

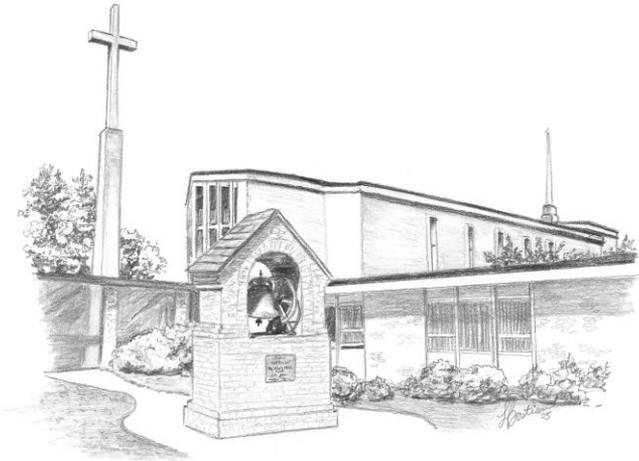
The Beacon



“I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

✝ WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL ✝
NEVER WALK IN DARKNESS

BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE” (NRSV)

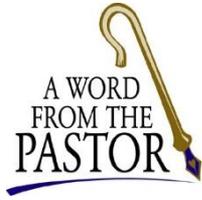


BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH • HICKORY, NC

AUGUST ✝ 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

There are three things I would like to address as part of my letter this month. The first is a quick update on the windows in the Narthex. The second matter has to do with the ongoing work of our *ad hoc* Long-term Planning Committee. I will address in that portion of this letter a way in which all of us can begin to contemplate ways of facilitating, supporting, and enabling both the ongoing and future ministries of Bethany Congregation and other ministries and organizations about which we are passionate.



Finally, as we prepare to observe the Sunday of the Recognition of the Ministries of Women on Sunday, August 5, I want to share the story of a woman who has lived out her Baptismal faith in a profound way. Therefore, I want to share the story of a woman who serves to remind us that we are all called in the waters of Baptism, but our areas of service are different. In preparation for that Sunday of the Recognition of the Ministries of Women on Sunday August 5, the 11th Sunday After Pentecost, we can all look forward to hearing from our guest preacher for that Sunday who will be Deacon Susan Jackson. Deacon Jackson has just accepted a new call to serve St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wilmington, NC as the Youth and Family Coordinator. The story I will share this month in the third part of this letter will give us all a way of considering ways to live out our Baptism.

Ongoing Work on the Narthex Windows

For months now, work has been underway on the Narthex windows replacement project. Over two years ago, the Congregation met to approve the replacement of the old windows with steel frames, which had been installed when the Worship space, Narthex and Choir Wing were constructed in 1962. The steel frames after painting and some stop gap measures to slow corrosion had deteriorated to the point that replacement of the frames with aluminum and new, more energy efficient windows was sorely needed. When the project was begun by Diamond Glass of Hickory, the work seemed to go steadily, yet slowly. The major difficulty was that the old steel framed windows were tied into steel cross members that tied all of the windows to each other through the brick columns. This made the glass wall very strong and able to sustain high forced winds over the years. Debbie and Doug Stroud and along with the other licensed contractors, John and Paul, who operate Dimond Glass, in retrospect have come to recognize that John Hayes who originally bid on

the work, may not have realized fully the scope of the project. There was an initial error in that the original color of the aluminum frames was to have been bronze, according to the contract signed by the firm and representatives of the Congregation. Because the mistake was made by Diamond Glass, the company agreed to reduce the finally cost of the work by **\$ 4,000**. So that everyone is clear, Diamond Glass will not receive the 1/3 remaining in the total cost, until the whole project is completed, nor are we expected to pay the remaining amount according to the contract.

Diamond Glass informed me on Thursday, July 26, 2018 that the engineering software which the company uses to determine if the construction of the window frames will adequately resist high winds, alerted them that the planned middle section as it had been planned would not adequately reinforced. Adjustments had to be made in the design to account for this. For reasons that none of the engineers at Diamond Glass completely understand, the earlier measurements and data entry that were made before the project was begun, and before a bid was submitted, did not alert them to the problem. Nonetheless, the remedy is steel reinforcement which will be completely covered and encased in the new aluminum frames. None of this will affect the total costs, minus **\$ 4,000** that the Congregation has agreed to pay for the project. The new steel has had to be ordered from a subcontractor for the supplying subcontractor to Diamond Glass. This was the reason that the lift, the dumpster for collection of demolition debris that was on the North Parking Lot, and all the construction materials were removed from the site in late June. This is also the reason that there has been no work on the project at all during the month of July 2018. Diamond Glass plans to resume work on the project by installing the newly acquired steel for the project and to move towards the project's completion on the week of Monday, July 30.

All of us, including the engineers with Diamond Glass are eagerly looking forward to project's end. For the Congregation, we all look forward to completing the project so that we can move forward with plans to illuminate the cross in the Courtyard with elevated lighting. This was approved by the Council as a planned gift from Bethany's Lutheran Men in Mission, who are dedicating the new cross lighting to the glory of God and in memory of Adrian Frye. We look forward to celebrating all of the work with a hotdog supper and rite of dedication when the latter project is completed.

Enabling Everyone to Offer Out of Our Abundance

The *ad hoc* Long-range Planning Committee is looking at a variety of projects that will not only enhance the beauty, but accessibility, security and long-term use of the facilities for ministry at Bethany. The *ad hoc* Long-range Planning Committee will continue to report of its ongoing recommendations and planning work to the Congregation Council. Before any projects are approved, a project will need to come before the Finance Committee, the Congregation Council, and if the amount involved exceeds **\$10,000** for the given project, then constitutionally approval for that project will then need to be obtained from the Congregation. The role of the *ad hoc* Long-range Planning Committee is to help develop a long-range plan for capital improvements. To this point in the history of the Congregation, we have not had such a comprehensive plan as that which the *ad hoc* Long-range Planning Committee is putting together. Doing this is only prudent since it enables us to prioritize, plan, get estimates as to what such efforts will cost, and enable members of the congregation to know with what things they may want to, as a part of a member or a family's ongoing giving.

Consider for a moment, what if Bethany were given the gift of a yellow submarine. Would we know what we could do with it? Would we sell it, use it as it is, or retrofit it? Where would we put it, and how would we maintain it? The question may seem somewhat farfetched, but Congregations have sometimes been bequeathed and gifted from families and individual donor's gifts that are almost as strange. Within the last few years, the congregation has both been given by donors or bequeathed the gift of real estate. Getting property ready for sale, putting the real estate on the market, and then determining when a potential buyer is offering what is a fair market value for the property takes a lot of effort. The gift to the Congregation is huge but there is a lot of work involved. So, let me be clear; the gift of a portion of an estate is a wonderful gift for members or those who have had connections with Bethany to leave to the congregation for ongoing and future ministry needs, but careful planning is involved. Members of the Congregation will recall that before the sale of the property gifted by Nancy Seagle or the sale of the real estate connected with the Alice Pope Estate, a Continuing Resolution had to be approved by the Congregation that would enable the Council to approve a "Fair Market" selling price since the value of both each exceeded **\$10,000**.

The Congregation Council has already been informed that the heirs of Virginia Whisnant would like to make a gift of at least **\$10,000** toward the purchase and installation of a lift to permit accessibility for those with limited walking capabilities, between the upper and lower levels of the Narthex. It is a wonderful gift, but such a project requires some planning and careful coordination so that the Congregation may receive such a gift from the family, and bring such a project toward implementation. Using these monies for that purpose is the condition upon which the gift would be given. In other words, this is an example of a gift which is directed for a purpose. This requires some forth thought and planning and yet diligence to ensure that the project proceeds in a timely manner for the sake of Virginia Whisnant's family, who would be making the gift.

What I am pointing us to is the need to have a Gift Policy. This is something that Deacon Mitzie Shafer, ELCA Foundation Regional Gift Planner for both the North and South Carolina Synods will begin assisting the Congregation Council. This is the purpose our special meeting of the Council as we meet with her on Sunday, Sunday evening July 29 in a special Council Meeting at 5:00 p.m. It is important to point out at this point that there is no fee to the congregation for her work in a consultative role. Mitzie also does not work on commission. However, she assists agencies, ministries, organizations, and congregations, in the North and South Carolina Synods to be able to adequately prepare to receive gifts, if possible, and to adequately plan to manage and receive such gifts so that in turn these gifts can support ongoing and future ministries. Mitzie also can assist perspective donors either to make plans to bequeath gifts or to make gifts within a person's own lifetime. Because she is a consultant to both the Congregation and to potential donors, any conversation that she might have with a prospect of gifts during a person's lifetime or as a planned bequeathed gift as part of an estate remains in confidence. You need not fear that Mitzie will discuss your gift plans with me, Council Members, administrators of agencies, Organizations or other Ministries. She is your advocate. Her task is not to write you "Last Will and Testament." The task of drafting your "Last Will and Testament" is best done by an attorney, licensed to practice law in North Carolina. She can assist you however in reviewing, updating and planning what should be included in this document.

Many attorneys as skilled as they are with legal questions are often not abreast of the ways in which Congregations and Agencies in the North Carolina Synod function. Therefore, there are certain matters as they relate to Bethany Congregation and our work toward a "Gifts Policy" as well as rules regulating certain types of gifts and estate bequests that are

specific to Congregations, Organizations and Agencies of the NC Synod. One matter that is important for everyone to know. No Pastor or Rostered Leader in the ELCA who is presently, or who in the past has had a pastoral or professional relationship with you, should ever be named as the executor of your estate. Many attorneys may not be aware of this, and that this is a directive is given to all Rostered ELCA Leaders in required Misconduct Workshops conducted by the NC Synod. Not only does this apply to me, but it applies to former Pastors of Bethany, and the policy applies to Mitzie, who as a Deacon is also a Rostered Leader in the ELCA, who is invested in a professional relationship with Bethany Congregation and its members. This is but one example of the type of considerations in the preparation of a Last Will and Testament of which many licensed attorneys may not be aware.

Then on **Sunday, September 30** as we observe the **19th Sunday After Pentecost**, we will have one service at 10:30 am and we will be having as our special guest Deacon Mitzie Shafer who will offer a “Temple Talk” on the topic of Planned Giving. You will really enjoy Mitzie as she is an avid quilter and is very approachable. Her primary purpose for being with us that Sunday, since she will have already met with the Council, is to assist you in planning the best ways you can make not only current gifts but also make bequests as part of your estate for the ongoing ministries of Organizations, Agencies, and Ministries about which you are passionate. You will be able to make an appointment with her so that she can assist you to make plans that can best benefit those same Organizations, Agencies, and Ministries. Then she will be available to meet with people one on one. She will also tentatively plan on being present at our Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal on Wednesday October 3. You can go to our website at www.bethanyhickory.org, go to the bottom of the front page, click on “Learn More,” under Worship, in the green block containing the “Upcoming Guest Preachers and Presenters.” There you will see Mitzie’s picture and a link to her direct email. This way you can make a private appointment with her at a time when you can meet with her. We will also make sure she is available to you or a member of your family who is a shut-in member of the Congregation. In the interest of self-disclosure (and you do not feel the need to share the same information with me) Karen and I will be meeting with Mitzie to ensure that the ministries about which we are passionate are provided for as a part of our estate plan. We all need to be able to offer back a portion of the gifts that God has first given us. Such giving should not end at the time of our mortal death. Our gifts should be able to continue not only to

during our lifetime but gifts should be able to continually be part of a living legacy after we have entered the Church Triumphant.

The Story of a Woman Who Lives out Her Baptism in a Particular Baptismal Vocation

On July 17, 1954, Horst Kasner, a Lutheran Pastor and Theologian and his wife, Herlind celebrated the birth of their first child in Hamburg, Germany. They named their newborn daughter Angela Dorothea Kasner. Angela's mother, Herlind was not a native German. Herlind's birth name was Jentzsch. She had come from a Polish, Roman Catholic family and had been born in 1928, a decade before Germany invaded her homeland, in Danzig, now known as Gdańsk, Poland. Herlind was a teacher of English and Latin. Herlind's husband was two years her senior, having been born in 1926 in Berlin. Herlind and Pastor Kasner would go on to have two other children, Marcus, who would become a physicist, and Irene, who would become an occupational therapist. In her childhood and youth, Angela was known among her peers by the nickname "Kasi", derived from her last name Kasner.

In 1954, when his "Kasi" was just three months old, a colleague of her father's, Pastor Hans-Otto Wölber who at the time was a Youth Pastor, urged "Kasi's" father to move his family into East Berlin to assist the desperate populace there. Later Wölber, the former Youth Pastor would become a Bishop in the German Church. At the time when the Kasner family made the move to East Berlin in the DDR, (the Communist state of the German Democratic Republic) conditions were harsh, brutal, and desperate. This was 1954 after all and 180,000 people had already fled the GDR, before the East German government and the Soviets could construct the last set of early border walls. It had only been the year before that Stalin had died. To make it very clear what a sacrifice the Kasner was making by moving to East Germany from West Germany, under Stalin's regime he may well have been responsible for ordered the deaths of more people than Adolf Hitler. Between 1949 and 1961, around 2.5 million had left East Germany, desperately trying to leave the communist system imposed upon East Germany after World War II. Therefore, Pastor Kasner was urged to move to the east, since amid the massive migration, the communist government might have simply eliminated a congregation at a whim, during a clergy and a shortage of active worshippers.

Amid the massive migration, there was concern that there might not be enough clergy to serve the population in East Germany. Pastor Kasner learned of a call with the Evangelical Church in Berlin-Brandenburg and so he moved the family to a rectory in the village of Quitzow near Perleberg. Serving the Church in the DDR required carefully knowing how on the one hand to work with the communist government, while maintaining integrity on matters upon which Christians cannot compromise. "Kasi" went on to excel in her school work, eventually obtaining a doctorate in quantum chemistry in 1986. Near the end of her studies, "Kasi" sought an assistant professorship at an engineering school. As a condition for getting the job, she was told she would need to agree to report on her colleagues to officers of the Ministry for State Security (*Stasi*). She declined to play the role, using the excuse that she could not keep secrets well enough to be an effective spy. In 1977 at the age of 23, Angela married a physics student Ulrich Merkel and took his surname. While the marriage ended in divorce in 1982, she continued work as a research scientist until 1989. She married her second and current husband who is also a quantum chemist. He is professor Joachim Sauer. They had first met in 1981. They were married in a private state marriage (the legal marriage in Germany) in 1998. By now you know that "Kasi" is known to those in her native country as *Bundeskanzler in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundeskanzler Angela Merkel* (Federal Chancellor of Germany, Angela Merkel). The Chancellor has no children of her own, but Sauer has two adult sons from a previous marriage.

Having grown up in the Communist East Chancellor Merkel speaks Russian fluently as well as English and Polish and knows the careful art of how to work with and even within an oppressive regime, without becoming a puppet. As Chancellor, Merkel has met with President Putin on numerous occasions and knows how to confront him on his policies and his treatment of Crimea and the Ukraine. She also knows firsthand the pain of witnessing those who needed to migrate and who were restricted. She understands that desperate migrants going over or under a wall are not to be seen as criminals. (It was the East German government and the Soviets who saw escaping migrants as criminals, not the US and the "free world.")

Since the year 2000, Merkel has been the leader of the center-right Christian Democratic Union (CDU). She is considered by those in her own party stronger on a free market economy than many in the CDU might wish. She has also strongly urged the members of her own party to become less dependent on Russian oil, which Germany needs primarily

to fuel transportation needs. Her fellow CDU members have pushed back on her own call to reduce the amount of imported Russian oil. Yet this is also in a country that's only natural fossil resource is brown coal. Merkel's government has managed to enable her country to produce and meet over 30 % of its energy needs through renewable resources (wind and solar power). This daughter of a Lutheran Pastor and her successes makes her a good ally. While at various points in her tenure as Chancellor her poll numbers have dipped, according to a poll taken in October 2016, her approval rating had been found to have risen again as 54% of Germans are satisfied with work of Merkel as Chancellor.

In the Twelfth Chapter of I Corinthians, St. Paul writes: ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (NRSV) Indeed there are many gifts given by God, and our callings to Baptismal Vocation vary, but to all the same Spirit is given. Chancellor Merkel as a female leader in her country and as an accomplished scientist is a witness to a type of Baptismal calling and ministry. She is living out her Baptism, serving in the fine art of statecraft. She is an important leader of an allied country as she remains an important role model in her work of advocating for those who and those who are migrants.

Grace and Peace,

C. Pessier Shurt.



WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Scheduled as needed. Notices will be included in your weekly bulletin and via your email.



GOLDEN AGERS will be having a taste of Italy at our next outing on **August 9 at 11:30 am at Olive Garden** Restaurant in Hickory. We welcome anyone to join our lively group. We took the month of July off and look forward to seeing our friends again for great fellowship. Sign up now in the narthex so we can make reservations by August 6. *Merci*



KNITTING & CROCHETING MINISTRY meets each **Monday at 2 pm**, no experience necessary. Working on projects for our church as well as for outside our congregation. Bring your needles, hooks and yarn and join us. We will meet in "Fox Den" in the Peeler Bldg. Call Karen Shaw with any questions at 828-328-8665.



QUILTERS meet each **Wednesday at 4 pm**. We need your help in putting together some quilts. Please come and join us in the Quilters Room located in the Peeler Building.

WOMEN OF ELCA is in need of donations of fabric and craft supplies. Please contact Karen Shaw 328-8665.



These dates are open for placing flowers on the altar during 2018: *August 12, August 26, Sept. 2, Sept. 30, October 14, November 11, November 25, December 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16*

Please feel free to contact church office at 322-5002.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD ~ Check it out! Please stop by and see what's going on in your area. This bulletin board is located across from the church office. Lots of important information and events that you can take advantage of.



Our food drive for CCM is an ongoing service project. Please keep bringing items for the needy. Food supplies are running low and the need is great. Place in the BLUE collection bin in hallway.

WEST HICKORY/WESTMONT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

The West Hickory/Westmont Neighborhood Association will meet **Thursday, August 9 at 6 pm** at Bethany Lutheran – Parish Center to discuss topics of interest and community concerns. Residents, business owners, and commercial property owners in the West Hickory/Westmont neighborhood of the City of Hickory are encouraged to attend. For questions about the West Hickory/Westmont Neighborhood Association, please contact City of Hickory Transportation Planning Manager and Neighborhood Liaison John Marshall at (828) 323-7534 or via email at jmarshall@hickorync.gov.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

VENDORS NEEDED – Bethany's WELCA is sponsoring a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 3 in the Parish Center from 9 am – 2 pm. We are looking to attract local artists, consultants and specialty vendors.

So we need your help...if you or anyone you know might be interested in a spot as a vendor please contact the church office for an application now. Vendor fees \$25.00. Deadline is October 15.



God has asked that we study his word and especially bring the little children unto Him and to bring them up in the word of God.

Sunday School is not just for kids.

Getting into God's Word is awesome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ~ We encourage everyone to find a class to attend and grow together in God's Word.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Classes

Held each Sunday morning at 9:30 am.

We encourage everyone to find a class to attend and grow together in God's Word.

Ladies & Men's Class ~ meets in the Margaret Pauline Deaton SS Classroom

Children's Class ~ meets in the Peeler Bldg – 2nd room on right



For ages from Birth to 3rd Grade

Children's Church for age's birth to 3rd grade.

Children's Church will follow the Children's Time message which is held in sanctuary until communion.

Our "Little Faith Builders" leaders are very excited to start this ministry and will be available to assist in taking your child over to Children's Church.



OPPORTUNITIES ~ Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day.

THE SPIRIT'S HAND will continue to move the patients to the chapel. Need volunteers each third Sunday of each month (**August 19**) to help move residents at Trinity Ridge to and from Sunday Worship. **Helpers need to be there by 3:45 pm; chapel begins at 4:30 pm.** We have been asked to recruit at least one more helper. Keep up the faith and prayers!

EVANGELISM/SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE ~ meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 19 after the late worship service.** Please consider joining this most important Committee, as it reaches out into the community and spreads Bethany's mission to **BE THE CHURCH!!!!**
Thank you.

Beth Brittain & Linda Lutz, Co-chairs

FROM THE EVANGELISM/SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE:

Thanks to the following who volunteered (were BEING the Church) at the Hickory Soup Kitchen in July (Cindy Johnson, Tommie Johnson and Pam Connelly and in August (Cindy Elder, Cindy Johnson and Linda Lutz) as Bethany's representatives. We are in need of **3 people to be the Church on September 18** and volunteer at the Soup Kitchen beginning at 11 AM. We conclude by 12:30 PM. Thank you. *Beth and Linda*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY provides to our shut-in members with means of visits and communion. Our shut-in members are very important to us and they love the visits.

We are proud to announce that we now have 3 teams:
Nancy Brittain and Cindy Elder; Beth Brittain and Tommie Johnson and Gene Rector and Roger Webb.

If you wish to go to visit our shut-in members please contact Roger at 310-7120 so they can plan with you a date and time. We would love more people being involved in this ministry with our shut-in's. It's very rewarding!



MONTH OF AUGUST

Meeting at Bethany this month:

Group Mary – Meeting on **Monday, August 6 at 6 pm at Parkway Restaurant on Springs Road.**
Patsy Nikbakht, Chair

Group Ruth – Meeting on **Sunday, August 5 at 4:00 pm.**
Becky Buchanan, Chair

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES SUNDAY – August 5 – Unity Service only at 10:30 am with Deacon Susan Jackson as our guest. Please come and join us as we celebrate here at Bethany.

SAVING TABS FROM CANS~ Group Mary is now collecting tabs from drink cans for Ronald McDonald House service project. Every tab means money to help. A collection basket has been placed near the CCM food bin for your convenience in the hallway. Please start saving and bring each Sunday. Thanks, Patsy



We encourage **all men of Bethany** to come out and be a part of Bethany's Men in Mission. This month's breakfast meeting is on **Sunday, August 12 at 7:30 am at Snack Bar.** Looking forward to seeing you then.



Kitchen cleaning will take place on August 13 beginning at 9 am. All help will be greatly appreciated. Need a good cleaning prior to starting our Wednesday Together cooking on September 19.

AD HOC LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday, August 1 at 6:30 pm in the Library.

EXTRA BETHANY T-SHIRTS: If you are interested please let church office know.

Ladies Polo – (1) – X-large	\$40.00 each
Pocket t-shirt: (3) – Large	\$19.00 each



Please let me begin by thanking Bethany Church Family for hiring me as your organist and music director. Since May 1st, it has been a time for learning and getting to know everyone. Thank you for your patience and encouragement!

First, the chancel choir will start weekly choir practice on (Wednesday, August 29 or September 5) at 7:00 pm. Please consider coming and being a part of the choir. We not only practice and learn new anthems, hymns and other music, but also have fun as a music family. If you don't know if you can make a weekly commitment to practice, please consider coming and learn music for the season of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. I would like to maybe have the choir learn a short and simple cantata for the Advent/Christmas and Lenten/ Easter seasons. The more voices the better!!!! You don't have to read music or have a trained voice, all you need is to come and make a joyful noise!!!!!!

Next, I would like to start the handbell choir for adults and hand chime choir for children. You don't have to read music, just have the willingness to ring and have fun. We need at least 6 ringers for the 2 octave handbells and 5-6 children/adults ringers for hand chimes. **After the 10:30 service on Sunday, August 26, I will have a short meeting in the Nave in at the front pews with anyone who would like to play hand bells/ hand chimes.**

Please call, text, email or see me at church if you are interested. Cell#- 704-213-7623 and email: longmyra@ymail.com Let's praise our God in making music together!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Thank you *Myra*

DEAR MEMBERS....YOU'VE GOT MAIL ~ Do you check your mailbox each Sunday? Hopefully the answer is "yes." Don't want you to miss out if something important has been placed there. Thanks from your friendly mail carrier.

COUNCIL MEETING ~ AUGUST 14 ~ 7 pm

SPECIAL NOTE TO COUNCIL MEMBERS: Please check your mailbox weekly to see if you need to sign off on purchase orders and if by chance other important items might have been placed in your mailbox during the week that needs your immediate attention. *Make sure your council reports are turned in to the office one week prior to that month's council meeting so packets can be ready to be picked up and read prior to the meeting.*

STEPHEN MINISTRIES CORNER: We have six member of Bethany taking their training for Stephen Ministries. They are: Beth Brittain, Melonie Harmon, Tommie Johnson, Linda Lutz, Cindy Johnson and Gene Rector. They have committed to meet until September 10 for 2 1/2 hours each week. Please keep these members and their leader in your prayers. We will meet each Monday in the library until training is complete. They will be commissioned on Sunday, September 16.

If anyone would like to visit a session just to see and hear about this ministry you are welcome at anytime, just notify Roger at 310-7120 prior to coming.

Roger Webb

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

We are in the process of planning with Hickory Public Schools to host our



for Southwest Primary School on Saturday, September 1
from 11 am – 1 pm

More details and information will follow in your weekly bulletin during August. Keep your eyes open for more news.



School is getting ready to start back in August. Let's keep our children and those who teach and lead them in our prayers. May God find his way back into our schools.

**One Day
Vacation Bible School**



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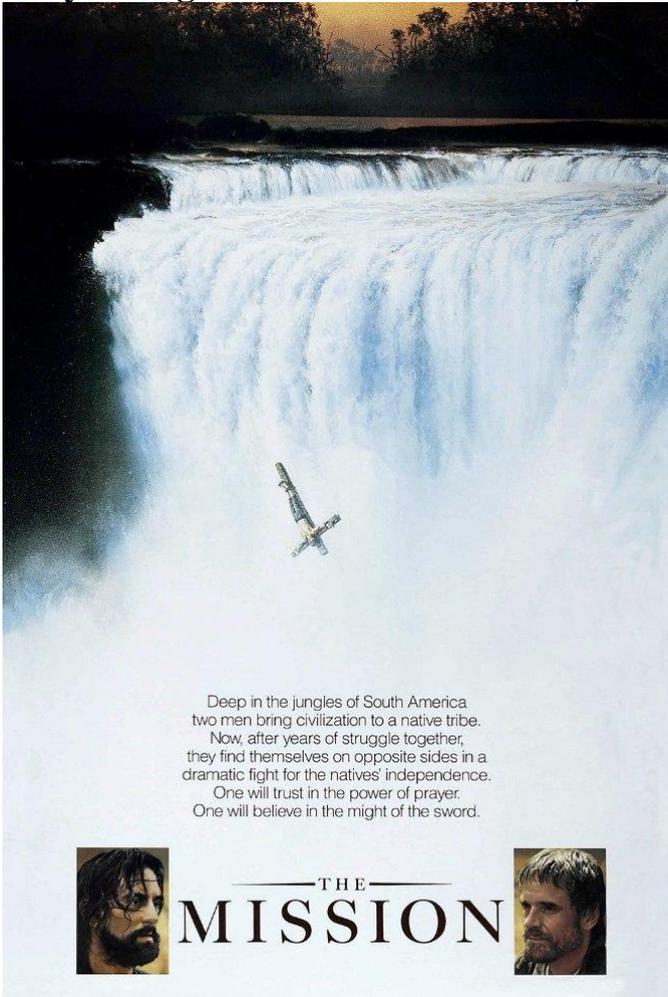
Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hickory
1644 Main Ave., Dr., NW
Hickory, NC 28601

In the Parish Center

For children of all ages
Call the Church office at (828) 322-5002 to enroll
your child today.

Saturday, August 4 at 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Movie Night at
Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hickory**



Deep in the jungles of South America
two men bring civilization to a native tribe.
Now, after years of struggle together,
they find themselves on opposite sides in a
dramatic fight for the natives' independence.
One will trust in the power of prayer.
One will believe in the might of the sword.



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MISSION



*1644 Main Ave., Dr., NW
Hickory, NC 28601*

**In the Parish Center
Thursday, September 6 at 7:00 PM**

No Charge for Admission

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August Birthdays

8/3	Brooke Wilcox Hambrick
8/5	Clyde Moretz
8/8	Scarlett Pendry
8/13	Martha Witherspoon
8/18	Cole Sisk
8/18	Pastor C. Pierson Shaw, Jr.
8/20	Austin Lutz
8/25	Alice Price
8/27	Cindy Johnson
8/27	Mick Lail
8/27	Lisa Price
8/29	Robert Mozeley

*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24*

August Anniversaries

8/7	Josh & Katie Drum
8/21	Glenn & Novella Shoaf
8/27	Kevin & Jan Middleton

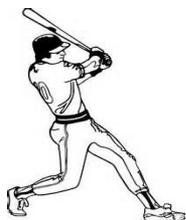
“May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.” 1 Thessalonians 3:12

(Please call the church office with additions or corrections to this list)

WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK SERVICE ~ we will still be meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings at 5:15 pm for our Mid-Week Service with Communion. The only change is that we will be meeting in the Van Dyke Chapel (located in the Peeler Bldg., last door on the right) instead of the Parish Center. Please continue to be in the Lord's house and word each Wednesday evening.

Please note the exceptions listed below for August!

No service on: August 22



CRAWDAD'S ~ Special Game's

Join us for a great day at the Crawdad Stadium for a day of baseball and lunch.

Cost is \$5 per senior which includes your ticket to the game and free lunch. What a great deal!

Monday – August 13 noon

NOTE: If you are interested in attending this game, please let the church office know so that we can go as a group for these games.

YES ! YOU TOO CAN HELP!!

As the Evangelism and Social Ministry continues to volunteer at the Hickory Soup Kitchen, we noticed that they had a Library there for the participants to use. Rules say check out 3 books of your choice, bring them back and get more. We are asking each of you to consider this need in helping further our efforts at the Hickory Soup Kitchen. So take an inventory of your bookshelves and closets and see if you might share some good reading material. They like to following types: religion, novels, romance, history, children's books (please no magazines or smut). Bring them to Bethany and they will be sorted and delivered. This is a worthy cause. Please give this priority in your "Good Things to Do List." Then say, "See there I did help!" **BE PROUD AND BE THE CHURCH.** Call Pam Connelly 328-1453 for information.

Back to School

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a Mark Twain quotation.

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ASSIGNMENTS
BACKPACK
BATHROOM
BELL
BINDER
CAFETERIA
CHALKBOARD
CLASSROOM
CLOCK
COURSES
DESK

LUNCHROOM
MATH
NEW FRIENDS
NOTEBOOK
NURSE
OLD FRIENDS
PADLOCK
PAPER
PENCILS
PENS
PRINCIPAL

ROLL CALL
RULES
SCHOOL BUS
SCHOOL OFFICE
SCHOOLYARD
SCIENCE
SECRETARY
SEPTEMBER
SOCIAL STUDIES
STUDENT
STUDY

DOORS
LOCKER

TEACHER
QUIZZIES

ENROLL

The Prayers of Intercession

WE PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE IN THEIR DAILY LIFE AND WORK;
FOR OUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS, AND FOR
THOSE WHO ARE ALONE.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SHUT-IN:

Gene & Lucy Alexander • Lucy Frye • Mary Ellen Glass • Ruby McCray •
Lucille Marshall • Calvin Mull • Kathleen Plemons • Frances Reinhardt •
Ray Ritchie • Martha Witherspoon

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING, ESPECIALLY:
MEMBERS OF BETHANY

Helen Barger • Bill Buchanan • Pam Connelly • Brenda & Richard Fox •
Melonie Harmon • Theda Isenhour • Max Johnson • Denise Powell •
Gene Rector • Nancy Seagle • Glenn & Novella Shoaf • Ray & Sherry
Stilwell • Roger Webb

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Roger Abernethy • Arthur Brittain • Alice Buck • Wes Chubb •
Jennifer Clinch • Pat & Richard Correll • Butch Dooley • Tony Frye •
Cathy Gibson • Ernestine Harmon • Jessie Harmon • Debbie Hayes •
Jane Herman • Curtis Kiziah • Rader Kiziah • Dickie Locke • Sam Moose •
Mary Norris • Leon & Rozelle Owen • Ricky Powell • Vernice Punch •
Phifer Rector • Sam Richards • Lisa Robinson • C.P. Shaw Sr. •
Maude Shaw • Erin Sipe • Dot Sisk • Ethel Smith • George Watson



Family of Emo Elder
Family of Alice Godbey
Family of Eric Matthew Peterson

July 2018

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August 2018

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1</p> <p>4:00p Quilters 5:15p Mid-Week Service 6:30p Ad Hoc Long Range Planning Mtg</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00a - 4:00 pm VBS at Bethany</p>
			8:00a Inspired Learning Program			
<p>5</p> <p><i>Women Ministries Sunday</i> 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Late Worship 4:00p Group Ruth</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2:00p Knitting/Crocheting 6:00p Group Mary - dining at Parkway Restaurant 6:30p - 9:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>4:00p Quilters 5:15p Mid-Week Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:30a Golden Agers- dining at Olive Garden 6:00p Westmont/West Hickory Assoc. Mtg</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
			8:00a Inspired Learning Program			
<p>12</p> <p>7:30a LMIM Breakfast Mtg 8:30a Early Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Late Worship</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00a Kitchen Clean Up Day 2:00p Knitting/Crocheting 6:30p - 9:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00p Council</p>	<p>15</p> <p>4:00p Quilters 5:15p Mid-Week Service</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Pastor Shaw - vacation</i></p>
<p>19</p> <p>8:30a Early Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Late Worship 12:00p Evang/Social Ministry Mtg 3:45p Spirit's Hand-Trinity Ridge</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30p - 9:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>Hickory Soup Kitchen Volunteers</i></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
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North Carolina Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

AUGUST 2018 RESPONSIBILITIES

Go forth and be the Church

RESPONSIBILITY	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Assisting Minister(8:30)	Women's Ministry Sunday	Tammy Locke	Tammy Locke	Tammy Locke
Assisting Minister(10:30)	Denise Powell	Cindy Elder	Dr. Linda Lutz	Melonie Harmon
Children's Church(10:30)	Tammy Locke	Denise Powell	Tammy Locke	Denise Powell
Communion Assist.(10:30)	Dr. Linda Lutz	Mary Helton	Becky Buchanan	Cindy Elder
Crucifer (10:30)	Beth Brittain	Gene Rector	Gene Rector	Beth Brittain
Sound Board	David Elder	Ken Harmon	David Elder	Ken Harmon
Greeter (8:30)	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Tommie Johnson	Terri Childers	Mary Emma Smith
Greeter (10:30)	Tommie Johnson & Mary Moretz	Cindy Johnson	Cindy Elder	Roger Webb
Bell Ringer (8:30)	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Marcus Johnson	Nathan Childers	Tammy Locke
Bell Ringer (10:30)	Larry Powell	Larry Powell	Larry Powell	Larry Powell
Altar Flowers	Diane Earnest	OPEN	Glenn & Novella Shoaf	OPEN
Care Givers	Cindy Johnson Mary Emma Smith	Roger Webb Becky Buchanan Theda Isenhour	Novella Shoaf Gene Rector	Cindy & David Elder Nancy Brittain
Teller Duty	Robbie Mozeley	Terri & Jackie Childers	Cindy & David Elder	Melonie & Ken Harmon
Ushers (10:30)	Ken Harmon's Team			
Sacristan's	Melonie & Ken Harmon, Denise & Larry Powell			

NOTE: If you are unable to fill your assignment, please contact another person to serve in your place.

AS FOR ME
AND MY HOUSE,
WE WILL SERVE
the
Lord



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BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Purpose Statement

“Gathered to worship, sent out to serve, and continually enlightened by the Word.”

Mission Statement

As Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church we are:
“devoting ourselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

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