

# 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.*

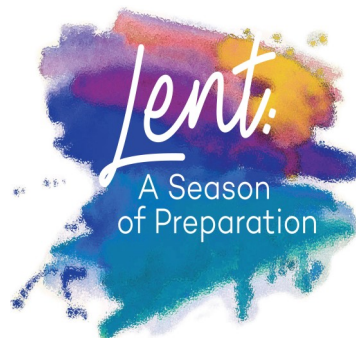


During Lent we will be having a community meal on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm starting on March 1. Meals will be held at Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall. Philadelphia as well as other churches in the area will be helping with this. The date and menu items are:

- **March 1st** - Covered Dish - HCLC & PHILDELPHIA LUTHERAN
- **March 8th** Pizza - HCLC
- **March 15th** - Hotdogs and Hamburgers -PHILDELPHIA LUTHERAN, HCLC &LONG CREEK
- **March 22nd** - Spaghetti - HCLC
- **March 29th** - Casseroles - HCLC & PHILIDELPHIA LUTHERAN
- **April 5th** - Soup & Sandwiches - HCLC & PHILIDELPHIA LUTHERAN

If you would like to help, a sign up sheet is located in the Narthex or contact Pastor Shea or a council member.

We will also gather at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary for a Service of Song and Prayers on Wednesday's in Lent.





**Remember**

to move your clocks forward on  
Saturday, March 11th.  
Daylight Saving Time begins on  
Sunday, March 12, 2023



**MARCH FOOD ITEMS:**

**PINTO BEANS**

**CANNED MEATS**

**BLACKEYE PEAS**



Holy Communion and Philadelphia are sponsoring our joint Clothes Giveaway on April 15.

Many of you (and your friends and neighbors) have been so kind to donate clothing for our previous giveaways.

We have received plenty of women's clothing, but we need your help gathering more **children's/teen/s/and men's clothing**. We will accept any gently used, clean clothing.

If you would like to donate, please call Ron or Amy Holland, and we can meet you at Holy Communion or pick them up from you.

Thanks for your help with this much needed ministry.

Ron and Amy Holland

Holy Communion

704-813-0103 (Amy) or 704-813-0104 (Ron)

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



**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

**3/26** Seth & Caroline Black

**Audio Visual Volunteers for March**

- 5 Greg Carter
- 12 Gene Armstrong
- 19 James White Jr
- 26 Ron Holland



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 3/1** Greg Carter  
Sandra Clemmer
- 3/7** PJ. Maxwell
- 3/12** Hope Aizcorbe
- 3/16** Casey Cearley
- 3/20** Mary Sue Rhyne
- 3/21** Carla Hall
- 3/25** Angela Collett
- 3/26** John Edison  
Allen Huggins
- 3/28** Daphene Peach  
Matthew Huggins
- 3/30** Ron Holland



Friday, March 3, 2023

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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	<u>Jan. 2023</u>	<u>Jan. (YTD)</u>
Contributions/other	\$12,294.66	\$12,294.66
Expenditures	<u>\$12,813.18</u>	<u>\$12,813.18</u>
Net Income	-\$518.52	-\$518.52
Checking Balance 01/01/2023	\$184,079.72	
2023 Net Income	-\$518.52	
Checking Balance 01/31/2023	\$183,561.20	

**WE'RE PRAYING FOR...**

**Shut-ins:** Ann Rhyne

**Our Church family:** Jimmy & Susie Ferguson; Jimmy White; Deanna Simms; Pat Heavner; Judy Hoffman, Zia Mauney and family; Thad Peach.

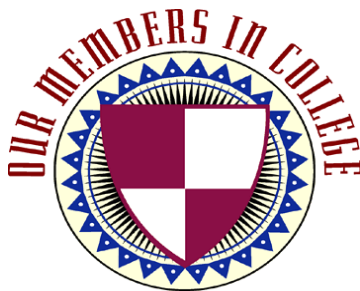
**Our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives of members:** Nancy Merck (bone cancer, (Mary Louise sister); Gwen Brown (friend of Mary Rhyne; Danny McDaniel ;Grace Rohm (Roxanna Britton); our country; Covid; Robbie Cearley; Hatcher Morton (17 yrs. has liver cancer); Ray Farris (Selina's father in law); Alice Hanks (friend of Pat Heavner); Covid 19; Ukraine; Bud Edison; Walker Hayes family.

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

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



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



**E.J Call**  
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Cramerton, NC 28032

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**Gracie Hall**  
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Stoneville, NC 27048



**John Henry Clemmer**  
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Bessemer City, NC 28016

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**HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**JANUARY 15, 2023**  
**COUNCIL MEETING @ 3:00pm**

The meeting began with prayer by Pastor Shea Berbaum

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

Amy Holland, Ron Holland, Mike Fields, James Greely, Audrey Rhinehardt here from Dallas High Shoals Ministry.

Dallas High Shoals Christian Ministry gave a letter and a monetary gift to Holy Communion as thanks for the use of our building during Christmas for the last few years.

Alan Cloninger made motion to approve agenda. Harold George Clemmer seconded.

Alan Cloninger made motion to approve minutes from Dec 2022 minutes. Harold George Clemmer seconded

Alan Cloninger made motion to approve Financial Reports for Dec 2022. Seconded by Harold George Clemmer

Pastor's Report given for information. Feb 21st Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

6:00pm. Lenten Dinner @ HCLC Wednesdays during Lent. Greg Carter made motion & Jerry Peeler seconded a motion to have supper at Holy Communion.

Dallas Area Churches will be having Wednesday Lenten Lunches. Pastor Shea to check with Philadelphia about hosting a lunch for this.

April 23rd Joint Council Meeting with Philadelphia Lutheran @ 3:00pm

• **OLD BUSINESS**

Alan Cloninger to contact Gaston Sheet Metal this week to discuss work not being finished.

Discussion on Cheng Chang's estate. Alan Cloninger made motion to have his columbarium engraved with his name and date of birth and death. Greg Carter seconded.

No one is renting the parsonage at this time, but there has been some interest.

• **NEW BUSINESS**

Council Officers: Harold George Clemmer made motion to accept the following officers and seconded by Jamie White.

President: Jeff Clemmer

Vice President: Alan Cloninger

Secretary: Becky B. Shehan

Treasurer: Greg Carter

## **DEACONS**

Jan- Alan Cloninger

Feb- Greg Carter

Mar- Jeff Clemmer

April- Becky Shehan

May- James White, Jr

June- Reid Simms

July- Harold George Clemmer, Jr

Aug- Jerry Peeler (Alan C.)

Sept- Roxanna Britton

Oct- Alan Cloninger

Nov- Greg Carter

Dec- James White, Jr

Pastor Performance discussion from Council for Pastor Shea's 3rd year of Yolking.

Congregational Membership discussion for 2023.

The meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Deacon for February 2023 is Greg Carter

Next Council Meeting will be February 19th @ 3:00am

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky B. Shehan

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## **A God with scar**

If anyone has ever asked you why a loving God allows suffering, you've probably developed a theodicy. That's a fancy word for defending belief in divine goodness despite evil's existence. Theologians who tackle this profound mystery note that God himself wasn't spared from pain. Despite his sinlessness as true God, Jesus endured crucifixion as true man. As proof of that sacrifice, his body was scarred. Those marks feature in a poem by English pastor Edward Shillito. Seeing wounded combatants return from World War I, he wondered how the Gospel could seem like good news to them. When Shillito realized that Christianity alone features a God who suffered, he wrote "Jesus of the Scars" to offer comfort and hope. The poem concludes: The other gods were strong; but thou wast weak; They rode, but thou didst stumble to a throne; But to our wounds only God's wounds speak; And not a god has wounds, but thou alone .



# Clarion



February 2023

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It has been over five years since three military veterans met, at a restaurant, for a cup of coffee and for the purpose of discussing the plight of homeless veterans. All three, Mike Cloy, Mike Meeks and Bud Strobe, were involved in various aspect of meeting the needs of veterans and all agreed that one of the primary needs was housing. For, if a veteran has no home, it becomes much more difficult to meet his other needs. The result of that meeting was a vision to create a home where veterans, transitioning out of military service could live, with other veterans, in a secure environment, while reentering civilian life.

On February 29<sup>th</sup> 2020, a group of 30 volunteers, ranging in age from teenagers to octogenarians, came together for a cooperative event known as Demo Day. We demolished the interior of the home, that is now Camp Centurion, to prepare it for complete renovation and to bring it up to county building code requirements.

On Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 Camp Centurion Incorporated was inspected by the Gaston County building inspector and he noted two minor items that are now taken care of and we have received our certificate of occupancy.

This would not have happened without veterans' organizations, volunteers, individual donors and corporate sponsors working diligently to achieve the goal, and I must also mention, there were times when I was discouraged and went to the Lord in prayer and He always answered.

There are still some items we need including a washer & dryer, a wall mounted TV for the rec room and a basketball goal. We will also have ongoing expenses such as insurance, electrical power, property maintenance and food.

Tomorrow, February 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be installing the computer lab, cleaning the inside of the building, spreading gravel on the driveway, extending and repairing the culvert pipe at the entrance and spreading some soil for the landscaping. This work will be done by volunteers who are all active-duty Army NCO's.

## Grand Opening

We are almost there and, on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, we will have our grand opening. It will be a drop-in from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM with food, music and a tour of the facility. Please mark the day on your calendar and please drop in and see what a difference your volunteer work and your donations have made.

There is absolutely no way I can thank our volunteers, donors and corporate sponsors enough for what you all have done. Please come by on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and I will be there to shake your hand.

Please visit [www.CampCenturion.org](http://www.CampCenturion.org) and give generously. Thank you.

Bud Strobe  
President, Camp Centurion



Lay Reader for March: Beth Carter

Deacon for March: Jeff Clemmer

Altar Guild-Zia Mauney

**MARCH FOOD PANTRY ITEMS:  
PINTO BEANS, CANNED MEATS, BLACK EYE PEAS**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:pm-8:pm Free Community Meal @HC	2	3 	4
5 <i>2nd. Lent</i> 10:00 -Worship Service with Communion	6 9am-12:noon Clothes sorting @ HCLC	7	8 6:pm-8:pm Free Community Meal @HC	9	10	11 Move clocks forward 1 hour
12 <i>3rd. Lent</i> <i>Daylight Saving Time</i> 10:00: Worship Service	13 9am-12:noon Clothes Sorting @ HCLC	14	15 6:pm-8:pm Free Community Meal @HC	16	17 	18
19 <i>4th Lent</i> 10:00-Worship Service with Communion 3:00-Church Council	20 9am-12:noon Clothes sorting @ HCLC	21	22 6:pm-8:pm Free Community Meal @HC	23	24	25
26 <i>5th Lent</i> 10:00 Worship Service	27 9am-12:noon Clothes sorting @ HCLC	28 April Newsletter item deadline	29 6:pm-8:pm Free Community Meal @HC	30	31	



North Carolina Synod  
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God's work. Our hands.

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**Organist:** Amy Lewis

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**Return Service requested**