

# THE MESSENGER

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH



## 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  
Dedicated, Nov. 5, 1972

## HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD, ELCA

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MINISTERS: ALL THE BAPTIZED OF GOD'S FAMILY

PASTOR: REV. BRADLEY SHEA BERBAUM

ORGANIST : AMY LEWIS

**10:00 A.M.**

## HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Holy Communion is offered at services on the 1st and 3rd Sunday.*



During Lent we are having a community meal on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm starting on March 1-April 5. Meals are being held at Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall. Philadelphia as well as other churches in the area will be helping with this. Menu for April 5th - Soup & Sandwiches. We gather at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary for a Service of Song and Prayers on Wednesday's in Lent.



**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service @ Holy Communion

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6**

6:30 pm Joint Service @ Philadelphia

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7**

6:30 pm Joint Service @ Philadelphia

**EASTER SUNRISE, April 9**

7:00 am Joint worship @ Holy Communion

Breakfast @ 8:00 am

**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, APRIL 9**

11:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service @ Philadelphia

# EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8 at 3:00 p.m.

at Philadelphia Lutheran Church

(1910 Philadelphia Church Road, Dallas)

Bring your basket and join us! All are welcome!



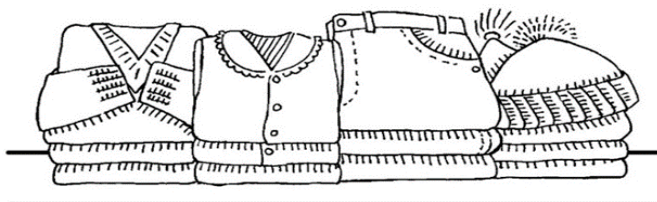
## APRIL FOOD ITEMS:

**CRACKERS**

**PEANUT BUTTER**

**GREEN PEAS**

## Free Clothes



## All Sizes

# Saturday, April 15

# 10:00 - 12:00

## Fellowship Hall

Holy Communion Lutheran Church

103 West Church Street Dallas

Sponsored by Holy Communion and Philadelphia  
Lutheran Churches

CLOTHES SORTING at Holy Communion each  
Monday at 9:00 a.m.—12:noon



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



- 4/2** Matthew Ritchie
- 4/7** Beth Rhyne/Hoover
- 4/8** Christy Aizcorbe  
Shannon Jarvis
- 4/11** Annette White
- 4/12** Ann Rhyne  
Beth Carter
- 4/13** Tony Cearley
- 4/20** Amy Holland
- 4/24** Jason Clemmer
- 4/25** E. J. Call
- 4/26** Ada Schafer
- 4/28** Payton McKinney

*Thank you Holy Communion / Greg Carter:*

*In today's world larger family connections such as final resting places are near and dear and need to be honored. We appreciate your help and send good wishes for Holy Communion's future.*

*Sincerely, Frances Carpenter Sims,  
Scottie Sims Dye, Reid L. Chapman*

*Thank you to Greg Carter to you and your church council for allowing us to hold the funeral of our dear Barbara Carpenter Chapman in Holy Communion. This church, its history and our family have be intertwined for several generations. The church cemetery has many special memories for all of us.*

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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	<u>Feb. 2023</u>	<u>Feb. (YTD)</u>
Contributions/other	\$12,898.75	\$25,193.41
Expenditures	<u>\$13,058.31</u>	<u>\$25,871.49</u>
Net Income	-\$159.56	-\$678.08
Checking Balance 02/01/2023	\$183,560.60	
2023 Net Income	-\$159.56	
Checking Balance 02/28/23	\$183,401.04	

**HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**February 19, 2023 @ 3:00pm**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Present:** Jeff Clemmer, Becky Shehan, Greg Carter, Pastor Shea Berbaum, Roxanna Britton, Jerry Peeler, Colleen C. Peeler, Reid Simms, Harold George Clemmer Jr, Jamie White

**Absent:** Alan Cloninger

The meeting began with a prayer by Pastor Shea

The agenda was approved by Jamie white and Greg Carter seconded

A motion was made by Roxanna Britton to approve the Minutes from the January 2023

Council meeting with the correction of the time, which was 3pm instead of 3am. Seconded by Jerry Peeler

A motion was made by Harold George Clemmer, Jr to approve the Financial Report for

Jan 2023. Seconded by Jamie White

Pastor's Report was given for information.

We will have a pancake supper on February 21st at 6:00 at Holy Communion for Shrove Tuesday

\*We will be having a community meal on Wed evenings 6-8pm starting in March. They will be at Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall. Philadelphia as well as other churches in the area will be helping with this.

~March 1st - Covered Dish - HCLC & PLC

~March 8th Pizza - HCLC

~March 15th - Hotdogs and hamburgers -PLC, HCLC & Long Creek

~March 22nd - Spaghetti - HCLC

~March 29th - Casseroles - HCLC & PLC

~April 5th - Soup & Sandwiches - HCLC & PLC

### **OLD BUSINESS**

GSM Roof is complete.

Cheng Chang estate/accounts to be closed out soon The Parsonage is currently not being rented. We will lower the rent some to try to get renters in. Jamie White made a motion to allow the executive committee to lower the rent from the \$2000/mo to the bottom line of \$1500/mo. Seconded by Greg Carter Cemetery Committee updates given by Greg Carter.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The next Clothes give away will be April 15th 2023 in our Fellowship Hall.

Jamie White made a motion to increase Selina's hours to 20 hours up to 25 hours during the busy season as

she needs. Seconded by Jerry Peeler

We will be donating the used gravel from the roof to Nick Guffey.

The meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer

Deacon for the month of March is Jeff Clemmer

Next meeting will be March 19 at 3:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky B. Shehan



**Easter Vigil Service, Saturday Evening,  
7:45, April 8, AD 2023 at  
Antioch Lutheran Church, Dallas**

All Lutherans of Gaston and surrounding counties (Lutherans of the NALC, ELCA, LC-MS) and other churches (Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, and others, *all*) are invited to Antioch Lutheran Church (330 Old NC 277 Loop Road, Dallas) for a celebration of the ancient "Vigil of Easter," the night before Easter Sunday morning.

The origins of this service began in the 1st century, pre-dating by several centuries the "Easter Sunrise" service.

The focus of this service will be the "new fire," the "exultet" praise for the Easter Candle (representing "the Light of Christ"), Old Testament readings, and a remembrance of our common baptism. Communion will *not* be celebrated, saving that festival for the following day in our own churches.

This service is part of the series of Holy (Maundy) Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, and is expected to last slightly more than an hour.

**AUDIO / VIDEO VOLUNTEERS**

April 2 - Ron Holland

April 9 - Ron Holland

April 16 - James White, Jr.

April 23 - Greg Carter

April 30 - Gene Armstrong





**Shut-ins:** Ann Rhyne

**Our Church family:** Jimmy & Susie Ferguson; Jimmy White; Deanna Simms; Pat Heavner; Judy Hoffman, Zia Mauney and family; Alan Cloninger; Johnny Edison.

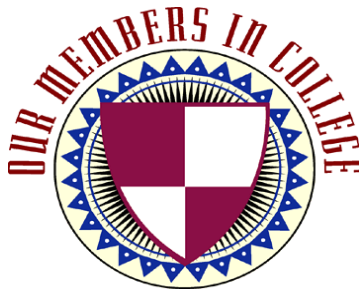
**Our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives of members:** Nancy Merck (bone cancer, (Mary Louise sister); Gwen Brown (friend of Mary Rhyne; Danny McDaniel; Grace Rohm (Roxanna Britton); our country; Robbie Cearley; Hatcher Morton (17 yrs. has liver cancer); Ray Farris (Selina's father in law); Covid 19; Ukraine; Bud Edison; Kelly Byrd (friend of David & Ruth Cloninger; Steve Freestone (health issues, friend of Jerry & Coleen); Covenant School Shooting Victims families.

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

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



**Ann Rhyne**  
c/o David Rhyne  
125 McDaniel Greene  
Greenville, SC 29601



**E.J Call**  
130 8th Ave  
Cramerton, NC 28032

**Meredith Clemmons**  
3370 Cloninger Rd.  
Dallas, NC 28034

**Gracie Hall**  
161 Calvary Rd.  
Stoneville, NC 27048



**John Henry Clemmer**  
155 Kiser St.  
Bessemer City, NC 28016



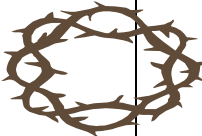
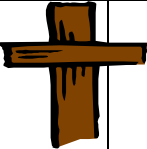

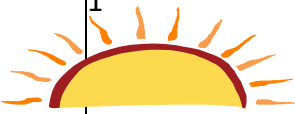

**Payton McKinney**  
4615 Duncastle Rd. Apt 3D  
Fayetteville, NC 28314

Lay Reader for April Gene Armstrong

Deacon for April: Becky Shehan  
 Altar Guild: Frank & Becky Shehan

APRIL FOOD PANTRY ITEMS:  
 Crackers, Peanut Butter, Green Peas



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 10am -Worship Service with Communion	3	4	5 6:pm-8:pm Free Community Meal @HC	6 6:30pm Maundy Thursday @ Philadelphia	7 6:30pm Good Friday @ Philadelphia	8 Easter Egg Hunt 3 pm@ Philadelphia Lutheran
9 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 7am-Sonrise Ser. @ HCLC / Breakfast @ 8am 11am -Worship @Philadelphia	10 9am-12:noon Clothes sorting @ HCLC	11	12	13	14	15 Clothes Giveaway 10am-12:noon @HCLC
16 <i>2nd Easter</i> 10am- Worship Service with communion 3pm- Council	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 <i>3rd Easter</i> 10am-Worship Service 3pm-Joint council with Philadelphia	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 <i>4th Easter</i> 10am- Worship Service					 <i>He's Alive!</i>	



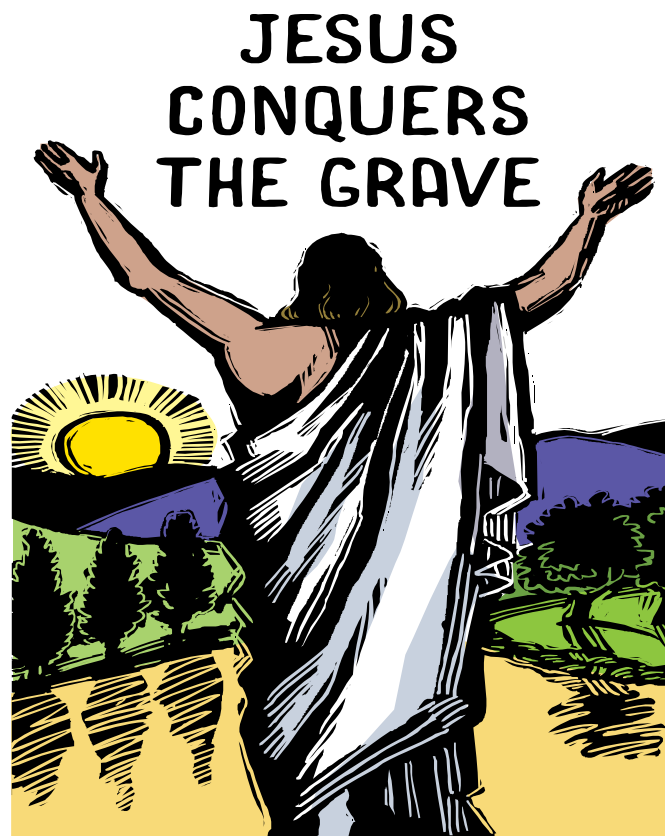
Death doesn't win



In the final hours of 2021, a wildfire near Boulder, Colorado, destroyed 1,000 homes, including one belonging to Pastor Bill Stephens. His family, out of town at the time, lost all their possessions. After months of feeling buried in debris, insurance paperwork and mourning, Stephens decided that Easter 2022 would mark a fresh start.

During worship that morning, the pastor shared a photo of vibrant daffodils emerging on his charred property. Burned remnants were visible in the background, just as Easter's backdrop includes the pain and death of Good Friday. But the empty tomb in Easter's foreground means death won't win, reminded Stephens. Even when earthly life "isn't all daffodils," we have hope and eternal life through Jesus.

Easter reveals that God will "give us the joy, and it's going to be in the heart of pain that we go through as well," added the pastor. "And that just makes me draw closer to God."





North Carolina Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

**Ministers:** All the Baptized of God's Family

**Office Hours:**

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9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. PHONE: 704 922 5375

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**Organist:** Amy Lewis

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**Return Service requested**