

# St. Thomas Lutheran Church Newsletter

**Date:** October 2017  
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## *From the desk of Pastor Hagerty...*

As we approach the **500<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the Protestant Reformation during this month, we can observe it in a number of ways. Perhaps you will watch the PBS special entitled: “Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World.”

Or, if you are Young at Heart, you can plan to come with us to Camp Kinard on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> to enjoy the **Laugh, Learn, and Lunch** opportunity: “Hymns of Martin Luther and the Reformation.” We will be riding in a van and will be leaving St Thomas at 8:00 am and returning by 3:00 pm. Call the office to sign up! Details are on page 8.

Reformation Sunday will be on October 29<sup>th</sup>, in remembrance of Martin Luther nailing 95 theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castle church on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1517. It is hard to believe that 500 years have past. I suppose time flies when you are living in God’s grace!

Our regular worship services at Saint Thomas on Reformation Sunday will be at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. The paraments will be red, signifying the role of the Holy Spirit in reforming the church. Gracie Derrick will be confirmed at the 10:30 am service.

At 4:00 pm on October 29<sup>th</sup>, our Dutch Fork Cluster will hold a special Reformation service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Irmo with Dr. Wayne Kannady of Newberry College as the preacher.

Because of all of the activity on October 29<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our Trunk or Treat a week earlier, on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5 pm to 7 pm. Details may be found on page 12. We are seeking volunteers for manning decorated trunks with candy. We are also seeking volunteers to make chili, set-up, and decorate. Sign up in the narthex or call Beth Ervin if you can help. We are collecting items for SisterCare in observance of National Domestic Abuse Awareness Month.

*See you at church!*

## CHURCH COUNCIL

### *President*

Ronnie Lindler

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Janice Lindler

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Alice Lindler

### *Christian Education*

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### *Property*

Albert Stoudemire

Lee Wessinger

### *Outreach Ministry*

Janet Tapp

### *Evangelism*

Shirley Petersen

### *Finance and Stewardship*

Fred Falls

### *Cemetery*

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The Rev. Larry Hagerty

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## LEADERS

### *Treasurer*

Alicia Amick

### *Memorial Fund*



### *Treasurer*

Anne Shealy

## Church Council Minutes

### September 10, 2017

**Called to order:** Fred Falls at 11:35 am

**Check Roll:** Pastor Hagerty, Christy Brasington, Fred Falls, Alice Lindler, Janice Lindler, Shirley Petersen, Anne Shealy, Albert Stoudemire, Mike Strouse, Janet Tapp and Lee Wessinger

**Excused:** Ronnie Lindler

**Opening prayer:** Pastor Hagerty

**August 2017 Council minutes:** Submitted, reviewed and approved.

## REPORTS:

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Hagerty highlighted the following items that were contained in the Pastor's Report as published in the September 2017 Newsletter:

### *Events in August:*

1. Young at Heart had their second annual fish fry on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
2. A Hot Dog Luncheon took place on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> to kick off the new fall season of Sunday School.
3. The Fourth Annual Jubilee for the Dutch Fork cluster of Lutheran Churches took place at St. Thomas on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm to 7:00 pm. A talk on the history of people of the Dutch Fork and their faith was presented to a crowd of 80 people in our parish hall by Dr. Susan McArver of the Southern Seminary. Trish from the Lexington County Muse-

um also spoke about the Dutch Fork's history. A meal of bratwursts and hot dogs was attended by around 120 people.

*Upcoming Events in September:*

1. The Pastor's Class on "1, 2 Samuel" begins on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am and on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.
2. The Fall Sunday School Curriculum and Confirmation class will be on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:15 am. All classes will focus on important Old Testament stories.
3. Homecoming will take place on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> with one service at 10:30 am and a catered meal from Hudson's BBQ will follow. The South Carolina Synod Assistant to the Bishop, Eric Wolf, will preach the sermon.

**Memorial Fund Report:**

Submitted and reviewed \$7,057.34 balance with \$5,189.34 currently in the undesignated fund.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Submitted, reviewed, and approved.

**Stewardship & Finance Report:**

Fred Falls reported that the Finance Committee would be meeting to review the budget and prepare a preliminary proposal for the October Council meeting. He also requested that all committees submit any amendments at that time.

**Evangelism Report:**

Shirley Petersen called Young at Heart folks to obtain a head count for the Fish Fry.

**Worship and Music:**

Janice Lindler reported that Hudson's BBQ has been scheduled for the catered meal following the Homecoming Service. She encouraged people to sign up. Desserts will be provided by members.

**Property Report:**

1. Albert Stoudemire reported that the doors in the new meeting room in the Sanctuary building have had the locks removed.
2. He also reported that Terminix was called to treat the picnic area and playground area for fire ants in preparation for the Jubilee.
3. The covers for the sound system would be put in place now that the system has been adjusted.
4. The kitchen door lock was found laying on the ground and has been replaced.

**Christian Education Report:**

Upcoming events are as reported in the Pastor's Report, bulletins and newsletter.

**Outreach Ministry Report:**

1. Janet Tapp reported that the Labor Day Float and participation went well and thanked everyone involved. She reported that St. Thomas will plan on participating again in next year's parade.
2. Two first aid kits have been put together, one will be in place in the kitchen pantry and the other in Sanctuary building and a first aid class is planned in the near future.
3. Vic Englert is going to demo the old partitions in the downstairs bathrooms and install the new partitions with painting,

out an email regarding this so members could remove them temporarily in order to preserve them.

### **Youth Report:**

Alice Lindler reported that there will be a bowling party (date and time to be announced) as well as Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5 to 7 pm.

### **Old Business:**

1. A safety survey and a presentation remains an item to be scheduled.
2. Ronnie Lindler urges everyone using the church parking lot to park only in designated parking spaces. This will allow access for emergency vehicles, as well as to help prevent accidents. Cones will be placed in areas where cars have been routinely parking in undesignated spaces.
3. Janet Tapp asked about the acolyte and crucifer training class for interested children and youth. Pastor will schedule the class after recruiting an adult helper to assist the acolytes and crucifers on Sunday mornings.

### **New Business:**

1. A green chasuble and stole that were donated by the Richard Lindler family to replace Pastor's old and faded ones will be dedicated at the Homecoming service on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.
2. The need for having the carpet cleaned in the areas of the church building and fellowship hall by a professional service was approved by council.

3. Pastor Hagerty reported that on Reformation Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Dutch Fork Cluster service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 4:00 pm to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation.
4. Council unanimously approved accepting a new seminarian field worker, Catherine "Catie" Nelson, a 23 year old from Illinois, who is interested in chaplaincy, particularly military chaplaincy. We will be her teaching parish and she will be busy learning about leading worship, pastoral care, and parish life.
5. Council agreed to take the flag down in preparation of the upcoming winds associated with Hurricane Irma.
6. Janet Tapp of the Outreach Committee is looking into ordering various marketing materials to promote Saint Thomas, including tee shirts, brochures, business cards, car magnets, etc. She also suggested that we update our mission statement.
7. There was discussion of having the church available for shelter or support with distribution, meal preparations, etc. in the event of emergencies like the upcoming evacuation due to the hurricane. Pastor contacted the SC Synod and we are now on their list for providing meals for folks in shelters, if needed. Until we determine who at St Thomas would be willing to stay with evacuees, we did not commit to being a shelter at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm with

# Pastor's Report

## September Highlights

1. **Pastor's Class on "1, 2 Samuel"** began on Tuesday, September 5th at 10:30 AM and Monday, September 11th at 6:00 PM.
2. **The Children's Sunday School Classes and Confirmation Class** also studied the stories of Samuel, Saul, and David and watched the Deep Blue video together at the beginning of their classes
3. **Game Nights** took place on Thursday September 14th and 28th at 6:00 PM and began with covered dish meals.
4. **Church Council** met on Sunday, September 10th at 11:40 AM.
5. **The Lindler Reunion** was held at the picnic shed on Sunday, September 17th at 1:00 PM.
6. **The Annual Young at Heart Apple Run** was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.
7. **Homecoming** took place on Sunday, September 24th at 10:30 AM with one service and a covered dish meal followed. The South Carolina Synod Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Eric Wolf, was our preacher. A catered meal from Hudson's BBQ was enjoyed by all and 250 pounds of food items for We Care were collected along with school supplies.
8. **WELCA** met on Monday, September 25th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.
9. **A Red Cross Blood Drive** sponsored by

## Upcoming Events in October

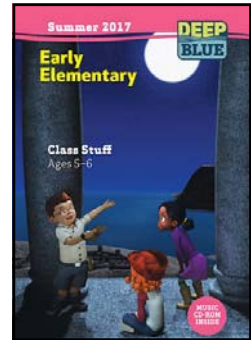
1. **Pastor's Class** will continue with the study of 1, 2 Samuel and will be offered at the times noted on the church calendar.
2. **The SC Synod Candidacy Committee** will meet on October 3rd and 4th at the Synod office with Pastor Hagerty.
3. **The Lutheran Men in Mission** will meet on Wednesday, October 4th at 5:30 PM to share a meal.
4. **The Finance Committee** will meet on a date and time TBA that is prior to the October 15th council meeting.
5. **Game Nights** will take place on Thursday October 12th and 26th at 6:00 PM and begin with covered dish meals.
6. **Church Council** will meet on Sunday, October 15th at 11:40 AM.
7. **Feeding the Homeless at Finlay Park** will be done at 1 PM on Sunday, October 15th.
8. **The Young at Heart** will attend the program: "Laugh, Learn, and Lunch" on Tuesday, October 17th and leave from Saint Thomas at 8:00 AM with Pastor driving a rented van.
9. **Trunk or Treat Fall Festival** will take place on Sunday, October 22rd from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
10. **Pastor will attend the SC Synod Fall Convocation** at Lutheridge on October

# Christian Education

Our Sunday School classes for children, youth, and adults meet **at 9:15 AM.**

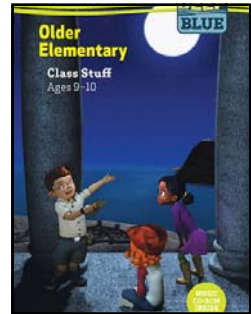
3K through 1st grade,  
using Deep Blue Early Elementary  
**taught by Valerie White.**

We will cover the call of the prophet  
Samuel through the dedication of  
Solomon's temple.



2nd through 5th grade,  
using Deep Blue Older Elementary  
**taught by Ashley Metts.**

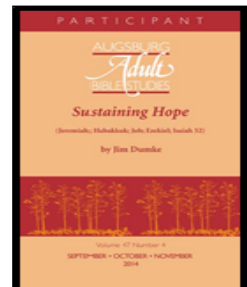
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6th through 9th grade confirmation using  
"Here We Stand" **taught by Pastor Hagerty.**  
We will study the Old Testament stories of  
judges, kings, and prophets.



Augsburg Adult Bible Studies  
**taught by Fred Falls,  
Holly Wessinger,**

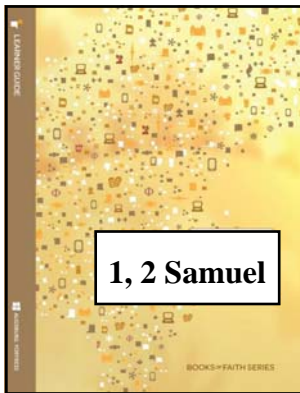


# Pastor's Class

In October, Pastor Hagerty will continue an eight session study of **1, 2 Samuel**. Classes will be offered on Tuesday mornings (or Friday morning if there is a Tuesday conflict) at 10:30 AM and Monday evenings at 6:00 PM

The books of 1 and 2 Samuel are full of powerful images, engaging characters, and fascinating stories. This study provides a high-level overview of these books, providing a foundation for further individual and group exploration. Participants will explore eight big questions based on selected texts in 1 and 2 Samuel.

This **8-session** Bible study guides participants through selected passages from 1 and 2 Samuel.



- Who Are You Talking To? (1 Samuel 3:1-14)
- Who Have You Been Talking To? (1 Samuel 12:1-25)
- Who Do You Think You're Talking To? (1 Samuel 17:1-54)
- Who Would You Like to Talk To? (1 Samuel 28:3-25)
- How Long, Lord? (2 Samuel 2:1-28)
- Is This It, Lord? (2 Samuel 7:1-17)
- How Could He, Lord? (2 Samuel 12:1-15)

## 2017 Youth/KICS Schedule

**October:** Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 22nd, 5 pm to 7 pm

**November:** Veterans Sunday, November 5th, help serve our veterans  
Practice for Christmas Program

**December:** Christmas Program, date and time to be announced;  
Christmas Caroling

# **Young at Heart**

## ***“Laugh, Learn, and Lunch”***

**Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**



### **Leave St. Thomas at 8:00 am and return at 3:00 pm**

You are invited to join us on Tuesday, October 17th, for “Laugh, Learn & Lunch”; a day of learning, fellowship, and fun at Camp Kinard. The day will be centered around the many hymns written by Martin Luther and how music played a role in the Reformation.

The day’s featured speaker, Rev. Marion Clark, is a native of Anderson, SC, and has served as pastor to various congregations in the South Carolina Synod including St. John’s Lutheran Church (Spartanburg, SC) and Redeemer Lutheran Church (Greer, SC). Clark is a graduate of Newberry College and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

“Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world. It controls our hearts, minds and spirits.” -Martin Luther

**Call the church office by Monday, October 9th to reserve your spot. We will be traveling to Chick-fila for breakfast and then will be heading onto the event in a rented van.**



## **Introducing our Seminarian Student: Catherine “Catie” Nelson**

Hi, my name is Catie Nelson and I am from Annawan, IL. I received my bachelor's degree from Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. There I studied Religion and Communication Studies. Last year I was a volunteer through Young Adults in Global Mission. For my YAGM year I served in Tollesbury, England working at an outdoor activity center.

I am currently a student at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. I am enjoying being a student again and am very excited to start working towards my goal of being a pastor. I would like to be ordained in order to become either a military or hospital chaplain. This goal came to me through working at a church camp in IL and through the help and guidance of my professors in undergrad. I look forward to getting to know you all and being a part of your congregation.



## **The Dutch Fork Cluster Reformation Service**

**October 29th at 4:00 PM**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Irmo**

- ◆ Dr. Wayne Kannaday, Professor of Religion at Newberry College will preach.
- ◆ We will celebrate the 500th Anniversary



**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship Times: 8:00 am &amp; 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

**TUESDAY SCHEDULE**

Adult Choir at 6:30 pm

**WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

# October 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	2 Pastor's Class: "1, 2 Samuel" 6:00 pm	3 Fitness Works 9:00 am Pastor at the Synod Office for the Synod Candidacy Committee Meeting 10:00 am - 7:30 pm	4 Pastor at the Synod Office for the Synod Can- didacy Committee Meeting 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  LMM 5:30 pm	5	6 Fitness Works 9:00 am  Pastor's Class: "1, 2 Samuel" 10:30 am	7
8 <i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9 Pastor's Class: "1, 2 Samuel" 6:00 pm	10 Fitness Works 9:00 am Pastor's Class: "1, 2 Samuel" 10:30 am  Adult Choir 6:30 pm	11	12 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am at Palmetto Roads  Game Night 6:00 pm STLC with covered dish	13 Fitness Works 9:00 am	14
15 <i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>  Church Council 11:40 am  Feeding the homeless at Finlay Park 1:00 pm	16 Pastor's Class: "1, 2 Samuel" 6:00 pm	17 Young at Heart 8:00 am Leave on van for Chick-fil-a for breakfast and then Camp Kinard for program.. Return by 3:00 pm	18	19	20 Fitness Works 9:00 am  Pastor's Class: "1, 2 Samuel" 10:30 am	21
22 <i>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i>  Trunk or Treat 5:00-7:00 pm	23 Pastor leaves Chapin at 10 am for Lutheridge in Arden, NC for the SC Synod Fall Convocation	24 Fitness Works 9:00 am  Pastor at Lutheridge for SC Synod Fall Convocation	25 Pastor returns by 3:00 pm from Lutheridge from the SC Synod Fall Convocation	26 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am at Palmetto Roads  Game Night 6:00 pm STLC with covered dish	27 Fitness Works 9:00 am  Pastor's Class: "1, 2 Samuel" 10:30 am	28
29 <i>Reformation Sunday</i>  Confirmation /Change for Change at 10:30 am service  Dutch Fork Cluster Refor- mation Service at 4:00 pm	30 Pastor's Class: "1, 2 Samuel" 6:00 pm	31 Fitness Works 9:00 am  Pastor's Class: "1, 2 Samuel" 10:30 am  Adult Choir 6:30 pm	November 1  LMM 5:30 pm	November 2	November 3 Fitness Works 9:00 am	November 4

**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**St. Thomas**  
**Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival**



Our annual **Trunk or Treat /Fall Festival** is planned for **Sunday, October 22, 2017** from 5:00 – 7:00pm at the Picnic Shelter. We are asking for volunteers to man “trunks” for our children. We will serve a dinner at 5:00pm followed by a variety of activities including the Trunk or Treat, crafts, hay ride, music, and fun snacks!!

**NEW THIS YEAR!** We would like volunteers to make pots of chili – I think we need about 5 crock pots. We will have pizza or chicken fingers for the kids.

Kids – come dressed as your favorite character, invite a friend, and enjoy some great candy and fun decorated “trunks”.

A sign- up sheet will be posted in Narthex to volunteer for a “Decorated Trunk”. We ask that you provide candy for the children. Please have your vehicle in place by 4:30 on Sunday to increase safety for our children.

We will need volunteers to assist in setup/decorations/food prep. Please let Beth Ervin (351-9732) know if you are available or sign up in Narthex.

**October is National Domestic Abuse Awareness Month:** We are collecting items for SisterCare: diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, xlarge trash bags, and baby wipes. See list in Narthex for more items on their wish list. Please bring these items to the picnic shelter. Thanks for your giving heart!!!

**Invite your friends and neighbors!! See you there!**

## A Record of Our Faithfulness Through 9/24/2017

2017 Budgeted income	\$ 230,683
2017 Weekly Need	\$ 4,436
Jan-Sept Actual Income:	\$ 160,596
Jan-Sept Weekly average	\$ 4,118

### 2017 Attendance:

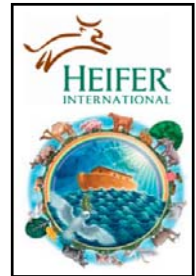
8:00 AM worship average	22
10:30 AM worship average	64
Special service average	103
<b>2017 worship average</b>	<b>88</b>

As we begin the last quarter of the year, it's a great time to reflect on how God has blessed you. Please consider those blessings when making your faithful response to God's grace through your monetary gifts to Saint Thomas. This will help us to continue to reduce our dependence on our savings to operate our congregational ministry.

With your *sacrificial help*, our congregation can continue to make an impact for the sake of God's kingdom. Thank you!

Did you know that Heifer is not just animals?

- Heifer provides education on farming for women and men.
- Heifer makes bio-gas stoves and water systems for villages.
- Heifer helps to educate communities on working together to make a more stable economy.
- Heifer works and helps the families to learn to grow more crops and produce more goods.



## WE CARE NEEDS YOU!!!

Please help stop hunger in Chapin by donating to We Care!



### October Pantry Needs

Grits, Soups (all sizes & all flavors), Dry Beans, Peas, Greens/Collards, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Canned Fruit, Corn Muffin Mix, Corn, and Jelly. Plus: Personal Hygiene Items, Laundry & Dish Detergent, Cleaning Supplies & Paper Products.

Note: We have seen a sizable increase in clients since the shutdown at V.C. Summer.

Thank you for all you do for the Chapin We Care!

Alecia Klauk [directorwcc@sc.twcbc.com](mailto:directorwcc@sc.twcbc.com)

# WELCA News



Thanks to everyone who contributed desserts for our Homecoming Celebration dinner. They were delicious! Thanks to Sue and Mike Strouse and Jessica and Beth Ervin for decorating the tables for Homecoming. We appreciate all that you do.

WELCA will be providing an Angel Tree again this year to help a family have a blessed Christmas. The tree will have tags that you can take and buy a gift. More information to come next month. Stay tuned.

When you get a chance, take a look at the conference table that is now in the Adult Sunday School Room (old nursery) in the basement of the church. That table was purchased with memorial money given to WELCA from the Nell Dickert Family.

WELCA will be slicing Pound cakes again for the HUB this Thanksgiving. A signup sheet will be posted in the Narthex. We will need about 12 cakes. We are suppose to have 225 slices of cake. Please sign up! Thanks.

Remember WELCA meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00pm. We are now meeting in the Adult Sunday School Room in the basement. Come join us!!

Thanks.

# Homecoming 2017

We had a great Homecoming Sunday on September 24th with the Rev. Eric Wolf as our guest preacher and lots of special music by Ginny and Marie. The catered meal from Hudson's BBQ was delicious. Our service project sponsored by Thrivent yielded 250 pounds of food for We Care of Chapin, as well as school supplies.





*Our Deepest  
Sympathy*

Our deepest condolences go out to all of the people affected by the recent hurricanes, fires, and earthquakes. Consider making a donation to Lutheran Disaster Response. Information forms are located on our nar-

## Outreach Ministry News

*Feeding the Homeless:* The next time we will feed the homeless will be **October 15th** at Finlay Park. Please drop off food donations **by 12:20 PM.**

*Change for Change* will take place at the 10:30 am service on **October 29th** with funds going to support the Lexington Richland 5 School District's snack pack program.

*Labor Day Parade:* We had a fun time at the Labor Day parade! Thank you to all who contributed money, time and talent to have our Church represented. Thanks to Generations for use of their parking lot. We are already planning for next year!

## Game Nights

Game Nights will be held on **Thursday, October 12th & 26th this month** in the Parish Hall. The covered dish meal begins at **6:00 PM.**

## FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Fellowship Breakfast will meet on **Thursday, October 12th & 26th at 8:30 am at Palmetto Roads in Hilton.** Everyone is invited to come

LUTHERAN  
MEN IN MISSION

*LMM Meeting* will be held in the Parish Hall on **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.**

## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

If you have a name which you would like to have listed, please indicate by filling out a pew card or by calling the church office. Names will then remain on the prayer list for four weeks, unless we are

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STLC, Staff, Pastor &amp; their families</li> <li>• SC Synod, Bishop, Staff &amp; their families</li> <li>• Annette Falls (overlapping auto immune disease)</li> <li>• Ginger MacDonald (mental health issues / daughter of Lib and Bennie Derrick)</li> <li>• Buddy Warrington (declining health / 90 year old father of Lacy Derrick)</li> <li>• Debbie Wise (health issues / cancer treatments / daughter of Rose Bickley)</li> <li>• Rick Davenport (glioblastoma in his frontal lobe / friend of Christy Brasington)</li> <li>• Luke Rennebaum (serving our military in Kuwait)</li> <li>• Tracey Bedenbaugh (Leukemia / medical</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>treatment / sister of Todd Bedenbaugh)</li> <li>• Nancy Funk (Cancer / mother of Sue Strouse)</li> <li>• Bernie Hoefer (cerebellar ataxia / balance issues)</li> <li>• Wade “Hank” Padgett (lung cancer / son-in-law of James Franklin and Edith Wessinger)</li> <li>• Linda Metts (chemotherapy treatments)</li> <li>• Heyward Slice (issues with hemoglobin / chemotherapy)</li> <li>• Tommy Runge (cancer / chemo treatments / friend of Norman and Linda Wilson)</li> <li>• Lucas Powell (recovery from abdominal surgery that removed a Wilms tumor and kidney on June 28th / chemotherapy and radiation treatments)</li> <li>• Easton Ridley (cancer / malignant tumor pressing on his heart / nephew of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tracey and Pastor)</li> <li>• Erika Shannon (sister of Maria Lindler / recovery from surgery)</li> <li>• Alvin Lindler (brother of George Lindler / recovery from hip surgery)</li> <li>• The unemployed in our community who have lost jobs due to the VC Summer nuclear plant expansion shutdown</li> <li>• Clara Bickley (recovery at home from hospitalization)</li> <li>• Mike Edens (recovery at J. F. Hawkins in Newberry from heart surgery on August 10th)</li> <li>• Maria Lindler (cancer treatments)</li> <li>• Family of Ruth Koon (who died August 28th / sister-in-law of Betty Koon)</li> <li>• All those affected by Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, and Hurricane</li> </ul>
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## MEMORIALS

Given to the glory of God and in memory of:

**Ronnie Epting by Joe & Margaret Epting**

**Warren Sandel by Carl & Carol Dorman**



**Oct 3, 1992 Tony & Beth Ervin**

**Oct 11, 2014 Derek & Lindsey Williams**

**Oct 12, 1991 Randy & Robin Shuler**

**Oct 27, 1957 John & Judy Swygert**

**Oct 29, 1977 Mike & Sue Strouse**

- 1 Rose Bickley**
- 2 Debbie McCaslin**
- 7 Brenda Berry**
- 8 McKenzie Lindler**  
**Ricky Waites**  
**Mark Wolford**
- 11 Sidney Lindler**
- 12 Adam Bedenbaugh**  
**Rothell Derrick**
- 14 Joyce Ballington**  
**Ina Edens**



- 17 Coleman Amick**
- 18 McKenzie Monts**
- 23 Laura Langston**
- 24 Neal Bickley**  
**Randy Shuler**
- 25 John Brasington**
- 26 Cameron Bickley**  
**Linda Metts**  
**Francis Shealy**
- 27 Kimberly Bickley**
- 28 Ken Comalander**

# In Christian Service for October

Date	Flowers	Greeter	Nursery	Lay Reader	Acolyte
1	Beth Ervin	Sue Strouse	Sue Strouse	Catie Nelson	Meshack Lameck
8	open	Sue Strouse	Valerie White	Anne Shealy	Gracie Derrick
15	Beth Bedenbaugh	Sue Strouse	Sue Odom	Deborah Morell	Gracie Rennhack
22	Edith Wessinger	Sue Strouse	Jessica & Gracie Rennhack	Sue Strouse	Andrew Lindler
29	Francis Shealy	Sue Strouse	Rose Bickley	Susan Waites	C: Adam Bedenbaugh A: Meshack Lameck A: Alexander Ervin

**Early Ushers:** O'Neal Bickley & Albert Stoudemire

**Late Ushers:** Beth Ervin-Alexander Ervin, Mike Strouse & Sue Strouse

**Funeral Ushers:** Richard Lindler, Mary Joyce Shealy & Francis Shealy

**Altar Guild:** Betty Koon & Debbie Rennhack, James & Edith Wessinger,  
Betty Wessinger, Betty Wessinger, Roger & Trish Edwards

**Keeper of the Keys and Offering Courier:** Janet Tapp

**Funeral Crucifers:** Harrison Bedenbaugh, Fred Falls



## *2017 Flower Chart*

*If you would like to put flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone, **please sign up on the calendar** which is posted on the door of the Cry Room. Thanks! (Please indicate one or two flower bouquets.)*

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**Church Office Hours**

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**Pastor's Availability**

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