

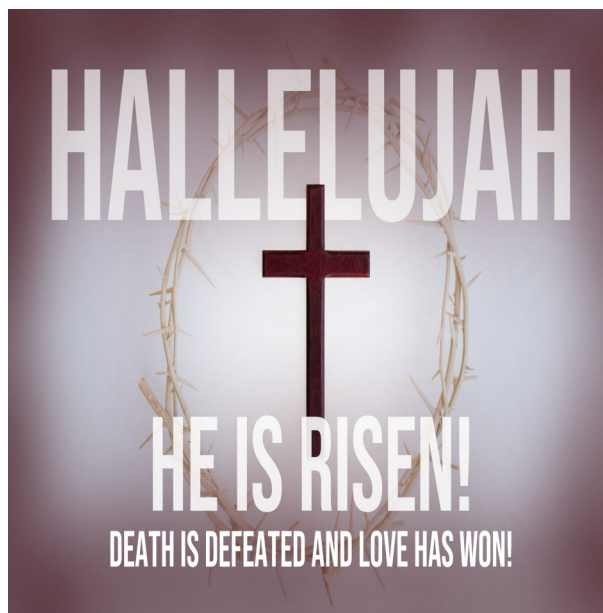
# THE MESSENGER

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**APRIL 2026**

## **OUR VISION STATEMENT**

*We are grace-filled followers of  
Jesus Christ who are  
Equipped, Encouraged,  
and Expected to use our  
Heads, our Hearts, and our  
Hands to go into the world.*



## **Holy Communion Lutheran Church**

*A Congregation of the North Carolina Synod, ELCA*

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Ministers: All the Baptized of God's Family

Interim Rev. Brooks Seaford

Organist: Katherine Kast

Parish Secretary: Selina Farris

***Worship with us!***

***Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.***

***Worship Service ~ 10:30 a.m.***



**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

7:00 pm @ Antioch Lutheran Church

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

7:00 pm @ Our Saviour

**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, APRIL 5**

9:00 am Breakfast

10:30 am Worship Service @ Holy Communion



**WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING**

Saturday, April 4th @  
10:30am in the ladies lounge

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

ARE READY AND AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP IN THE NARTHAX. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY MAILED TO YOU.

**APRIL COMMUNITY MEAL HOSTS**

- April 2—Dallas Baptist
- April 9—Dallas Methodist
- April 16—St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- April 23—Antioch Lutheran Church
- April 30—Philadelphia Lutheran Church



Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Brooks will be in the office of Holy Communion on Thursday April 9th and Thursday, April 23rd, from 10:00 am until 2 pm. If you would like to make an appointment or arrange for a home visit, please call the church office @ 704 922 5375 or see Pastor Brooks.



**APRIL FOOD PANTRY ITEMS**

- CRACKERS**
- PEANUT BUTTER**
- GREEN PEAS**



**Sunday School**  
9:30 am



- 4/11 Annette White
- 4/12 Beth Carter
- 4/13 Tony Cearley
- 4/23 Brittany Peeler



- 4/5 Jeff & Cindy Clemmer
- 4/8 Cullin & Carla Hall
- 4/29 Frank & Becky Shehan



**PASTORAL CARE**

If need of pastoral care, please call  
Pastor Seaford @ 704 577 6470,  
church office @, 704-922-5375,  
Greg Carter @ 704-616-3958  
(church council president)

**Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

**UPDATING OUR PRAYER LIST**

In an effort to keep our prayer list updated, we ask that you would contact the church office when a prayer request / name can be remove. Thank You!



**EASTER EGG HUNT AT ST. PAUL'S**  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dallas will host their **Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 from 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM at 531 Hardin Road, Dallas.** Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to join in a morning of Easter fun including the Easter story, crafts, photos with a live bunny, an egg hunt by age groups, and lunch provided. Families are encouraged to attend and invite friends!



**Happy Easter**

**Death is defeated,  
our King is Alive!**

**HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**February 22, 2026, Council Minutes**

**Present:** Greg Carter, Pastor Seaford, Harold George Clemmer Jr., Reid Simms, Jeff Clemmer, Deanna Maxwell, Jamie White, Brittany Peeler.

**Opening of Meeting “Opening Prayer”** – Pastor Seaford

**Approval of Agenda** – Jeff Clemmer 1<sup>st</sup> and Deanna Maxwell 2<sup>nd</sup>. No opposed.

**Approval of Minutes for January 2026** -Correction needed. Alan Cloninger nominated Deanna Maxwell for VP. Brittany to make correction and send updated minutes to Selina. Jeff Clemmer made motion to approve of minutes with the correction. Jamie White seconded. No opposed.

**Financial Reports for January 2026** – Jeff Clemmer provided update on the finances. Deanna Maxwell made motion to approve and Reid Simms 2<sup>nd</sup>. No opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Ice Machine has been repaired by Randy Ward – **Discussed:** Randy to submit a bill at a later date.
- Edy Mac plumbed both men and women’s bathroom upstairs repaired. – **Discussed.**
- Funeral pay for Pastor and organist. What should the fee be? Family is responsible for paying. – **Discussed:** Jeff Clemmer made a motion that if the family does not pay the \$250 for the Pastor and \$225 for the Organist the church will pick it up. Jamie White seconded. No opposed.
- Discussion on counting money. – **Discussed:** Treasurer to count with Secretary on Tuesdays.
- Help is needed running the audio / video on Sunday’s – **Discussed:** Jamie White and Greg Carter are doing it now. George Kast volunteered to help on some Sundays. Jamie White to ask people to volunteer and will report answers to council next meeting.
- Discussion on broadcasting funerals. This option to be made available to families. Council to determine who will do funerals when they are not on Sundays.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Paid to have needed pressured washing of the driveway, sidewalk? Has this been completed? **UPDATE on parsonage?** – **Discussed:** Tony Story still needs to complete. Further discussion on what will happen to the parsonage. Will continue discussion next meeting.
- Educational building bid of \$6700.00. This amount would take care of all rooms downstairs. **UPDATE:** TNZ is the only bid received to date. – **Discussed:** Jeff Clemmer made motion that we entertain the bid made by TNZ after Dallas Christian Ministries moves out. Jamie seconded and no opposed.
- Discuss the cost of a split AC unit for the church office. **UPDATE:** Randy will be checking on the unit. – **Discussion:** Randy would like an additional assessment to be completed due to the type of work needed.
- New window A/C unit is needed for the window in the ice room. Randy Ward is checking on the price for a replacement. **UPDATE:** Tabled. – **Discussion.**
- Pastor Seaford salary recommendation of designating total income to housing allowance. **UPDATE:** After speaking with the NC Synod and other accountants, it was made clear all have different opinions on how this is done. It was decided to give Pastor Brooks a 1099 and his personal tax preparer can decide how he should file. - **Discussed:** Finalized. Jeff Clemmer made motion to have what exactly the pastor needs to be in the minutes. Reid Simms seconded. No opposed. Jeff Clemmer made a motion that the church pay Pastor Seaford mileage for the 2x per month he has office hours and completes home visits. Deanna Maxwell seconded and no opposed.

- Ladies' restroom in the fellowship hall needs repairs to the floor. **UPDATE:** waiting for info from Mike Delaney. – **Tabled.**
- Request by Word of Power Ministries to rent fellowship hall for a Valentines Marriage banquet on Saturday, February 14, 2026. Tamla Edwards is contact. Her number is 619 727 7620. Said this is a church and their fellowship hall is not available. Said around 30 to 40 hopefully in attendance. Advised of the price \$300.00. She is unsure if they can pay that much. Told her she can let me know when I call her back with the council's decision. **UPDATE:** Decided to use another facility. – **Discussed.**
- Primary elections will be held at Holy Communion on March 3, 2026. **UPDATE:** Election office was given a key to the fellowship hall. Greg Carter is the contact. – **Discussed.**
- Yoga classes have ceased until further notice. (3-4 Saturdays have been paid for.) **UPDATE:** New instructor, classes resumed. – **Discussed.**
- Holy Communion joining with Antioch and Our Saviour for Ash Wednesday, Lent, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. **UPDATE:** Ash Wednesday midday service was held at 2:00 pm at Holy Communion lead by Pastor Seaford. Holy Communion has been invited to join Antion for Wednesday Lenten Bible study at 6:00. – **Discussed:** HCLC to provide a meal.
- Discuss church website. Justin Rubow is handling our website. Issues with newsletters not being added at times and other events. Justin does a good job but understand he has a full-time job and other websites for St. Paul's and Philadelphia Lutheran. **UPDATE:** Justin Rubow emailed the information to Selina on how to use it. Selina advised her knowledge of this is limited. Does the council want to have someone else to do the website? – **Discussed.**
- Jeff Clemmer made motion to have the cemetery committee meet to discuss plots and rules. After meeting the committee will comeback and update the council. Jamie White seconded. No opposed.

**Adjournment** – Group Prayer

The deacon for the month of March 2026 Reid Simms

Lay Reader is for March 2026: George Kast

Next Meeting February15, 2026, following worship service.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**



	<u>February 2026</u>	<u>January (YTD)</u>
Contributions/other	\$10,096.88.	\$21,569.60
Expenditures	<u>\$25,706.21</u>	<u>\$39,261.31</u>
Net Income	-\$15,609.33	-\$17,691.71
Checking Balance 2/01/26	\$158,658.17	
2026 Net Income	-\$15,609.33	
Checking Balance 2/28/26	\$143,048.84	

## WE'RE PRAYING FOR...

**Our Church family:** Deanna Simms; Jimmy White; Mary Louise Huggins; Mary Rhyne; Eric Heavner; our church; church council; Reid Simms; Coleen Cloninger; Roxy Britton; Muriel Armstrong and family; Allen Huggins family; Johnny Mack Cloninger; Peggy Cearley.

**Our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives of members:** Robbie Cearley; Steve Freestone (health issues, friend of Jerry & Coleen); Susan Haney (Pat Heavner cousin); Shelvy Pasour; unspoken prayers; Gage Brown (Angela Collett); Our Country; Addie Singleton (11 yr old diagnosed with osteosarcoma); Brook Scoggins Cook; Pierce sons (multiple health issues Pat Heavner); Patrick & Beverly Student (Katherine's brother in law and sister); Rafael Murcia & family (friends of Harold, Jeff, Johnny, Greg); Sonny (friend of Beth & Greg Carter who was born at 23 weeks in the NICU unit); Kelly Byrd (friend of David & Ruth Cloninger who has cancer); Michael Pasour; our troops.

**Our Continuing Long-Term Members:** Carla Hall, Mary Rhyne

***Please* remember to notify the Church Office  
when a prayer request has been resolved**

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**Caroline Clemmer Black**  
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Fort Riley, KS 66442

**John Henry Clemmer**  
267 Carolina Way  
Sanford, NC 27332



***Mary Rhyne***  
Lincolnton Rehabilitation Center  
1410 E. Gaston St.~ room #205  
Lincolnton, NC 28092



*Thank  
& you*

*Dear Church Family,  
I want to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers for Gene and me. You have all been so generous with your thoughts, prayers, phone calls during the past years during my surgeries and then during Gene's illness for the past year.  
Holy Communion is a great group of people that care for each other.*

*~ Love Muriel and family.*



*Worship Assistants*

Lay Reader for April  
Deacon for April  
Altar Guild

Becky Shehan  
James White Jr.  
Frank & Becky Shehan



**APRIL**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>HALLELUJAH</b></p> <p><b>HE IS RISEN!</b></p> <p>DEATH IS DEFEATED AND LOVE HAS WON!</p>						<p><i>Jesus Triumphs Over Death</i></p>
			1	2 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service @ Antioch Community Meal, 6-7 pm Host: Dallas Baptist	3 7:00 Good Friday Service Our Saviour	4 10:30 am Women's Group meeting in the lounge
5 Resurrection of Our Lord 9-00am Breakfast 10:30 Easter worship service with communion	6	7	8	9 Pastor Brooks office day 10am-2pm Community Meal 6-7 pm Host: Dallas Methodist	10	11
12 2nd. Sunday of Easter 9:30- Sunday School 10:30-Worship Service	13	14	15	16 Community Meal 6-7 pm Host: St. Paul's	17	18
19 3rd. Sunday of Easter 9:30- Sunday School 10:30-Worship Svr. With communion	20	21	22	23 Pastor Brooks office day 10am-2pm Community Meal 6-7 pm, Host: Antioch	24	25
26 4th. Sunday of Easter 9:30- Sunday School 10:30-Worship Service	27	28	29	30 Community Meal 6-7 pm Host: Philadelphia	<p>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <small>Romans 5:6, NIV</small></p>	



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**Return Service requested**