



**June 2023 Birthdays:**

- June 1 Roy Cloninger, Becky Lamphiear, Riley Moxley
- June 3 Tina Comer
- June 5 Betty Paseur
- June 8 Tim Eidson, Linda Kanupp, Dalton Owens, Jeff Paseur
- June 9 Jamie Stiles
- June 10 Blair Hoyle
- June 11 David Walsh
- June 12 Pauline Guess
- June 15 Jim Mackey, Mark Odem
- June 17 Marsha Kinley
- June 19 Kenslee Taylor
- June 20 Megan Wilkinson
- June 21 Avah Heafner
- June 22 John Ackles
- June 24 Joe Lineberger
- June 26 Annsley Harrison, Mari Robinson, Lisa Rubow
- June 27 C.J. Crocker
- June 29 Angela Plonk, Kelly Taylor

**June 2023 Responsibilities:**

- Acolytes: Dalton Owens, Eldon Jackson
  - Altar Flowers: Jeff & Becky Paseur
  - Altar Guild: Linda Metcalf
  - Audio/Video: Scott Heafner
  - Cantor: Eric Lamanna
  - Children’s Church: Kelley Barker
  - Crucifer: Camden Kanupp
  - Council Rep.: Jason Crisp
  - Council Assistants: Jason Crisp, Sandy Kennedy
  - Ushers (\*head usher) \*David Beaver, Sandy Higginbotham  
Jeff Paseur, Seth Rollins
  - Food to DCSM: Jane Blanton, Anna Pasour
- |         | <u>Reader</u> | <u>Nursery</u>               |
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| June 4  | Eric Lamanna  | Wendy Goudelock, Patty Crisp |
| June 11 | Scott Rubow   | Mendy Kanupp, Carrie Stroup  |
| June 18 | R.F. Mitschke | Taylor Carter, Kelly Taylor  |
| June 25 | Anna Pasour   | Patty Crisp, Dru Parker      |

**MEMORIALS...**

**In memory of Marlene H. Cloninger given by:**

Ann Franklin, Daphene Peach, M/M Leonard Keever, M/M Walter Gettys, Chris Thornburg (School Partnership Fund), Linda Hoyle, M/M Dave Hoyle, M/M Todd Beam, M/M James Freeman, M/M Alan Cloninger, M/M Joe Rhyne, M/M Mark Lamphiear, Jane Blanton, M/M Gene Collins, Dorothy White Propst, Brady Ratchford, M/M Paul Cloninger, M/M Victor Miranda, Dorothy White Propst, Nancy Nation, Marsha Kinley (Music Supplies), M/M Tony Heafner (Matthew 25:40), M/M Tony Heafner (JOY Group), JoAnne Logan, Gene Rohm, Wendy Rollins, Beth Renier

**In memory of David Hoyle given by:** M/M Ray Jenkins, M/M Tony Heafner (Matthew 25:40), M/M Tony Heafner (Men’s Group); M/M Alan Cloninger

**HONORARIUMS...**

**In honor of Chris Thornburg’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday given by:** M/M Leonard Keever, M/M Mark Kennedy (Matthew 25:40)



**Dallas/High Shoals Christian Ministry**  
**June: Pinto Beans, Canned Meats, Corn**  
**Bring your donations to the church.**



**Our Christian Sympathy** is extended to the family of Delores Clark (Angela Plonk’s mom) who died May 6<sup>th</sup>. Keep the family in your prayers.



**JOY GROUP** – Outdoor concert @ Hart Square Village in Vale, NC. Concert begins 6 p.m. – meet @ St. Paul’s by 5 p.m. to ride or follow van. Tickets are \$15 and need to be purchas in advance. Bring a lawn chair. See Sandy Kennedy with questions.



**Clothing Drive...**Holy Communion & Philadelphia Lutheran Churches are sponsoring another clothing drive on August 12<sup>th</sup> @ Holy Communion Lutheran Church.

We are focusing on “back to school” but will take any gently used clothing. Call Ron or Amy Holland at 704-813-0103 to schedule a time to bring your donations to Holy Communion. Thanks!



**Least of These Carolinas will be holding an open house right after service on June 11<sup>th</sup> of Hummingbird House North Gaston Campus (our parsonage!).** To help support their ministry there, we will be collecting paper products and gift cards to restaurants, grocery stores, Dollar General, etc. that can be used to buy food and supplies for the children temporarily staying there while waiting for placement with a foster family. There will be a basket in the narthex for donations of gift cards and paper products. Thank you for any support you can offer for this new partnership ministry!

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART - JUNE 2023

### Making It Through Difficult Times on a Hymn and a Prayer

Dearly beloved the first verse of the hymn, "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand" says: "Time is filled with swift transition. Naught of earth unmoved can stand. Build your hopes on things eternal. Hold to God's unchanging hand." For me this year 2023 has been filled with swift transition and if "naught of earth unmoved can stand" is a way of saying things keep on changing then I must agree with the song writer. I just can't keep up with these changing and difficult times. This is June, the year is half over and when I think about my goals and objectives for the year, I just shake my head. I must acknowledge I have not accomplished very much. But like the hymn says, I will continue to hold to God's unchanging hands and build my hope on things eternal.

Let me ask you, "are you building your hopes on things eternal? Are you holding on to God's unchanging hands?" I don't know about you, but I dare not let go of God's hands. After all, God's unchanging hands have brought me a mighty long way from the red clay hills of Alabama, through the rugged Rocky Mountains of Colorado, to the plush green farmlands of New Jersey, and the tall skyscrapers of New York City. God's unchanging hands have been bringing me for a lot longer than I sometimes want to acknowledge. Like the hymn says, the years have passed in swift transition, and they seem to be passing faster now, than ever before. For me, the bottom line remains, "Hold to God's unchanging hands" and everything will be alright, no matter how fast things change and seem to be out of control.

In the meantime, as I continue to struggle to accomplish my goals and objectives, I am going to use another hymn to help me on my journey: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". I confess that I am having a good time with God, as the hymn says: What a fellowship, what a joy divine, what a blessedness, what a peace is mine. Because of my relationship with God, I feel safe and secure from all alarms, that is, as long as I keep leaning on the everlasting arms. I pray that you are having similar personal experiences with God. I can truly agree with the hymn writer when he says: "O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way and how bright the path grows from day to day, when we keep Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! As long as we keep on leaning on the everlasting arms, we have nothing to dread or fear. I am convinced that if we keep Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, we will have peace complete because our Lord will be near us, at all times and in all situations. Brother and Sister, in closing, I simply encourage and invite you to join me along this pilgrim journey called the Christian life. Together let us Keep on Leaning on the Everlasting Arms and Holding on to God's unchanging hands. If we do, everything will be alright and at the end of the journey, we will be victorious.

### **Hold to God's Unchanging Hands**

1 Time is filled with swift transition.  
Naught of earth unmoved can stand.  
Build your hopes on things eternal.  
Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Refrain:

Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand.  
Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand.  
Build your hopes on things eternal.  
Hold to God's unchanging hand.

2 Trust in Him who will not leave you.  
Whatsoever years may bring,

If by earthly friends forsaken,  
Still more closely to Him cling. [Refrain]

3 Covet not this world's vain riches.  
That so rapidly decay.

Seek to gain the heavenly treasures.  
They will never pass away. [Refrain]

4 When your journey is completed,  
If to God you have been true,  
Fair and bright the home in Glory  
Your enraptured soul will view. [Refrain]

### **What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (ELW 774)**

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms.  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

Love  
Pastor Spencer

## June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 9:15am Sunday School (all ages) 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am PENTECOST SUNDAY (Recognize Graduates and New Members) - Reception after the service in B. Hall 5:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> Church Office Closed - Memorial Day Scouts	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:15am Sunday School (all ages) 10:30am Worship Service	<b>5</b> 11:00am Maude Speagle Circle Meeting @ St. Paul's 5:45pm WELCA Board Meeting Scouts	<b>6</b> 6:30pm - 9:00pm Scout Meeting (Bollinger Hall - Per Council)	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting (B. Hall) - Justin Rubow, chairperson	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 7:30am Church Council Meeting 9:15am Sunday School (all ages) 10:30am Worship Service 5:30pm - 8:30pm Joint Vacation Bible School (Antioch Lutheran Church)	<b>12</b> Gail out of the office (June 12-16) 5:30pm - 8:30pm Joint Vacation Bible School (Antioch Lutheran Church) Scouts	<b>13</b> Gail out of the office (June 12-16) 9:00am Quilting 5:30pm - 8:30pm Joint Vacation Bible School (Antioch Lutheran Church) 7:00pm Blossoms of Faith Circle	<b>14</b> Gail out of the office (June 12-16) 5:30pm - 8:30pm Joint Vacation Bible School (Antioch Lutheran Church)	<b>15</b> Gail out of the office (June 12-16) 5:30pm - 8:30pm Joint Vacation Bible School (Antioch Lutheran Church) 6:06pm JOY Group Event (Outdoor Concert-Vale NC) - See Sandy Kennedy - Van Reserved	<b>16</b> Gail out of the office (June 12-16)	<b>17</b> Youth Beach Trip (Middle/High School Youth)
<b>18</b> Youth Beach Trip (Middle/High School Youth) 7:30am Men's Breakfast Meeting 9:15am Sunday School (all ages) 10:30am Worship Service	<b>19</b> Youth Beach Trip (Middle/High School Youth) Scouts	<b>20</b> Youth Beach Trip (Middle/High School Youth)	<b>21</b> Youth Beach Trip (Middle/High School Youth)	<b>22</b> Youth Beach Trip (Middle/High School Youth)	<b>23</b> Youth Beach Trip (Middle/High School Youth)	<b>24</b> Youth Beach Trip (Middle/High School Youth)
<b>25</b> 9:15am Sunday School (all ages) 10:30am Worship Service	<b>26</b> White Van Reserved (Scouts) Scouts	<b>27</b> White Van Reserved (Scouts) 9:00am Quilting	<b>28</b> White Van Reserved (Scouts)	<b>29</b> White Van Reserved (Scouts)	<b>30</b> White Van Reserved (Scouts)	<b>1</b> White Van Reserved (Scouts)