

THE HERALD

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*Come Worship With Us Each Sunday
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.*

From the Pastor



“Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”– Matthew 11:2-6

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

I think all of us can relate to John’s question above. It is a question all of us have probably voiced at some point: “Jesus, are you really the guy? Or should I start looking for someone else?”

It’s usually a question we ask when, like John, we are facing a tough time in life, when things aren’t going like we expect, and so we ask God, why? Why is life so hard? Why do I feel so unfulfilled? Why can’t I seem to get ahead? Why do people get sick? Why do people die?

And mostly I want to know: where were you, God, in the midst of all that stuff? Why didn’t you fix it? I expected more.


Well, Jesus answers us – just as He answered John – in the account from Matthew 11. He tells us that He didn’t come to give us a few good days; He came to give us life abundant. He didn’t come to fix a bone or kill a cancer cell; He came to make us brand new...a new life, a new body, so that we can live eternally with Him. He didn’t come to fix a few flaws in you so that you could get along with other people better. He came to change your heart, so that you might love other people despite their flaws.

You see, our problem is the same problem that John had. It’s not that Jesus doesn’t meet our expectations; it’s that our expectations are way too low.

Something for you to think about as we enter the season of Advent.

In Christ,

P. Rudy



Upcoming Events



American Red Cross

Community of Giving

Blood Drive **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

Trinity Life Center
531 Church Street
Little Mountain, SC 29075

Monday, December 11, 2023
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter (Litt.leMtn) for the sponsor code

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: LittleMtn to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Donkey's Christmas

December
17TH

Experience the story through the eyes of God's humble creature, the donkey.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
10:30AM SERVICE

Upcoming Events



*Join us for Card/Game Night on
Thursday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m.
Please bring a dish to share and we will have
dinner together. Looking forward to seeing
everyone!*



Bible Studies

Morning Bible Study: LEVITICUS

*Wednesday mornings at 10:00a.m.
in classroom next to the church office.*

All are welcome!!

Evening Bible Study: REVELATION

*Come join us every 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month for a Bible
study on Revelation. A study guide will be given and it will be a
fun night of learning & fellowship.*

*Rev. 1:3 "Blessed is the one who reads about the words of this
prophecy & blessed are those who hear it & take to heart what is
written in it because the time is near."*

We look forward to seeing you there!



Angel Tree

The congregation is sponsoring an “Angel Tree” to help students and their siblings at Little Mountain Elementary School. Please help us make Christmas a little brighter for these children in need.

Each child will have four angels on our Angel Tree – typically, one for clothing, one for pajamas and/or a blanket, and two for toys. When you select an angel, please “sign it out” in the binder located at the Angel Tree. You can purchase just the item that is listed on the angel, or if you’d like, you can add some additional surprises to your package that you think the child would like. Gifts should be wrapped with the angel securely attached to the outside of the package and returned to the Chrismon Tree. All Angel Tree gifts are due back to church on Sunday, December 3rd. Monetary donations are accepted to help purchase gifts for the children. We also need volunteers to shop for gifts with donated funds. If you can be a “volunteer shopper” or have any questions, please contact Julie Haltiwanger (803-321-2356) or Becky Boland (803-422-7672).

NOTE: Please put the angel you choose in a safe place so it doesn’t get lost. If you choose an angel and see you can’t sponsor that child, please put the angel back on the tree or let us know. We want to make sure every child is sponsored on our Angel Tree this year. Thank you for helping to spread Christmas joy!

Happy Mountaineers



Happy Mountaineers met Thursday, October 26, 2023, with 20 members present. President Janet Fulmer welcomed everyone and Becky Chapman had devotions relating to the "peace offered by Jesus". Mary Spires read minutes of the Sept. meeting. A Treasurer's Report was not available. All 3 of our birthday folks were present so we sang "Happy Birthday" to Dianne Fulmer, Jerry Shealy and Shelby Sheely. Updates and concerns for Happy Mountaineers members and others were shared. We pray for ALL in our church family and community facing uncertainty in health situations. There was no OLD Business. Under NEW Business, Happy Mountaineers has once again been asked to provide dressing for The HUB Thanksgiving Meals on Nov. 23. A 13x9x2 aluminum pan will hold the necessary five (5) boxes of stuffing mix (Stove Top OR a store brand) and will serve 15 people. Donations must be in TLC by 8:00 AM on Thanksgiving morning. If brought the evening before, please place in refrigerator and MARK YOUR NAME OFF THE LIST so Janet will know she has everything to be delivered. This has been an ongoing project for Happy Mountaineers for many years and is just one of the contributions made by our group. Thanks to others in the congregation who volunteer to help with the project! We need 15 pans. A memorial to Cemetery Fund has been given in memory of Mary Nell Bowers.

We discussed dates for November and December meetings. Our usual 4th Thursday date would be Thanksgiving Day in November and AFTER Christmas in December. So, we can be flexible. November meeting will be Nov. 30 and December meeting will be Dec. 21. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Much good food, fun and fellowship in November and special Christmas music in December with fellowship and a catered meal await you.

Our guest speaker was Melinda Bush Sease and we were so honored to hear from her. Melinda and husband Charlie, have been in the Foster Parents System for 21 years. They have fostered 49 children over the years and have adopted 6 of them. Melinda and Charlie had requested older children because that was what they were used to with their own biological children. The day they got their license, they ALSO got a call and their first child was an 8 month old baby girl. No one under age 14 can go to a group home. The need was there and they wouldn't say "no"!!

People think kids are in foster care cause they're bad but most of the time it's cause parents can't or won't "parent". What these children need is STABILITY. Every move from one foster home to another lessens trust in a child. Foster parents can have up to 8 at a time but that number includes any of their own biological children. Many foster parents are older, "empty nesters". The need is great and Melinda would be a tremendous source of information for anyone considering fostering children.



2024 Directory & Yearbook Update

Directory Update

One Per Family

Please complete only if there is a change to be made.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Husband Cell Phone: _____

Wife Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Anniversary Date: _____

Husband Birthday: _____

Wife Birthday: _____

We would like birth year for everyone for church records.

Please!! No one will see these.

Children Living At Home:

1. Name: _____

 Birthday: _____

2. Name: _____

 Birthday: _____

3. Name: _____

 Birthday: _____

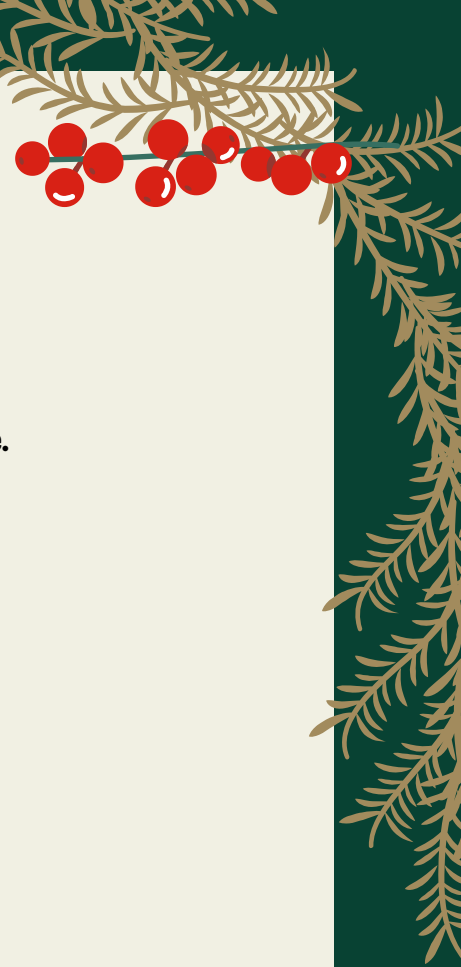
4. Name: _____

 Birthday: _____

Are you a Thrivent member? _____

Please "PRINT" clearly and turn in to church office or place in the offering plate.

If your child is not living in the home but at college or has their own apartment etc.; please let us know and have them fill out a separate form for themselves.





Lexington Medical Center Extended Care is the largest extended care facility in North and South Carolina. Our dedicated health care professionals have created an exceptional atmosphere where our residents receive the utmost care and concern for their comfort, safety, and well-being.

Lexington Medical Center Extended Care has a wonderful Volunteer Services Department that provides opportunities for the community to share their time, talent, and friendship with our residents. Our volunteers play an integral role in bringing joy into our residents' lives, and we view them as an essential part of our team. Everyone has a different reason for why they volunteer. Some are motivated to make a difference in their community. Others seek volunteer opportunities to explore a career path or gain valuable knowledge and experience in a specific field. Whatever your reason, we are happy to have you join our team, and we promise it will be a rewarding experience. Some of our volunteer opportunities are listed below:

Group Activities: Crafts, Bingo, Games, Trivia, Art Sessions, Religious Worship Services, Dance Programs, Musical Performances (Choirs, Bands, Pianist, Singers, DJ, Karaoke, etc.), Theatrical Performances, Sports, Discussion Groups, Birthday and Holiday Parties, and more.

Individual Activities: Individual Visitation, Pet Therapy, Readers, Bedside Music Therapy, Adopt-a-Grandparent, Seamstress (Afghans Blankets, Handrolls, Neck Pillows, Wheelchair Bags, etc.), and more.

Office & Department Support: Staff Development, Human Resources, Dietary & Nutrition, Maintenance, Housekeeping, Administrative, Gift Shop, Hair Salon, Life Enrichment, Marketing, Information Technology, and Social Services.

We strive to provide our volunteers with opportunities that align with their interests, passion, and field of study. Opportunities for volunteering at Lexington Medical Center Extended Care are endless, and we are looking for more volunteers! We are accepting volunteers from age 12 and up. If you are interested in participating in this rewarding volunteer program, please call (803) 996-6266 or email lvmccrorey@lexhealth.org. I would like to schedule a meeting to discuss our diverse range of volunteer opportunities. We look forward to hearing back from you!

Sincerely,

LaKenna McCrorey, M. HP
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Contact:

Karen

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December Serving Assistants



Sunday	Acolyte	Crucifer	Bulletin Folder	Lectors
03	Natalie Winn	David Rodgers	Ava Kate Weaver	Tanner Shell
10	Taylor Lake	Tanner Shell	Blake Ballentine	Chris Crouch
17	Taylor Lake	Tanner Shell	Blair Cromer	Connie Frick
24	Dustin Winn 10:30am ----- Wyatt Koon 4pm	Blake Ballentine 10:30am ----- Eli Kednocker 4pm	Daniel Williams	Charles Shealy 10:30am ----- Cindy Frick 4pm
31	Wyatt Koon	Blake Ballentine	Troy Hentz	Bobby Chapman

Communion	24 (10:30am) Kevin J. Shealy, Ann Sanders ----- 24 (4pm) Lin Lake, Frank Lake
	Altar & Parament Sheri Wicker, Kim Stiver

Sunday	Flowers	Greeters	Nursery
03	Don Berley	Maxton & Bobbie King	Jennifer Shealy, Jessica Lindler
10	Carmen, Jacob, & Jessi Boland	Spyros Lezimis	Karen & Natalie Winn, Ava Boland
17	Daniel & Ashley Boland	Robbie & Sheri Wicker	Sheri Wicker, Caitlin Attaway
24	Darin & Becky Boland	Curtis Family	Robin Loadholdt, Glenda Hentz
31	Lib Boland	Danny & Ann Newton	Wendy Shealy, Wanda Havird

Usher Chair	Brian Stiver
Sunday	Usher *Elevator
03, 10, 17	Kelvin Chapman Frank Lake Marty Frick*
24, 31	Kevin J. Shealy Bill Loadholdt Chris Crouch*

December Birthdays

*December 1 Billy Caldwell
Austin Fulmer*

December 2 Renae Grooms

December 6 Rodney Chapman

December 7 Bill Loadholdt

*December 9 Philip Spotts
Boyd Fulmer*

December 10 Andrew Frick

December 11 Susan Crawford

December 12 Kenneth Chapman

*December 13 Greg Wicker
Curtis Boland*

December 14 Barbara Kinard

*December 15 Annie Ruth Farr
Travis Haltiwanger
Tony Shell
Kadence Derrick*

*December 16 Fred Cumalander
Jean Caldwell Barnes
Liam Kaihara*

*December 17 Chris Crouch
Carmen Boland*

December 18 Raelyn Livingston

*December 20 Sylvia Taylor
Kim Stiver*

December 21 Brian Howland

December 23 Rachel Hardy

*December 24 Phil Martinez
Blake Wicker
Christie Allison*

*December 25 Sarah Sheely Paysinger
Ashley Boland*

December 26 Joyce McCall

*December 28 Alaina Shealy
Devon Shealy
Harper Morales*

December 29 Debra Arnold

December 30 Beckett Lambert

December 31 Allen Williams

*Happy
Birthday*



DECEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 Advent 1 9am- Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 6:30pm- Lutheran Men	4 Prayer Shawl 9am	5 Faith Circle 11:10 am Preschool Christmas Program 6:00 p.m.	6 Leviticus Bible Study 9am Choir Practice 7pm	7 Card Night 6:00pm	8	9
10 Advent 2 7:30am - Council Mtg 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 3pm-Teens for Christ	11 Prayer Shawl 9am Blood Drive 2-7pm	12	13 Leviticus Bible Study 9am Choir Practice 7pm	14 Revelation Bible Study 7pm	15	16
17 Advent 3 9am-Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship/ Donkey's Christmas	18 Prayer Shawl 9am	19	20 Leviticus Bible Study 9am Choir Practice 7pm	21	22	23
24 Advent 4 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 4pm - Christmas Eve Worship	25 <i>Merry Christmas!!</i>	26	27 Leviticus Bible Study 9am Choir Practice 7pm	28 Happy Mountaineers 10am Revelation Bible Study 7pm	29	30
31 1st Sunday of Christmas 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship						

Bible Verse of the Month

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon[a] his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Memorials & Honorariums

Building Fund

In Memory of Mary Nell Bowers given by Becky Chapman, Kathy Boland, Lib Boland, Brandon & Marie Shealy, Mike & Jackie Riddle, Eleanor Bush, Gerald & Jonell Shealy, Bobbie & Maxton King, Faye Shealy, Frank & Lin Lake, Rodger & Karen Winn, Robbie & Sheri Wicker, Franklin-Summer Insurance, Fred Cumalander, Henry B. Summer Insurance, Lorene Stuck, Bernie & Faye Hawkins, Debbie & Charles Matthews, Tony, Wendy, Tyler, & Tanner Shell, David & Pam Bush, Larry & Renae Grooms, Marilyn Seybt, Jerry & Annette Shealy, Ashley Rowe Heating & Air, Judy Shealy, Olin F. Banks, McSwain Evans Funeral Home, Emily Clements, Paul & Lynn Shealy.

In Memory of my Mother, Mary Nell Bowers given by Audrey Caldwell.

In Honor of Anniston James Lever's Baptism given by Ann & Jim Sanders.

In Memory of Robert Wicker given by Curtis & Diane Hardy, Helen & Ritchie Koon, Edwin & Wanda Havird, Eleanor Bush, Charles & Cindy Frick, Jerry & Annette Shealy, Gray, Shannon, Christopher, & Benjamin Corley, Randall & Amanda Drafts, Keith & Janet Fulmer, Parlor Sunday School Class, Becky Chapman, Emily Clements, Brenda Bodie, Walt & Julie McLeod, Edward Robinson, Paul & Lynn Shealy.

In Memory of Roy Weathersbee given by Parlor Sunday School Class, Charles & Cindy Frick.

In Memory Carl & Ollie Bowers & Donnie Bowers at Christmas given by Evelyn Rister & Brenda Bodie.

In Memory of Pete Bodie at Christmas given by Brenda Bodie.

Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Mary Nell Bowers given by Gloria Danielowski, Julia S. Willis, Billy & Kitty Caldwell, Carol & Eddie Player, Carolyn Torrence, Idette H. Tucker, Patti & Randy Suber, Andrea S. Lewis, Mark & Janet Kibler, Shirby Chapman, Jane & Larry Higgins.

In Memory of Myrtie Wessinger given by Shirby Chapman.

In Memory of Charles & Polly Shealy given by Paul & Lynn Shealy.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

In Memory of Mary Nell Bowers given by Johnny & Betty Cumalander.

In Memory of Myrtie Wessinger given by Johnny & Betty Cumalander.

In Honor of Anniston James Lever's Baptism given by Paul Jr. & Carla Lindler, Paul & Paulette Lindler (Great-Grandparents), Robbie & Sheri Wicker (Grandparents).

Bazaar

In Memory of Mary Nell Bowers given by Jeff & Judy Bedenbaugh.

General Fund

In Memory of Mary Nell Bowers given by Robert & Brenda Wicker.

GAAP

In Memory of Robert Wicker given by Judy & Jeff Bedenbaugh.

Holy Trinity Prayer Concerns

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God. (Phil. 4:6)

Diane Hardy, Family of Robert Wicker, Denise Salyer (Friend of Lucy Peters), Kyle Page, Randy Stockman (Father of Amber Koon), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, C.B. Mathis (brother in law of Patsy Frick), Junior Alewine, Patsy Frick, Broko Boland (nephew of Carmen Boland), Gerald Shealy, Marilyn Plampin, Nancy Webb (Mother of Terecia Wilson), Bob Whitlatch. Note: Out of respect for individual wishes and privacy, if you wish to have someone placed on the prayer list, please obtain their permission prior to submitting it for publication in the newsletter. Thanks for your understanding.

We remember those in nursing care centers and the shut-ins of our congregation:

*White Oak of Newberry
Junior Alewine*

*NHC in Lexington
Jean Alewine*

*Going in the hospital? Having surgery? Recovering from an illness?
Are you in need of spiritual guidance or maybe in need of prayer?*

Pastor Randy and the pastoral care volunteers of our congregation will be happy to visit with you at the hospital, at home or just pray for your healing and well-being.

Please call Pastor Randy Drafts at (803)537-2303 or the church office and let us know of your need and we will be glad to visit and pray with you anytime.

Remember, the Pastor and pastoral care volunteers cannot respond to or meet your needs if they are not aware of them.

Church Council Minutes

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Minutes
November 12, 2023

The Holy Trinity Congregational Council met in regular session on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 7:30am. Phillip Allison chaired the meeting and Maxton King opened with devotions. Daniel Curtis will have devotions at the November meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the regular Congregational Council Minutes for September 10, 2023.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Drafts will be out of the office Oct. 9-15 and Dec. 25-Jan. 1. On Oct. 15, Lutheran Men will lead worship and Kyle Page will be preaching. Kyle will also supply on Jan. 1. Pastor Drafts gave an update on the Life Groups for Mom - there were 9 moms who gathered for the initial interest meeting and at least 4 others who are interested in attending in the future. The Church Constitution is in the process of being bound. Plans for the 2024 Carolinas Mission Region Convocation are continuing to come together. Everyone who is interested in having a church t-shirt is asked to get their orders in by Oct. 22. The old copier machine was finally picked up and now we are waiting for Xerox to get back in touch with the church office to confirm the cancellation of the old contract and reimbursement of funds owed. Some concerns have been raised about the lack of lighting outside near the choir loft and over the steps between the sanctuary and the parish building / TLC. The property committee will look into better lighting in these areas. Confirmation classes will resume on Oct. 22. Blake Ballentine will be confirmed on Oct. 29. Homecoming is planned for Nov. 19 with Pastor Pless as the guest preacher. The Community Thanksgiving Service is planned for Nov. 19 at 6:30 at Macedonia Lutheran Church. St. Peter, Lexington will host the NALC Youth gathering on Nov. 5. There has been a request made that we support NALC missionaries so Pastor Drafts has two names of NALC missionaries and global workers recommended by the Bishop's staff who could use the support. Carter Lake announced that Pastor Drafts attended the opening of the new State Farm office and prayed over it and everyone was very pleased. Pastor Drafts conducted the funeral for John Kent Lester. We welcome into the church family Lian Carson Riddle through Holy Baptism. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Pastor's Report.

Treasurer's Report

The parsonage roof has not yet been paid but the work has been completed. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Council Approved Open Items

1. Lamps that match the ones at the front of the church may be what is needed to fix the lack of lighting in certain areas. There was a suggestion to getting a lighting consultant. The property committee will look into this.

Unfinished Business

1. HTLC will be hosting a presentation from SLED on Nov. 12. All teachers, leaders, Council members, committee chairs, volunteers, staff, and users are requested to attend. This will be different from the CRASE program presented by the Newberry County Sheriff's Department.
2. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to have the carpet in the parish building replaced with flooring like in the office for an estimated cost of approximately \$23,000 with profits from the bazaar helping pay for it. Whitaker Floor Covering should be able to do the work in January if we can go ahead and get on their list and they can work around the Preschool schedule.
3. Daniel will gather information about what the bus could be sold for if we decide to go that route. Kevin Shealy is willing to drive if he can work it out with his schedule.
4. The "purge day" set for Oct. 28 will focus on the back rooms of the basement, the bus shed, and the classrooms in the parish building that have become storage areas.
5. The water fountain was damaged and had to be returned. We are waiting to receive a new one.
6. The property committee will look into replacing the carpet on the front steps and possibly putting down a non-skid paint.

New Business

A. A suggestion was made to give bonuses at Christmas to certain people who do extra work around the church. It was the consensus that people who volunteer are not expecting to be paid for what they are doing. However, it was noted that Christmas bonuses should be "gifts" without being tied to performance.

Committee Reports

Mutual Ministry - The committee made some recommendations and sent those to the stewardship and finance committee.

Audit - They have almost finished the church books. The preschool books will be ready soon to be audited. Both these are done twice a year.

Christian Education - There has been an uptick in K-5 Sunday School attendance. There is still some concern about the attendance in Grades 6-12.

We would greatly appreciate anyone who can help set up for the bazaar or can make any items to donate.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Phillip Allison, President ; Julie Haltiwanger, Secretary



Holy Trinity Staff

Disciples of Christ

Pastor

Parish Office Administrator

Director of Music Ministries

Organists

Sexton

People of Holy Trinity

Rev. Randy Drafts

Mrs. Marie Shealy

Mrs. Terecia Wilson

Mrs. Lib Boland

Mrs. Donna Fulmer

Mr. Brett Lindler

Mr. Ted Arnold

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

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