

The Beacon

“Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.” Song of Solomon 8:7



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THE SIX R's OF PRAYER

A Helpful Outline for Daily Prayer

RECITE aloud a part of the catechism or a bible passage to refresh your memory and focus on your thoughts.

READ this to enrich your understanding of the Lord's teaching.

REFLECT upon how this teaching applies to your faith and life.

REPENT by pouring out your heart to the Lord, asking him to forgive your failures of faith and life. Confess your thoughts honestly to the Lord.

REJOICE in God's mercy and forgiveness through his Son, which are the very basis of prayer. We are unworthy of his blessings, but he declares us worthy through Christ Jesus.

REQUEST God's blessings for yourself as well as your family, friends and neighbors. Pray confidently, in view of the Prophet Isaiah's promise, "The Lord Will Answer." (Isaiah 58:9).

(from "A Daily Prayer Catechism: The Lord Will Answer" Concordia Publishing: St. Louis. 2004, p. 1)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 5 – Sat.** Haas Cemetery Clean-Up/Workday.
- Oct. 6 – Sun.** Haas Heritage Sunday Worship Service (10:30am) at the Historic Haas Cemetery. No Service or Sunday School at the church that day.
- Oct. 7 – Mon.** Women’s Meeting (7:00pm)
- Oct. 26 – Sat.** Trunk or Treat (5:30-7:30pm).
- Oct. 27 – Sun.** Reformation Sunday.
- Oct. 27 – Sun.** Men’s Breakfast.
- Nov. 3 – Sun.** Carolinas Region Youth Reformation Party for grades 4th-12th. (3:30pm) at Holy Trinity Lutheran-Gastonia
- Nov. 3 – Sun.** All Saints Sunday.
- Nov. 4 – Mon.** Prayer Service for the National and Local Elections (at St. James) 7:00pm.
- Nov. 10 – Sun.** Time and Talent Sunday (lunch after church).
- Nov. 16 – Sat.** Fall Bazaar (8:00am-1:00pm)
- Nov. 24 – Sun.** Family Breakfast (8:00am) in the Fellowship Building.
- Nov. 24 – Sun.** Congregational Meeting to distribute 2025 proposed budget and take council nominations.
- Nov. 27 – Wed.** Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Building (6:00pm)
- Dec. 7 – Sat.** Santa at St. James (10:00am-12:00pm).
- Dec. 8 – Sun.** Congregational Meeting to vote on 2025 proposed budget and elect council members.
- Dec. 14 – Sat.** Wreaths Across America in the church cemetery.
- Dec. 24 – Wed.** Christmas Eve Service.



Tuesday Nights @ 7:00pm, Fellowship Building

A weekly study of the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday worship service.

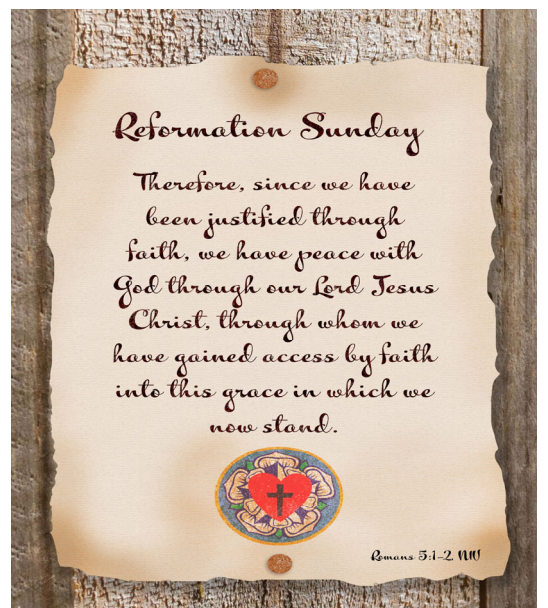
Thursday Mornings @ 10:30am, Sanctuary

This weekly Bible Study with Pastor Ken resumes Sept. 5th. We’ll begin a study on the Gospel of Matthew and explore a new passage each week.

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SPECIAL DATES IN OCTOBER

- Oct. 6 World Communion Sunday
- Oct. 13 Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday
- Oct. 14 Columbus & Indigenous Peoples Day
- Oct. 27 Reformation Sunday
- Oct. 31 Reformation Day





- 3. Victor Paquin
- 5. Stephanie Shook
- 7. Joy Sharpe
- 9. Anissa Laws, Wesley Stinson
- 13. Brenda Isenhour, Celia Reece
- 15. Susan Hullet
- 17. MacKenzie Lowman Jordan
- 25. Aiden Palmer
- 27. Sharon Ford, Zoie Miller
- 31. Jonathan Schmutz

- 1. Steve Campbell, Linda S Brittain
- 3. Jennifer Barr
- 6. Mickey Bell
- 7. Barbara Self
- 8. Clay Chapman, Karen Stewart
- 15. Bill Seitz, Jr.
- 18. Madelyn Stewart
- 20. Charles Smyre
- 22. Elaine Link, Robert Smyre
- 23. Samantha Heavner, Natalie Link
- 25. Betty Williams Cline
- 26. Carolyn Baucom
- 28. Carol Baker
- 29. Gracie Brakefield



- 1. Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Sigmon
- 8. Mr. & Mrs. Anthony O'Brien
- 9. Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Sipe
- 10. Mr. & Mrs. Steve Campbell
- 22. Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Miller
- 27. Mr. & Mrs. Mark Saunders

- 19. Mr. & Mrs. Joel Reece
- 21. Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Sipe

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THE LAITY TEAM

Laity Team plans to meet monthly to assess the current status of Church members. Prayers, cards, encouragement, and support to each other is our calling from our Lord.

Kristy Painter or Keeley Stikeleather, co-chairs, may be contacted. God's continued blessings and peace to everyone. The committee consists of Robin Burgess, Sue Lindley, and Claire Sipe.

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EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Evangelism Committee along with the Worship & Music Committee and the men of the church are planning the Annual Haas Heritage Sunday which will be on Sunday, October 6th at 10:30am. This will be held at the Haas Cemetery. If you need a ride to the cemetery, please let us know. We will celebrate Holy Communion at the service. Afterwards, we will gather in the Fellowship Building for lunch which will be hotdogs and hamburgers. Please bring a dessert to share. Any extra help will be appreciated.

Sign-up sheets for the Mt. Airy Trip are in the Narthex and Educational Building window. Please sign up if you are interested. The trip will be Saturday, October 19th.

The Evangelism Committee will meet on Wed. Oct. 9th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Building.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Wreath Sponsorship Order Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local and community cemeteries each December for National Wreaths Across America Day.

Your donation will ensure the placement of a veteran's wreath for one or more veterans laid to rest at the participating location of your choice.

All sponsored veteran wreaths are shipped directly to the location selected by the sponsor on this form. Wreaths are not shipped to individual wreath sponsors.

Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America
 PO Box 249
 Columbia Falls, ME 04623

Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.
 Thank you for your sponsorship and for joining us
 in our mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach!

SPONSORSHIP TYPE	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$17.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$68.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$170.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,700.00		

For quicker processing and the convenience of paying with a credit card, debit card, Google Pay, or PayPal, veteran wreaths may be sponsored online by scanning the QR Code above or by visiting: www.wreathscrossamerica.org/NC0316P

You should be the only one to enter your credit card information at checkout on the Wreaths Across America website. For your security, do not share this information with anyone else who offers to place an order for you. To verify the validity of the QR Code, always check that wreathscrossamerica.org is part of the web address when sponsoring wreaths online.

If you prefer to pay with a check, please complete this form and mail it along with your check to Wreaths Across America at the address listed in the box above.

CHECK #	CHECK DATE	SPONSOR NAME FOR DISPLAY <i>If different than name on check.</i>
GROUP ID(s)	NC0316P	EMAIL ADDRESS
LOCATION ID(s)	NCSJLC	PHONE #
DOLLAR AMOUNTS(s)		MAILING ADDRESS

To split your donation between multiple groups and/or locations, please list the IDs and dollar amounts for each.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please note in memory/honor of requests do not place a wreath on a specific loved one's grave.

IN MEMORY OF REQUEST	The "In Memory Of" Name will be listed on the Wreaths Across America online Remember Wall, along with your personal message.	IN HONOR OF REQUEST	An email will be sent to your chosen recipient from Wreaths Across America letting them know of your donation of sponsored veteran wreaths in their honor.
NAME FOR MEMORY WALL POST		RECIPIENT NAME	
SPONSOR EMAIL ADDRESS		RECIPIENT EMAIL ADDRESS	
MESSAGE (optional)		MESSAGE (optional)	

Thank you for supporting our mission to REMEMBER, HONOR, and TEACH!

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM (or get one in the church) TO ORDER A WREATH FOR OUR *WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA* CEREMONY ON DECEMBER 14TH AT 12:00 NOON RAIN OR SHINE.

A huge thank you to all who purchased mums from AHG. We sold 535 mums. A HUGE thank you to Jeff Sigmon, Dennis Craig, and Gary Reitzel for helping us move them from the farm to the church. We are always grateful for the support we receive from St. James.



HOMECOMING SUNDAY 2024

Thank you, Darbie Crouch, for the lovely table decorations. And to everyone who helped with food and clean-up.

