

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

JULY + 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:



There are two things I would like to address as part of my letter this month. The first matter I would like to share relates to the recent breakdown of our air conditioning equipment in the upstairs of the Peeler Building. What follows is the wonderful story of how our Finance Committee and Congregation Council came together quickly to remedy a matter that was not only a matter of comfort, but a matter of safety for those who plan to use the upstairs of the Peeler Building. I also wanted to share something concerning the paper that I will be presenting in Toronto for the Twelfth International Gathering of the *Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network*. The topic of the conference will be: **The Church and Migration: Global In-Difference?** The conference will take place in Toronto, 25-27 June 2018 and the title of my paper is "Hospitality to Others Rooted in an Ecclesiology of the Baptized People of God." First, the matter of the air conditioning system in the upstairs of the Peeler Building.

Air Conditioning

On Sunday, June 11, I announced that the air conditioning system upstairs in the Peeler is no longer able to circulate coolant. In the words of the technician with Hickory Sheet Metal, this system can be said to have "frozen up" resulting in the inability of the coolant to circulate in the two air systems for the upstairs in that building, so that it can be cooled. The upstairs is extremely hot now as summer has now begun. Linda Lutz, on Friday, June 15 worked mightily with the teachers in the "Inspired Learning Program" to set up tables in the Adult Sunday School room, and Nursery, both in the Office Wing, and to make a space in the Parish Center. A fourth group has been meeting in the Library. We did this because all four spaces are air conditioned. Thirty-two kids have been a part of the "Inspired Learning Program" in its first week. The technicians with Hickory Sheet Metal had worked in the intense heat on June 15 to try and get the two non- working units back online, to no avail. The only option was to replace the two upstairs units. The one downstairs unit in the Peeler Building remains operable and in seemingly good order.

Hickory Sheet Metal submitted a proposed Contract containing the clause (Cost plus not to exceed) under the figure proposal of a total cost of **\$11,300.00**. Honestly after I initially got the bottom line estimate, when I talked to the representatives at Hickory Sheet Metal on the phone on Monday, June 18, I felt like I quickly needed a chair, since I was standing when I was talking on the phone. The more I thought about it, however, given the fact that these units are 4 tons each (A figure that is hard for me to fathom) I realized that it stands the reason these are so expensive. As Mike, at Hickory Sheet Metal explained to me, Hickory Sheet Metal in working with churches, works on the basis of "Cost plus not to exceed." This means that this is our worst-case scenario. The Proposal included the costs of all installation of the new equipment and removal of the old equipment. It includes adapting the duct work to the new system with installation of new two new Trane condensing units, two evaporative units, plus coolant, two drain pans, and possibly two new thermostats for the upstairs. I told Mike we replaced the three thermostats in the Peeler Building less than two years ago. Again, he said, if it doesn't need replacing, or if he can finish the work in under the estimated time, the savings will be passed on to us. Let me reiterate, this figure of **\$11,300.00** is the worst-case scenario. Hopefully, it will not be as bad as this in the end.

In the interest of full disclosure let me remind everyone of the Constitution's authorization for Congregation Council spending, without going to the Congregation in a legally called meeting:

C12.05. The Congregation Council shall be responsible for the financial and property matters of this congregation.

c. The Congregation Council may enter into contracts of up to \$10,000 for items not included in the budget.

I consulted with the Executive Committee and Linda Lutz and I, in particular, thought it prudent to work expeditiously with the Finance Committee, chaired by Brenda Fox and on which Melanie Harmon, Teri Childers, Glenn Shoaf, Nancy Seagle, Cindy Johnson, Pam Connelly, and David and Cindy Elder serve. Brenda believed it to be our best option to meet as a committee face to face and not

“electronically,” as the Constitution now permits. This way everyone could be clear on the figures and the Committee could better and more efficiently work on the matter. We met on Monday evening, June 18. Glenn Shoaf asked about the Constitutional matter noted above, and I suggested that as I had discussed with Brenda Fox earlier, my interpretation would be that if we spent no more than \$10,000.00 above the portion for the line item of Maintenance – All Buildings (line item 016-00-15-03 on the monthly “Statement of Income and Expense by Account,” then, in my estimation, the Congregation Council, as the Congregation’s Board of Trustees could legally and Constitutionally enter into such a contract for that amount. As of Monday, June 18 the Congregation has \$3,666.67 that we have not spent under that budgeted line item. I did say to the Committee in that meeting that in the interests of full disclosure I would feel compelled to share what is taking place with the Congregation as soon as Sunday, June 24. The only other alternative would be to call a Congregation Meeting and I reminded the Finance Committee and ultimately the Congregation Council that it requires at least ten days to convene a legally called Congregation Meeting. A Motion was made in the Finance Committee that the Finance Committee propose to the Council that:

Monies for the Project come from:

Reese Fund:	\$ 4, 400.00
Watts Fund:	\$ 4, 400.00

And from our FY 2018 Financial Plan for Ministry under the line item of:

016-00-15-03 Maintenance – All Buildings	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
Total:	<u>\$ 11,300.00</u>

The motion was seconded, discussed, and unanimously approved by the Finance Committee. The Proposal then went to the Congregation Council which convened an electronic meeting for this purpose. Since the motion came with the unanimous consent of the Finance Committee, the motion required no Second from the Council. This made the task easier in an “electronic meeting.”

Council members were simply asked to vote on the Motion with: **Yes, No, or Abstain.**

As soon as we have a majority voting in the affirmative, I asked that Terri as Treasurer, and Melanie Harmon as Secretary to sign the Contract and I faxed the signed copy of the contract back to Hickory Sheet Metal. I have asked Mike to begin assembling the materials, knowing that the Air Conditioning needs to be operable as soon as possible. With hasty action the members of the Council and the Finance Committee, we should be able to be back up and running in the Peeler Building by Tuesday, June 26. Had we needed to call a Congregation Meeting together, the amount of time needed to wait for repairs would have been greater to two weeks.

The "Inspired Learning Program" by the last week in June will be able to utilize the Peeler Building for its program just as it planned. The program is designed for at risk elementary school kids in our community. Consider that by changing one life and enabling one child to apply themselves, utilizing their God given talents to master a reading proficiency above a third-grade level, will have an enormous impact on our society. I say a third-grade reading level because the state estimates the jail space needed in a given County based on the population in each County that cannot read above a third-grade level. Given the staggering costs of incarcerating criminals in our society, that amount is dwarfed by the costs of educating a child. The teacher's salaries, administrative costs, including school breakfast, school lunch, and transportation costs associated with the field trips and activities with the "Inspired Learning Program" are all made possible by a Federal grant. Yet, without Bethany Congregation providing the needed space in the Peeler Building, this vital summer program that is "Inspired Learning" would be impossible. The grant does not provide the meeting space or the monies for the expenses of offering a facility for such a program.

In other words, without the gifts and the devotion of the members of Bethany Congregation, this summer's "Inspired Learning Program" would not be possible. Yet with this program, Bethany Congregation is making a huge impact in our neighborhood, or community, and in our society a whole. We are changing one life at a time and one

family at a time. We are pointing to the work of God's Kingdom, which God is doing in the world. We are helping families and young people and educators to see a side of Christ's Church that needs to be made more visible in our world. This may be the only opportunity some families and students will ever have at this point in their lives to enter a church building, resplendent with Christian iconography throughout the building. It gives families and children, many of whom may be unchurched a chance to see the visible witness of the Church in their lives. Many families would have had no idea where Bethany Lutheran Church has been located since 1910. As one mother who came to inquire about the program with Montaira Perry, the program's site coordinator said, "I don't know if I am in the right place, but I came to learn about something that might help my child." I told her you are in the right place." This is Bethany Lutheran Church, home of the "Inspired Learning Program. Come on in where it is cool, and I will give you a place where you can sit down and wait on Montaria who is out with the kids in the program at the moment, but will return shortly." I saw the same parent later in the week when she came to pickup her child. The mother seem so thrilled that she had come to the right place.

Thus because of the gifts of those such as the Reese family or the Watts family, just at members of the Finance Committee acknowledged, we were able to fix the air conditioning for the upstairs of the Peeler Building without having to borrow the funds, or fear that we could not obtain the funds. It has enabled us to expand our ministry and change lives. Montaria told me after they had learned that the air conditioning had died in the Peeler building, the teachers with the "Inspired Learning Program" over the weekend before the program started had all been praying that the congregation would be able to find the money to fix the system. Indeed, Bethany found the money. God provided the means and the way. Bethany is moving forward, and we are will soon be in the conversation phase with the city's Head Start Program to see if we can return a Pre-School Program to Bethany's Peeler Building. This time the program would be administered and funded by the Hickory City Schools that does not have the physical space for the expanded needs of the program. This is part of what it is to be the Church. The Finance Committee and the Council is exceedingly thankful that we

have the assets to be able to remedy this quickly. This is indeed a gift and we need to give thanks for it. We ask for your continued prayer and your generous giving to the ongoing mission and a ministry of Bethany Congregation as we seek to be the Church, “gathered to worship, sent out to serve and continually enlightened by the Spirit.”

Hospitality to Others Rooted in an Ecclesiology of the Baptized People of God

*Note: what follows is an abstract or a description of what I had proposed to the conference planners that I would present as part of my paper at the Ecclesiological Investigations Group's gathering under the topic **The Church and Migration: Global In-Difference?** The abstract contains words which are spelled as they are expected to be in British Commonwealth nations and in the Dominion of Canada. I have no idea of how many proposals were offered for the conference, nonetheless from among those submitted, mine one of those selected. I will be presenting this paper on Wednesday, June 27, in the afternoon. I will be presenting in a group with two other presenters who like me are academics. We will collectively answer questions for about twenty minutes. Each of us, as the three presenters, all of whom I know, will have twenty minutes to present our papers. I ask for your prayers on what I believe is a very timely topic.*

In an age of deadly and efficient weapons of mass destruction, rogue armies can turn an entire city into a mass of uninhabitable concrete shells. Within the borders of nations haphazardly and arbitrarily drafted following European colonialism at the end of the Second World War, warring factions and despotic governments are often willing to destroy whole populations in a quest to retain power. Regimes often manipulate the supplies of food and other human necessities as a means of extorting, controlling, and suppressing groups. Populist leaders use the language of “walls” and “fencing” in an effort to convince an electorate that these means will “protect” citizens; this, as we witness the continued exploitation of children and youth in many parts of the world. The situation is further exacerbated by the fact that these children are prevented from immigrating to

places beyond a life of systemic poverty. Adults and children in refugee camps have become the unwanted peoples of the world, without homelands. Children and youth are continually exploited through human traffic, smuggling, and slavery. As many in the developed world seek to maintain low prices on merchandise, men, women, and children are invariably exploited for their labour. Children are often further exploited by being forced into sex trafficking in a world-wide sex trade.

Pope Francis along with other Church leaders have continually railed these deplorable circumstances. In a letter from Pope Francis to the bishops of the world, on December 28, 2016, on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs, the Pontiff spoke of the “Herods” of this age and in contrast, said that “Like Joseph, we need the courage to respond to this reality, to arise and take it firmly in hand (cf. *Mt 2:20*).” He spoke of the current circumstances and worldwide crises that lead to the continual lament of Rachel “weeping for her children.” The Pope also noted that the Evangelists did not gloss over the ugliness of the brutality and conditions faced by the Holy Family. (Pope Francis, “Letter to the Bishops of the World” (Vatican, December 28, 2016), https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2016/documents/papa-francesco_20161228_santi-innocenti.html)

To further develop what Pope Francis has said, it is imperative that Church leaders make the connection of the birth narratives with the indicatives granted to the whole people of God in Holy Baptism. An ecclesiology of the Baptized People of God calls all the Christians to recall that having been Baptized into Christ and joined to Christ, means that the whole Baptized people of God have been joined inextricably to one, who for our sake was born into a refugee family, who received foreigners who came to offer from their homelands, and who escaped exploitation at the hands of one who sought political power and control at the expense of a whole population. In short, having been joined in Baptism to Christ the people of God are compelled to work against the “Herods” who would seek to exploit and harm those with whom God in Christ has identified in his incarnation.

*Epilogue: The point that I want to drive home in this paper is that we have been Baptized into Christ and as we are joined to him we see the "other" no longer as stranger but as brother or sister. Christ is our brother; therefore, we see one another as brothers and sisters. Being clothed in Christ and joined to his righteousness, we are basing our connectedness and our charge to be agents of reconciliation. St. Paul in 2 Corinthians 5 connects our having already clothed in Christ in Holy Baptism with our charge to "walk by faith and not by sight" until the day when we will obtain the resurrection of the body and attain the beatific vision of Christ in glory. In Galatians 3:27, Paul again speaks of being clothed in Christ. Not only do Christian Churches around the world base our understanding of Baptism upon the common witness of Holy Scripture, but the clear majority of denominations around the world have a shared voice in the World Council of Churches. The Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, in the document **Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry** (1982), contains the voice of the churches worldwide in affirming that the Baptized people of God are understood to have been "re-clothed in Christ" in continuity with the Biblical witness. We are one therefore in our Baptism and as Christ who clothes us with his righteousness, Christ through the Holy Spirit calls us to conform our lives to his to the glory of the Father. We thus identify with the "other" with whom we might otherwise see as "different." Because Christ was a refugee as Pope Francis said, clothed in Christ who for our sake became a homeless refugee whose family escaped Herod, we as the baptized people of God, clothed in Christ's righteousness are moved from indifference to action.*

Please keep me in your prayers as I prepare to deliver this paper.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. P. P. P. P." with a flourish at the end.



WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING

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



GOLDEN AGERS ~ Will not meet for the month of July. Please join us in August as we meet for our monthly fellowship and meal. More information will be in the August Newsletter. Have a cool July!



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: *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
No Meeting in July**

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.



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).



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.

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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 (**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. We have been asked to recruit at least one more helper. Keep up the faith and prayers!

EVANGELISM/SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE ~ No meeting in July. We will resume back in August - meeting will be held on Sunday, August 12 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:

We are in need of **3 people to be the Church on July 17** and volunteer at the Soup Kitchen beginning at 11 AM. We conclude by 12:30 PM. Thanks to Cindy Elder, Tommie Johnson, and Mary Emma Smith who volunteered (were BEING the Church) at the Hickory Soup Kitchen in June as Bethany's representatives. 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 JULY

Meeting at Bethany this month:

Group Mary – Meeting on **Monday, July 9 at 6 pm.**
Patsy Nikbakht, Chair
Brenda Fox – hosting at Bethany

Group Ruth – Meeting on **Sunday, July 1 at 4:00 pm.**
Becky Buchanan, Chair

WELCA Meeting and Salad Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, July 15th 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.

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, July 8 at 7:30 am at Snack Bar.** Looking forward to seeing you then.

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.

NO COUNCIL MEETING IN JULY

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

HOMEWORK ~ Stephen Ministry class members have been asked to write something about what we have experienced while in training for Stephen Ministry. Roger Webb asked us to answer the following question: **“How the Stephen Ministry Course has helped me to meet life in a different way.”**

Roger Webb, our Stephen Ministry Instructor, has asked me to share my thoughts with the congregation. Through this course, I have become aware of the difference in Servitude and Servanthood. I now look at life through a Servanthood lens, as Jesus' life demonstrated. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God. Jesus demonstrated his Servanthood with purpose and authority, all while following the will of God. Sometimes we feel that we are serving out of obligation or even out of fear. That is not Servanthood, that is Servitude. Life is rich when we approach every aspect of it with the cloak of Servanthood, and not with the weight of Servitude. *Linda Lutz*

Training for the Stephen Ministry has been helpful for me in many ways. I've learned the art of listening. That Christian Caregiving is to be a way of life. Speaking the truth in love in an assertive way and maintain bounties has been very helpful for me. *Tommie Johnson*

Stephens Ministry has really showed how to structure and develop relationships. It helps you know what to say to a care receiver but more importantly it tells you what not to say. It has been very informative and interesting.
Gene Rector

I have learned so much on how to be an assertive Christian and how I can apply this in all aspects of my life, at work, with family, and of course, as a Christian caregiver. It is not up to just me, but God is at work in this. A special thank you to Roger and all of the team members!
Melonie Harmon

This training has helped me be more confident in how I express what I want to say to people. It has taught me to observe more in people than just words, but also by their expressions. *Beth Brittain*

INSPIRED LEARNING PROGRAM Inspired Learning is an initiative from a nonprofit organization called Maiden Rosenwald Community Development Corporation also known as MR CDC. This year we are so blessed to be able to let them use our facility here at Bethany for their middle school summer camp. With the middle school summer camp, we will have 30+ students, with 4 educational tutors (John Smith, Faith Fulbright, Cameron Robinson, and Raymond Mitchell), and 2 certified teachers (Aimee Sigmon and Jamie Fredericks). Camp will begin June 18 and will go through August 2nd with the week of July 4th off. Program is held Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 4 pm. Focus for the summer is Higher education and various careers involving STEAM. With hands-on academics in the morning and field trips in the afternoon. Whitewater, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Narroway Productions, Discovery Place, and many more places will be some of the fun trips. Montaira Perry is the site coordinator.



Lutheridge Music Week- July 9-13

This year Pastor and Karen Shaw will be attending this wonderful week. This year's theme is "Built on a Rock." Great music for all to sing and meaningful worship.

On Thursday, July 12 at 8 pm there will a Hymnfest at St. James Episcopal Church, 766 N Main St., Hendersonville, NC 28792. Pastor Shaw encourages you to come to this event.

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 or call the church office at (828) 322 5002.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July Birthdays

7/5	Frances Kanipe
7/6	Novella Shoaf
7/7	Jan Berry
7/8	Donna Bush
7/9	Stacy Scott
7/17	Helen Barger
7/21	Cindy Elder
7/24	Cindy Greene
7/28	Lisa Conner
7/28	Denise Powell
7/29	Melanie Rooks
7/30	Ruby McCray

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

July Anniversaries

7/21	Gaye & Robert Duckworth
7/23	Melanie & Keith Rooks

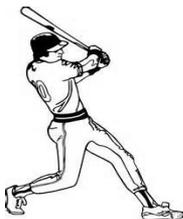
“May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.” 1 Thessalonians 3:12

(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 July !

No service on: July 4 or July 11



CRAWDAD'S ~ Special Game's

Join us for a great day at the Crowdad 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.

The Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee was well represented by Pam Connelly who proctored End of Grade Testing at Longview Elementary School on both June 1 and June 5. Thanks to Pam for BEING THE CHURCH in our local community!

CONGRATULATIONS to Cole Sisk for winning the 8th grade Art Award for 2018 at Grandview Middle School's Graduation. Proud parents are Jake and April Sisk and grandparents are Cindy and David Elder.



Way to go Cole!!



SAFETY – Plastic Handle Fire Extinguishers Recall

Hazard: The fire extinguisher can become clogged or require excessive force to activate, posing a risk of failure to discharge. The product recall involves two styles of Kidde disposable fire extinguishers: plastic handle fire extinguishers and plastic push-button fire extinguishers. This recall involves 134 models manufactured between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017, including some models that were previously recalled in March 2009 and in February 2015. Consumer should contact Kidde for instructions regarding return of recalled fire extinguisher. Toll free at 1-855-271-0773



2018 DOWNTOWN HICKORY FARMER'S MARKET

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, Tapenades, Artisan Crafts, Music & More!

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

ASSEMBLY 2018 ~ "We are church for the sake of the world," is in the books. What a great gathering of our synod! In addition to important business, inspirational messages and a lifting up of all we do together, we collected \$2,384 for the missionary to Costa Rica and \$5,190 for ELCA World Hunger. Nearly 500 Lutherans met June 1-2 in Raleigh for celebration, education, worship and church business of the North Carolina Synod. Thanks for those who represented Bethany Lutheran at the assembly: Dr. Linda Lutz, Melonie Harmon, Karen Shaw and Pastor Pierson Shaw.

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 •
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 • William Moretz •
Kathleen Plemons • Gene Rector • Nancy Seagle • Glenn & Novella
Shoaf • Ray & Sherry Stilwell • Roger Webb

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Roger Abernethy • Wes Chubb • Pat & Richard Correll • Butch Dooley •
Tony Frye • Cathy Gibson • Alice Godbey • Ernestine Harmon •
Jessie Harmon • Debbie Hayes • Jane Herman • Curtis Kiziah •
Rader Kiziah • Dickie Locke • 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 Margie Wallace
- ✓ Family of Betty Killian
- ✓ Family of Arthur Brittain
- ✓ Family of Scott Fields
- ✓ Family of Robin Teague
- ✓ Family of Amy Justice Huffman

Fourth of July

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The words may be hidden in any direction.

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BALLOONS
BARBECUE
BASEBALL
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June 2018

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July 2018

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8:30a Early Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Late Worship 4:00p Group Ruth</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Secretary Vacation</i> 2:00p Knitting/Crocheting 6:30p - 9:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretary Vacation</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>7:30a LMIM Breakfast Mtg 8:30a Early Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Late Worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00p Group Mary 6:30p - 9:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
8:00a Inspired Learning Program						
Lutheridge Music Week- Pastor Shaw & Karen						
<p>15</p> <p>8:30a Early Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Late Worship 12:00p WELCA General Mtg & Salad Luncheon 3:45p Spirit's Hand-Trinity Ridge</p>	<p>16</p> <p>2:00p Knitting/Crocheting 6:30p - 9:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Hickory Soup Kitchen Volunteers</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>4:00p Quilters 5:15p Mid-Week Service</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
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JULY 2018 RESPONSIBILITIES

RESPONSIBILITY	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Assisting Minister(8:30)	Tammy Locke	Tammy Locke	Tammy Locke	Tammy Locke	Tammy Locke
Assisting Minister(10:30)	Cindy Johnson	Cindy Elder	Dr. Linda Lutz	Melonie Harmon	Dr. Linda Lutz
Children's Church(10:30)	Tammy Locke	Denise Powell	Denise Powell	Tammy Locke	Denise Powell
Communion Assist.(10:30)	Denise Powell	Becky Buchanan	Wynda Howerton	Cindy Elder	Mary Helton
Crucifer (10:30)	Gene Rector	Gene Rector	Beth Brittain	Beth Brittain	Gene Rector
Sound Board	Ken Harmon	David Elder	Tammy Locke	David Elder	Ken Harmon
Greeter (8:30)	Jackie Childers	Terri Childers	Mary Emma Smith	Tammy Locke	Mary Emma Smith
Greeter (10:30)	Dr. Linda Lutz	Mary Helton	Cindy Johnson	Roger Webb	Melonie Harmon
Bell Ringer (8:30)	Marcus Johnson	Nathan Childers	Tammy Locke	Marcus Johnson	Nathan Childers
Bell Ringer (10:30)	Larry Powell	Larry Powell	Larry Powell	Larry Powell	Larry Powell
Altar Flowers	Glenn Shoaf	Brenda Fox	Mary Emma Smith	Linda Lutz	Larry Powell
Care Givers	Cindy Johnson Mary Emma Smith	Roger Webb Becky Buchanan Theda Isenhour	Novella Shoaf Gene Rector	Cindy & David Elder Nancy Brittain	Ken & Melonie Harmon Nancy Seagle
Teller Duty	Robbie Mozeley	Terri & Childers Childers	Robbie Mozeley	Cindy & David Elder	Melonie & Ken Harmon
Ushers (10:30)	Tommie Johnson's Team				
Sacristan's	Wynda Howerton, Susan Drum, Gene Rector, Roger Webb				

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

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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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