



The Beacon

*"Whosoever drinketh of the water
that I shall give him shall never thirst."*

John 4:14



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A Reflection and Prayer on Psalm 133 from Martin Luther

The 133rd Psalm is a psalm of instruction (in both the spiritual and worldly stations). We should live together harmoniously, as friends, having one teacher, one authority, and that each one should carry the burdens of the other. The psalmist gives two comparisons: first, of the anointing oil which flows from Aaron's beard and robes; second, of the dew which falls from Mt. Hermon onto Mt. Zion. Where things happen in this way, there God gladly dwells with all His grace, blessing and life. But where unity and fraction prevail, there the devil dwells, and death, and all misfortune.

*133 Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
2 It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
3 It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.*

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You who are our peace with the Father, because by your blood You have reconciled us to him, grant and preserve peace in church and state, and teach us who dwell under the same roof to be of one heart and one mind. Remove from us all envy and strife, and let Your peace dwell in our hearts that we may live and die in peace. Amen.

("Reading the Psalms with Luther." Concordia Publishing House, Saint Louis: 2007, p. 320)



JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Nights - 7:00 pm in the Library to study the upcoming Sunday scriptures.
Thursday Mornings - 10:30 am in the Choir Room to study Paul’s letters to the Thessalonians with Pastor Ken.



CATECHISM INSTRUCTION for 5th, 6th and 7th GRADERS

Confirmation Saturdays

Nov. 22 @ 9:30am-12:00pm New Testament
Jan. 24 @ 9:30am-12:00pm Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Apr. 25 @ 9:30am-12:00pm Sacrament of Holy Communion

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (9:30am)



Children (NEW)	Upstairs	Infant - 4 years
Children	Upstairs	Grades K-4 th
Youth (NEW)	Upstairs	Grades 5 th -12 th
Adults	Library	
Adults	Choir Room	

Grades 5th through 12th

Upcoming YOUTH Events:

Sunday, Oct. 5th @ 3:00 pm - Bible Study, Snacks & Games
Sunday, Oct. 19th @ 3:00 pm - Evangelism Project
Sunday, Oct. 26th @ 4:30-6:30 pm (Trunk-or-Treat)



WOMEN’S GROUP meets on Monday, October 6th at 7:00 pm. ****See Page 3****
EVANGELISM COMMITTEE meets on Wednesday, October 8th at 6:30 pm.
HAAS HERITAGE SUNDAY is October 12th. ****See information below****
“CRAFTING QUEENS” meet on Tuesday, October 21st at 10:00 am.
CHURCH COUNCIL meets on Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00 pm in the Library.
MEN’S BREAKFAST will be on Sunday, October 26th at 8:00 am.
BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be in the Secretary’s office following Worship Service on Sunday, October 26th.
TRUNK-OR-TREAT - Sunday, October 26th from 4:30 - 6:30 pm.
CHURCH THANKSGIVING MEAL - November 26th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Building.
WREATH’S ACROSS AMERICA - Saturday, December 13th at 12:00 Noon.
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - Sunday, December 21st at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Building.

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The Evangelism Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 8 at 6:30 pm in the Library.



Haas Heritage Sunday service will be on October 12th at 10:30 am. The **Committee** service will be held at the old Haas cemetery located off Prison Camp Road in Newton. This event is held at the original site of the old Haas Church which was a forerunner to St. James. There will not be a church service or Sunday School at St. James church, but the service will be on Facebook Live. After the service, a lunch consisting of hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixings will be served in the Fellowship Building. We ask that the congregation bring desserts. We look forward to seeing everyone at the service.

Gary Reitzel, Chairman

ST. JAMES' WOMENS GROUP

BAZAAR UPDATE

Our Bazaar this year will be Saturday, November 15th. We are looking for items to use on the Silent Auction Table. If anyone would have anything to donate for this, please see Robin Burgess.

We will have baskets this year for which we will be selling tickets. These baskets will be raffled off. Tickets are \$2.00 for 1 ticket or \$5.00 for 3 tickets. The baskets to be raffled off are for A Spa Day, A Chef Basket, An Entertainment Basket, A Gardening Basket, and A Pet Basket. Tickets will go on sale soon!

We will also begin to take orders for chicken pies soon. Order blanks will be in the Sunday bulletins.

Thanks, Robin Burgess

The **Women's meeting** will be on Monday, October 6th. We will meet at **6:00 pm** for those that would like to work on crafts for the Bazaar. The regular meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

The **Crafting Queens** will meet for their regular workshop day on Tuesday, October 21st at 10:00 am.

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NEW ADDRESS: Linda Carswell is at TerraBella
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HOMEcoming 2025





- 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. Linda Smyre Brittain, Steve Campbell
- 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
- 12. Mr. & Mrs. Freddy Link
- 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

The 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. The committee consists of Robin Burgess, Betty Hawn, Sue Lindley, and Claire Sipe. God's continued blessings and peace to everyone.

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Thank you all so much for the donations of school supplies for teachers in the Swannanoa area. It was very much needed and greatly appreciated!

Christian Education Committee

WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Wreath Sponsorship Order Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on veterans' grave markers at cemeteries nationwide each December for National Wreaths Across America Day. Your donation ensures a wreath is placed to honor one or more veterans at the participating location of your choice. Thank you for supporting our mission to REMEMBER, HONOR, and TEACH!

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.

CHECK #	CHECK DATE	GROUP ID	LOCATION ID(s)	DOLLAR AMOUNT
		NC0316P	NCSJLC	



Each individual wreath sponsorship is \$17.

If your check is for multiple locations, list each location ID with its dollar amount.

SPONSOR NAME	
PHONE #	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
MAILING ADDRESS	

SPECIAL REQUESTS

- Please note in memory/honor of requests do not place a wreath on a specific loved one's grave.
- IN-HONOR OF: Let someone know you sponsored wreath(s) for veteran(s) in their honor. We will email them.
→ Provide Email Recipient Name & Email Address, along with Message (optional):

 - IN-MEMORY OF: Post a veteran's name & message on Wreaths Across America's Remembrance Wall online.
→ Provide Veteran Name for Memory Wall Post and Message (Optional):

Please complete this form and mail it with your check to our address below, or pay with a credit/debit card, PayPal, or GooglePay by sponsoring online at www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/NC0316P or by scanning the QR code.

Wreaths Across America
P.O. Box 249
Columbia Falls, ME 04623

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SPECIAL DATES IN OCTOBER

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| October 5 | World Communion Sunday |
| October 12 | Pastor Appreciation Sunday |
| October 13 | Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day |
| October 26 | Reformation Sunday |
| October 31 | Reformation Day |



SEPTEMBER PHOTOS



Blessing of the Bookbags



Baby Young helps to light the Christ Candle.. while sleeping.



Rev. Dr. Nathan Yoder received welcome cards from a Sunday School class.



Pastor giving out Small Catechisms to youth.



Baptism of Rorie Grace Jordan. Welcome to St. James!



Children's Sermon led by Pastor Ken and grandson.



Car Show at Rock Barn Retirement Home