Oct 29

Marion Leaphart

Emily Morris

Oct 31

Gable Jolly



Oct 03

Jason & Kim Addy

Oct 20

Rick & Daryl Leigh
Anthony

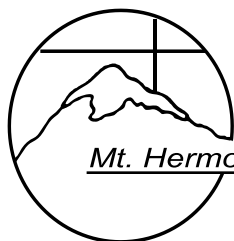
Oct 26

Thomas & Dani Martin

*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 1:00 pm Staff meeting	2 Y@Heart - Apple Picking 10:00 am Bus leaves from church 6:00 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	3	4	5 FH: Homecoming Luncheon 8:00 am Jennifer Miller - FH
6 FH: Homecoming Luncheon 9:00 am Homecoming 10:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Tonechimes 11:30 am Covered Dish 4:00 pm Puppet Ministry- Choir Room 5:00 pm LCY Meets	7	8 1:00 pm Staff meeting	9 5:30 pm Executive committee 6:00 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	10	11 FH: Music Team	12 FH: Music Team 6:00 pm Candlelight Dinner
13 FH: music team 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Tonechimes 11:15 am Puppet Ministry- Choir Room 5:00 pm Council Meets	14 FH: Will Willamon Columbus Day 6:30 pm Lutheran Men	15 FH: Will Willamon 10:00 am Will Willamon	16 10:00 am FH: Young at Heart 12:00 pm Young @ Heart 6:00 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:45 pm Fall Festival Mtg Conf Room 7:30 pm Outreach Team Mtg Conf Room	17	18	19 10:00 am FH Audrey Whitaker
20 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Tonechimes 11:15 am Puppet Ministry- Choir Room 3:30 pm Confirmation 5:00 pm LCY: Marty Party	21 Pastor at Lutheridge	22 Pastor at Lutheridge 1:00 pm Staff meeting	23 Pastor at Lutheridge 6:00 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	24	25	26
27 9:00 am Reformation: Wear red 10:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Tonechimes 11:15 am Puppet Ministry- Choir Room	28	29 1:00 pm Staff meeting	30 6:00 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	31 Halloween 5:30 pm "Trunk or Treat"		



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