

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*The News of the Parish*  
July 1, 2018

**Thank you for following the call of the Holy Spirit and worshipping here today.**

As we are "Gathered to worship, sent out to serve, and continually enlightened by the Word" as Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church we are:

"devoting ourselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Please fill out the weekly information sheet that is included in this section so that we can get to know you better.

**Take the "News of the Parish"** home for the prayer list, calendar and other important weekly information.

**Please return worship bulletins** to the basket in the narthex at the end of the service.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Glenn Shoaf to the glory of God in loving honor of my wife, Novella Shoaf who will celebrate her birthday on July 6.

**ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH:** Sunday mornings the church doors will be unlocked at all times at both the front entrance and the office entrance. Usher teams will monitor these areas. Please note that the choir room entrance and breezeway area will continue to be locked for security reasons.

**CHAIRS ~** There are sixteen green upholstered chairs in the Parish Center that are available from Bethany Lutheran Church for purchase. We invite you to make a free will offering in exchange for one of these chairs. You are welcome to come by and sit in one of them, try it out and make sure they will work in your home or office. The congregation no longer needs these chairs as we are now proud to have the "Inspired Learning Program" from the Hickory City Schools utilizing our space this summer in the Peeler Building. For more information email Carol, our Congregation Secretary at [info@bethanyhickory.org](mailto:info@bethanyhickory.org) or call the church office at (828) 322 5002.

**NEW ROOM ~** If you would like to visit or write a card to Katherine Plemons she's now in a new room at Trinity Ridge – Room # 413  
2140 Medical Park Drive, Hickory, NC 28602

**EXTRA BETHANY T-SHIRTS:** If you are interested please let church office know.  
Ladies Polo – (1) - Xlarge      Men's Polo – (1) - Xlarge      \$40.00 each  
Pocket t-shirt: (3) – Large      (1) – Xlarge      \$19.00 each



**Our Knitting and Crocheting Ministry meets on Mondays at 2 pm.** Bring your needles, hooks and yarn and join us. We meet in the "Fox Den" in the Peeler Bldg. Call Karen Shaw if any questions at 328-8665.



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

**CRAFT SUPPLIES...**we are in need of any beads from broken or old jewelry that you might have lying around and don't have a use for. We are looking to start making some beautiful crafts to sale at the WELCA bazaar this year. If you would like to donate these beads, please contact Pam Connelly328-1453.

**THE SPIRIT'S HAND** will continue to move the patients to the chapel. Need volunteers each third Sunday of each month (**July 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. Keep up the faith and prayers!

**FROM THE EVANGELISM/SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE:** We are in need of **3 people to be the Church on August 21** and volunteer at the Soup Kitchen beginning at 11 AM. We conclude by 12:30 PM. If you can help let Linda Lutz know. Thanks to Cindy Johnson, Tommie Johnson, and Pam Connelly who volunteered (were BEING the Church) at the Hickory Soup Kitchen in July as Bethany's representatives. Thank you. Beth and Linda

**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 July!*

**No service on: July 4 and July 11**

<b>CURRENT FUND OFFERINGS</b>	
Needed to meet 2018 average weekly budget	\$3,474.00
Weekly Offerings	\$1,467.00

# *This Week at Bethany*

## **SUNDAY, July 1**

- 8:30 am Early Worship - Communion
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Late Worship – Communion
- 4:00 pm Group Ruth

## **MONDAY, July 2**

- 2:00 pm Knitting/Crocheting

## **TUESDAY, July 3**

*Office Closed*

## **WEDNESDAY, July 4**

Happy Fourth of July

*Office Closed*

## **THURSDAY, July 5**

## **FRIDAY, July 6**

## **SATURDAY, July 7**

## **SUNDAY, July 8**

- 7:30 am LMIM Breakfast Meeting
- 8:30 am Early Worship - Communion
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Late Worship – Communion



## **HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY**

**CHURCH OFFICE will be closed July 3 – 4.**

**SUMMER VACATION** ~ Church secretary will be on vacation from July 2-6. The church office hours during her vacation will be from 9:00 am – 1 pm with volunteers answering the phone. In case of emergency contact Pastor Shaw (238-9065).

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### **ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS • MINISTERS**

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The Reverend Dr. C. Pierson Shaw • Pastor

Myra Long • Director of Worship & Music

Carol Alley • Church Secretary

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## **SERVING TODAY**

Gene Rector – Crucifer  
Tammy Locke (8:30) Cindy Elder – Assisting Minister  
Tammy Locke – Children’s Church  
Denise Powell – Communion Assistant  
Jackie Childers (8:30) Dr. Linda Lutz – Greeter  
Marcus Johnson (8:30) Larry Powell – Bell Ringer  
Tommie Johnson’s Team – Ushers  
Ken Harmon – Soundboard  
Robbie Mozeley – Teller Duty  
Cindy Johnson, Mary Emma Smith – Caregivers  
Wynda Howerton, Susan Drum, Gene Rector, Roger Webb – Sacristans (July)

## **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – July 8, 2018**

Gene Rector – Crucifer  
Tammy Locke (8:30) Cindy Elder – Assisting Minister  
Denise Powell – Children’s Church  
Becky Buchanan – Communion Assistant  
Terri Childers (8:30) Mary Helton – Greeter  
Nathan Childers (8:30) Larry Powell – Bell Ringer  
Tommie Johnson’s Team – Ushers  
David Elder – Soundboard  
Terri & Jackie Childers – Teller Duty  
Roger Webb, Becky Buchanan, Theda Isenhour – Caregivers  
Wynda Howerton, Susan Drum, Gene Rector, Roger Webb – Sacristans (July)

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

## **SPECIAL SHUT IN OF THE WEEK**

Lucy Frye  
1104 13<sup>th</sup> St SW • Hickory, NC 28602

***Please pray, call, visit, or send a card***

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

In our Stephen Ministry training, Roger Webb asked us to write about what we have learned in the course. I thought it would be easy. As I started to gather my thoughts, I realized all the many topics we have studied. I think the most comprehensive discipline was to learn the art of *active listening*. I have learned to *listen* not only by *hearing*, but by engaging body, mind and spirit. We were taught to listen with patience, a commitment to caring and a true desire to help. This engages body language, eye contact, tone of voice and discernment. I have learned to listen in a non-judgmental, empathic manner. God works through our listening as caregivers to accomplish healing in the care receiver.

I have also learned that we can be Christians and still be able to assert ourselves in setting boundaries for the benefit of our care receivers and ourselves. When we speak in a direct, honest, respectful way, we give worth to ourselves and others.

There are many other life-changing things I have gleaned from this study. Roger stated, as we began our class, that God was ready to change us and He would bring this to completion. I feel the change happening through a renewed feeling of joy and happiness and an eagerness to do God's work; to serve Him. This does not feel like *work*; it is peaceful and fulfilling. From my study Bible, I have learned when we serve others, it is the Lord Christ we are serving; an act of worship and service to God.

*Cindy Johnson*

**WELCA Meeting and Salad Luncheon** will be held on **Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at noon**. All ladies are invited...please come and join us. All we ask is that each lady bring her favorite salad and come and enjoy the fellowship.

**WELCA BAZAAR MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday, July 24 at 6 pm**. Important that all ladies come out and help plan at this meeting for this year's bazaar.