

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

APRIL ✝ 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:



This past month amid the various meetings, Lenten worship opportunities, and Pastoral care responsibilities in my daily routine, life proved to be quite interesting in our household. It has been interesting for several reasons as I reflect over the last few years and where my professional and academic work have taken not just me, but also Karen and our daughters, Sarah and Taylor. My current reflection that I am about to embark upon in this column has been, in many ways spawned by some events that took place beginning a few months ago. Yet these are reflections that look back over the last few years, not just the past few months. Karen and I have for many years made it our custom to host in our home, both the outgoing and present Council members. We do this in January, after the Feast of the Epiphany. We have also invited other paid staff to attend. The “Council Epiphany Party” affords us the opportunity to straighten and neaten our house after the usual hectic pace of the Advent and Christmas Season. The “Council Epiphany Party” means that books and materials that have mysteriously collected on our den hearth, near my chair, in our den must be packed up and moved downstairs to accompany the many books that are part of my theological library, or at least to be put in boxes or bags, where they are deposited somewhere in the basement. Some of the books that had “collected on the hearth” were books related to research for a project that I have been working on for the past few years. The problem was, I realized a week after the party in January, I could not remember where I had put my books, notes, and articles on a project that I have been pouring over for the last few years. I became frantic. Where are my materials? There are so many materials that I have purchased or spent time in libraries in other cities collecting. All of this has made me think back over this particular project and why I had become so frantic to find the materials from my research thus far. They had to be in a box, neatly put away in the basement or a closet somewhere so I could take up working on it again.

First in a Series

For this series of articles to make sense, I first need to share the background of what led up to this ongoing academic project. The immediate project has been to write an article for *Pro Ecclesia*, a professional theological journal edited by some colleagues of mine. This month's "A Word From the Pastor" letter is thus the first in a series, as I use this column over the next few months, to reflect with you upon the work that I have been doing as it relates to this particular project. I need to go first in this story, back to the early summer of 2015. That summer, I was finally asked to come to Toronto for the defence (Canadian Spelling) of my dissertation that I had spent a couple of years in writing, while doing Interim Pastoral work in the NC Synod. In the summer of 2015, Karen and I had rented a beach house for a week of vacation at Oak Island. Then we learned that we had to leave during that week of vacation for Toronto. We had already paid the week's rent. But on a Thursday in that vacation week we had to leave Oak Island, drive to Myrtle Beach, fly from that airport back Toronto and prepare for the final part of my Doctoral work. Years of work on my PhD in the end hinged upon the outcome of this trip. The dissertation under the title *Toward A Renewed Theology and Practice of Confirmation* in its final form, with Bibliography and Appendices is just over 300 pages. A bound copy of the final Dissertation is in the Bethany Church Library. Toward the close of the defence in front of my dissertation committee, one of the committee members, one of my former teachers, Dr. Joseph Mangina of Wycliffe College in the University of Toronto asked if I thought I might want to consider publishing the dissertation. I thought to myself quickly, "Don't get haughty now!" as this was the final exam in the form of the defence that was taking place that June afternoon. There, before the entire committee, in a room in the Toronto School of Theology Building, just across from Queen Circle in Toronto I was answering their probing questions, as I was being asked about what I had written. Dr. Dennis Doyle from Dayton University was my "outside examiner" and joined us by telephone from Germany where he was teaching that summer.

I answered Dr. Mangina's question by saying, "I would appreciate knowing from this esteemed committee whether this dissertation would be a thesis that should be published, and if so, how I might consider doing that. The panel then asked a few more questions. Karen and other observers were invited to be present for the actual defence.

Then Karen, the other guest observers, and I were invited to leave the room, at which time the committee went into session *in camera* (Latin for in closed door or enclosed session). After about 18 minutes (a period that in reflection did not seem very long), Karen and I, and the observers were invited back into the room. In accordance with protocol, I was given an indication of the verdict of the committee when the committee chair said, "I have the pleasure of greeting you for the very first time as Dr. Shaw." With that sentence, I knew that I had successfully defended the dissertation. Then I was formally informed that I had "successfully defended the dissertation, with minor corrections." The minor corrections would only take me only about 30 minutes to make later that afternoon, back at the hotel room, before I prepared the final electronic copy. I then sent the electronic copy for approval by the University Librarian for posting in the vast data base at the University of Toronto Library.

The committee congratulated me, and Karen and I shook hands with everyone. Dr. Mangina advised me, after the defence formally concluded that the feeling of the committee was that publication was a strong possibility with the addition of a chapter. The permissible length for dissertations at the University of Toronto would not permit a thesis any longer than the one I submitted. Dr. Mangina felt that an additional chapter should deal directly with the concern voiced by the 20th Century theologian Karl Barth (pronounced like **Bart**) that the larger Church had come to see herself as the sole and exclusive mediator of God's Word, of God's grace, and even of God's ongoing work in the world.

Dr. Mangina knew that I had for a long time voiced concerns about the use of the phrase by the ELCA, "God's work, our hands." For one thing, to which god are we referring? One would hope that we are referring to the God whom we worship, and the God who has created and who sustains us; the God who has been revealed to us in Sacred Scripture as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the God to whom we belong and in whose Triune Name we were Baptized. Yet, I have been equally concerned with the ". . . our hands" portion of the motto. Does God really need our hands? Further, if we have been joined to God in Christ through our Baptism, does God not also make use of hearts, our hands, our voices in speech and song, our feet, etc. In fact, does God not make use of our whole being? And further, even if I do not

actively live out my own Baptism, is God not capable and powerful enough to continually create, redeem, and sustain the whole creation, not just human beings, without the aid of human beings? Did not God create us as Psalmist exclaims in Psalm 100:3? Does not God ask Job after God's servant has lamented and pleaded for salvation, "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.?" Therefore, I much prefer the directive, "Be the Church."

What was critical for Barth as a theologian in the Reformed Tradition was that God in Christ is the primary active agent. My Committee, and especially Joseph Mangina wanted me to investigate in further research what was behind Barth's attempt to avoid any talk of Christ's mediated work in our world. Joe felt strongly that this project could serve as a bridge to assisting the readers in my thesis to appreciate why I felt it necessary to speak of Christ's incarnation as the primary Sacrament and sign of God's work as God sent the Son into the world. He also thought I, like Barth was highly suspect of language that suggested that the work of God needed to be mediated by human beings. How then might we speak of the Church as the body of Christ as a Sacrament? This sense of the Church as Sacrament with Christ as primary Sacrament is important in the position I took in my dissertation on Confirmation. What Joe wanted me to explore was why this was also important for Karl Barth, and why in the end he may have attempted to make his argument so strongly as to reject any Sacraments in the Church.

Next Month

Next month I will explore what Barth's own background as well as how Lutherans and other Christians understand the term "Sacrament" and in turn how this understanding led the Reformers to go to such lengths in rejecting the traditional Medieval Church's stance that there are seven Sacraments.

Grace and Peace,





WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING

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



COME SING WITH US! We need you!

Choir practice is held each Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

Now is the time to think about giving God your glory by joining our choir here at Bethany. We pray that you will consider joining us.



GOLDEN AGERS ~ Come celebrate with us. What's a better way to celebrate than to meet with our friends and share a meal together **at Amazing Grace on Thursday, April 12 at 11:30 am.** Invite others to attend with you. We ask that everyone bring a dish or two to share.



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 meets 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.



These dates are open for placing flowers on the altar during 2018, please feel free to contact church office at 322-5002.

April 8, June 10, August 12, August 26, September 2, September 30, October 14, November 11, November 25, December 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16

WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER MINISTRY

There will be no meals due to the Easter break on April 4.

Please join us from Wednesday, April 11 – April 25. We will be taking a summer break after April. Hope everyone has a great summer and our cooks and all other faithful workers get a long rewarded rest.

5:15 pm	Mid-Week Service
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Choir

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, April 12 at 6 pm** 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.



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.

BIG THANK YOU to all who participated during our Easter Block Party. Also, thank you to all those who provided candy, eggs, prizes, goodies and refreshments. Everything went well. We had 13 children to come enjoy the fun. *Youth and Family Ministry Committee*



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 (**April 15**) 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 ~ Our April meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 8 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 Nancy Brittain, Cindy Elder, Cindy Johnson and Linda Lutz who volunteered (were BEING the Church) at the Hickory Soup Kitchen in March as Bethany's representatives. We are now taking names for **April 17, 2018**. If you are available on to spend a two hour time period at the Soup Kitchen between 7 am and 1 pm, please let Linda Lutz know.

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.

If you wish to go with Roger and Gene 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!

"MINISTRY OF THE MONTH"

Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee has decided that each month they will choose a ministry in our area to sponsor by collecting donations at our Wednesday's Together. The month of April we have chosen to adopt **"Lutherhaus ."** *Thanks for helping in this ministry.*



MONTH OF APRIL

Meeting at Bethany this month:

Group Mary – No meeting in April.
Patsy Nikbakht, Chair

Note for Group Mary – Trinity Village Birthday Party – April 16 at 2 pm

Group Ruth – Meeting on **Sunday, April 8** at 2:30 pm
Becky Buchanan, Chair

General WELCA meeting with a covered dish luncheon will be held on **Sunday, April 29** after the worship service. All ladies are encouraged to attend this event.

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, April 8** at

7:30 am at Snack Bar. Looking forward to seeing you then.



2018 DOWNTOWN HICKORY FARMER'S MARKET

Season begins Saturday, April 21

Wednesdays: 10 am – 2 pm

Saturdays: 8 am – 1 pm

Find Your Farmer - local Farmers with fresh Produce, Meats, Eggs, Cheeses, Sauces, Rice, Honey, Preserves, Pickles, Pasta, Baked Goods, Fudge, Cut Flowers, Transplants, Potted Plants, Herbs, Shrubs, Tapanades, Artisan Crafts, Music & More!

If you enjoyed the meal you just ate, thank a farmer!

COUNCIL MEETING ~ Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 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

Applications have been received from the following people: Beth Brittain, Melonie Harmon, Tommie Johnson, Linda Lutz, Cindy Johnson and Gene Rector. **Training sessions will begin on Monday, April 9 from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm.** We will meet each Monday in the library until training is complete. Thanks for all who signed up, *Roger Webb*

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.



RETIRED MINISTERS' SPRING MEETING

The spring meeting for NC Synod retired rostered ministers and spouses/widows/widowers is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, at Bethany, Hickory. The event will begin at 10 a.m. with coffee and will feature Bethany's pastor, the Rev. Pierson Shaw, leading devotions; business led by the Rev. Ed Harper and reflections offered by Bishop Smith. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April Birthdays

- 4/4 Roger Webb
- 4/19 Frances Reinhardt
- 4/23 Jordan Pendry
- 4/24 Nathan Childers
- 4/26 Bob Duckworth
- 4/27 Haley Sabey
- 4/28 Ray Ritchie

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

April Anniversaries

- 4/10 Brenda & Eric Manning

"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)



Life is a journey and at times it's hard, frustrating and lonely. As a Christian, spiritual encouragement is needed but we also need daily words of encouragement for our daily walk with Christ. God's Word will help you along your journey each day!

*enjoy
THE
Journey*

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 • Frances Reinhardt • Ray Ritchie •
Virginia Whisnant • Martha Witherspoon

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

Gene Alexander • Helen Barger • Bill Buchanan • Alex Casari •
Pam Connelly • Brenda & Richard Fox • Lucy Frye • Melonie Harmon •
Theda Isenhour • Max Johnson • Kathleen Plemons • Alice Price •
Gene Rector • Nancy Seagle • Glenn & Novella Shoaf •
Ray & Sherry Stilwell • Roger Webb • Virginia Whisnant

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Bob Beard • Gennie Katherine Blanton • Tommy Blanton • Arthur Brittain •
Randy Cline • Pat & Richard Correll • Tony Frye • Cathy Gibson •
Alice Godbey • Brenda Greer • Steve Hamilton • Jessie Harmon •
Debbie Hayes • Curtis Kiziah • Rader Kiziah • Dickie Locke • Mary Norris •
Wes O'Brien • Leon & Rozelle Owen • Ricky Powell • Vernice Punch •
Lisa Robinson • C.P. Shaw Sr. • Erin Sipe • Dot Sisk • Ethel Smith •
Jerry & Libby Stanley • Sharon Tolbert • Margie Wallace • George Watson
Johnny White • Wanda Yelton



- ✓ Family of Dean Compton
- ✓ Family of David Freeman
- ✓ Family of David Whitener
- ✓ Family of Karen Groves
- ✓ Family of Jane Hass

EASTER WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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APRIL

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EASTER SUNDAY

EGG HUNT

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LONG WEEKEND

MARCH

RESURRECTION

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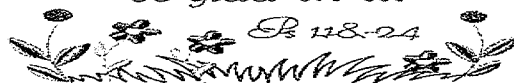
April 2018

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 2018
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Resurrection of Our Lord</i> 7:00a Sunrise Service 8:00a Easter Breakfast 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Easter Service	2 <i>Office Closed</i> 6:00p Group Mary	3	4 4:00p Quilters 7:00p Choir	5	6	7
8 7:30a LMIM Breakfast Mtg 8:30a Early Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Late Worship 12:00p Evang/Social Ministry Mtg 2:30p Group Ruth	9 2:00p Knitting/Crocheting 6:30p - 9:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training	10 7:00p Council	11 4:00p Quilters 5:15p Mid-Week Service 6:00p Dinner 7:00p Choir	12 11:30a Golden Agers 1:00p - 4 pm PC - Hickory Public Schools Mtg 6:00p PC - Westmont/West Hickory Assoc. Mtg	13	14
15 8:30a Early Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Late Worship 3:45p Spirit's Hand-Trinity Ridge	16 6:30p - 9:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training	17 <i>Hickory Soup Kitchen Volunteers</i>	18 5:15p Mid-Week Service 6:00p Dinner 7:00p Choir	19	20	21
NWCU Workshop - Pastor & Karen Shaw Silver Springs, MD					Carol Vacation	
22 8:30a Early Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Late Worship - Baptism Scarlett Pendry	23 2:00p Knitting/Crocheting 6:30p - 9:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training	24 10:00a Retired Rostered Ministers Spring Meeting/Luncheon	25 4:00p Quilters 5:15p Mid-Week Service 6:00p Dinner 7:00p Choir	26 <i>Alumni Day - LTSS-LRU Colombia, SC Pastor Shaw & Karen attending</i>	27	28
Carol Vacation						
29 8:30a Early Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Late Worship 12:00p WELCA General Mtg & Luncheon	30 2:00p Knitting/Crocheting 6:30p - 9:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training					

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APRIL 2018 RESPONSIBILITIES

RESPONSIBILITY	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
Assisting Minister(7:00)		Tammy Locke	Tammy Locke	Tammy Locke	Tammy Locke
Assisting Minister(10:30)	Cindy Elder	Linda Lutz	Denise Powell	Melonie Harmon	Karen Shaw
Children's Church(10:30)	N/A	Denise Powell	Tammy Locke	Denise Powell	Tammy Locke
Communion Assist.(10:30)	Wynda Howerton	Becky Buchanan	Jordan Pendry	Cindy Elder	Roger Webb
Crucifer (10:30)	Beth Brittain	Jordan Pendry	Gene Rector	Gene Rector	Haley Sabey
Sound Board	David Elder	Ken Harmon	Ken Harmon	David Elder	David Elder
Greeter (8:30)	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Tommie Johnson	Terri Childers	Mary Emma Smith	Tommie Johnson
Greeter (10:30)	Glenn & Novella Shoaf	David & Cindy Elder	Cindy Johnson	Roger Webb	Denise & Larry Powell
Bell Ringer (7:00)	Tammy Locke	Marcus Johnson	Nathan Childers	Tammy Locke	Marcus Johnson
Bell Ringer (10:30)	Larry Powell	Larry Powell	Larry Powell	Larry Powell	Larry Powell
Altar Flowers	Brenda Fox	OPEN	Rodney Pope	Denise Powell	Cindy Johnson
Care Givers	Novella Shoaf Gene Rector	Cindy & David Elder Nancy Brittain	Ken & Melonie Harmon Nancy Seagle	Cindy Johnson Mary Emma Smith	Roger Webb Becky Buchanan Theda Isenhour
Teller Duty	Robbie Mozeley	Terri & Childers Childers	Melonie & Ken Harmon	Cindy & David Elder	Terri & Jackie Childers
Ushers (10:30)	Robbie Mozeley- 4/1	Melonie Harmon- 4/8	Tommie Johnson-4/15	Linda Lutz-4/22	Ken Harmon-4/29
Altar Guild	Wynda Howerton, Susan Drum, Gene Rector, Roger Webb				
Wed. Together Desserts	4/4: NO MEAL	4/11: Dot Alexander Jackie Childers Karen Shaw Mary Emma Smith	4/18: Cindy Elder Mary Helton Tammy Locke Mary Moretz	4/25: Nancy Brittain Theda Isenhour Tommie Johnson Denise Powell	Spring/Summer Break
Serve & Clean Up Teams	4/4: NO MEAL	4/11: David & Cindy Elder Tommie Johnson Larry Powell	4/18: Larry Powell Tina Hart Donna Bush Gene Rector	4/25: Jackie Childers Beth Brittain Tammy Locke Larry Powell	Spring/Summer Break

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

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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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