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**Church Office Hours:**  
Monday - Friday  
9:00am - 3:00pm

**Preschool Hours:**  
Monday - Friday  
9:00am - 1:00pm

**Service Schedule:**  
7:45am Quiet Communion  
8:55am Alive!  
11:00am Heritage Worship



## Reconciliation Reporter

 October 2018

### HURRICANE FLORENCE AFTERMATH

Dear LCOR Family, Grace and peace to you from our loving God!

We have all certainly been through a difficult time of late. Florence upended our lives as only a major storm could. Whether we evacuated or stayed, we are all dealing with the same thing, just to varying degrees. I hope and pray at least by now everyone is safe. There are those in our church family dealing with very difficult situations, and those of us who have pretty much recovered except for some cleanup. In all cases, you remain in my prayers.

Our church facility was spared catastrophic damage. We did have some flooding, but it's something that can be repaired. For that we should be very grateful. As we move forward with this process, our leadership is being very faithful in deciding a good course of action to recommend to you. We will be making some important decisions at our called **congregational meeting this Sunday, October 7**. We will meet at 10:00 in the sanctuary.

Just to keep you in the loop, flooding occurred from one side of the sanctuary through the offices and the entire preschool area. One area of the Ministry Center roof lost shingles, and is covered by a tarp. The phone system was damaged and needs replacement. Other than that, we are not aware of any other damages. We really do need to do some work on the outside of the building to prevent these kinds of things from happening again.

Our preschool has transformed the Ministry Center in to a big classroom, and our students have returned with great excitement. The staff deserves huge kudos for their hard work. We had a crew of over a dozen folks come last week to clean out stinky carpets and make the offices workable. Many thanks for their efforts. Our new LCORM ministry has engaged in calling our members so we can be aware of the needs and celebrations of these days following Florence. This is such an important ministry, and they deserve our gratitude.

From a financial standpoint, we are very lucky to have the first part of the NCDOT settlement in the bank. (The appeal for a greater settlement is still in progress.) This will allow us to make decisions about our restoration without having to raise the money beforehand. However, we certainly need to replenishing that fund because we have not yet determined what other projects we need to accomplish with it. Your support in that effort will be key to its success. Also, with other expenses continuing, no service one Sunday, one service for a couple of weeks, our regular income is very low. We have been struggling with a deficit for much of the year, and this will not help. I am asking everyone to take care of your personal needs, to be sure; but also, to consider the needs of our congregation and be as generous as possible. Our budgeting process is proceeding, and you will be receiving information about that in the coming weeks leading up to our annual meeting in November.

I am so grateful to be serving you as your pastor. You continually demonstrate loving generosity in so many ways. Please contact me if you have a need or concern moving forward. We, along with our community, are facing many challenges. But we serve a gracious God who will empower and equip us to meet those challenges with courage and strength.

Peace,  
Pastor Bill

# October 2018 Worship Servant Schedule

**7:45am Assisting Ministers** - Please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board. Training will be provided if requested.

## Altar Guild

	<b>8:55am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
October 7	Susan Milholland	Leslie Aschemeier
October 14	Anne Brau	LuRae Spaulding
October 21	Carolyn Brock	Penny Riggs
October 28	Anne Brau	LuRae Spaulding

## 8:55am

	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
October 7	<b>TBD</b>	John Pesackis	Ann Erb	A.J. Sherrill	Janet Dale & Zann Larson	Tom & Karin Atkins
October 14	Anne Brau	Audrey Surak	Susan Milholland	Betty Gross	Charles & Lois Manning	Clem Surak & Jackie McKean
October 21	Helen Schussler	John Pesackis	Carolyn Pesackis	Zann Larson	Hank Gudrian & Phyllis Heikkila	Mary Pulkas & Delta Willett
October 28	Anne Brau	Susie Jones-Cook	Ann Erb	Pete Grant	Elsie Koehler & Janet Dale	Ronnie Burns & Lilian Winte

## 11:00am

	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
October 7	Clayton Gsell	Earl Scofield	Jan Maser	Michael Lombardo	Lois von Kampen & Leslie Aschemeier	Bob Timms & Jim Meyers
October 14	Andrea Kelly	Becky Hayes	Earl Scofield	Pat Myers	Bruce Myers & Jan Shomo	Bill Jensen & Barbara Knudsen
October 21	Clayton Gsell	Barbara Knudsen	Becky Hayes	Ellie Edgar	Mirella & Bob Timms	Earl Scofield & Jim Meyers
October 28	Gordon Hansen	Andrea Kelly	Joyce Wehrle	Susan Baehmann	Dave & Penny Riggs	Dale & Susan Baehmann

<b>Offering Counters for October:</b> Lois von Kampen & Phyllis Heikkila
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## August 2018 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

August 2018 Total Operating Income:	\$26,959
August 2018 Total Operating Expenses:	<u>29,835</u>
<b>August 2018 Net Deficit:</b>	<b>(\$2,876)</b>
YTD 2018 Operating Income:	\$234,862
YTD 2018 Operating Expenses:	<u>261,910</u>
<b>YTD 2018 Net Deficit:</b>	<b>(\$27,048)</b>

The October Good Samaritan Collection will benefit Good Shepherd Ministries



LCOR Member and licensed instructor Shirley Melito leads a Zumba class on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Ministry Center.

Please wear light weight clothes and comfortable tennis shoes. You will also need to bring a water bottle and towel. There is no charge for the class, but donations will be accepted.

**Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study Postponed:** Due to many issues with hurricane Florence, the Women's Bible Study will be postponed until after the first of the year. Our leader, Jannet Kramer, suggests that we use this time for service to others and ourselves. Stay tuned for future announcements regarding a start date in January.



If your group or committee has taken the summer off, please let Jean know when you will be reconvening so the calendar will be correct.

**Beer & Hymns** – October 28th at 6:00pm, Waterman's Brewing Company, 1610 Pavilion Place (in the old Fibber's) near Wrightsville Beach.



## Reconciliation **A**gainst **H**unger (**RAH!**)

Reconciliation **A**gainst **H**unger (**RAH!**) is part of our ministry to our community. All items collected will be taken to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. **Our RAH items for October** will be soup, canned meat, pasta, paper towels, peanut butter and grape jelly. In addition, the Cupboard is low on all items. Please remember MHC as you grocery shop – especially if you notice a good sale on items we can use to stock MHC's shelves.

*MHC requests canned goods be in small sizes, as the large family size are difficult for their clients to carry and too large for the homeless. Thank you!!*



### LCOR Preschool News

I can't believe October is here already! Unfortunately, we missed most of September due to Florence, but we are back up and running in our "mobile classrooms" in the Ministry Center. Hopefully we will be back in the classrooms in a few weeks!

Florence may have knocked us down but we are back on our feet thanks to the quick response and support of the Church members and preschool staff. Thank you to everyone who has supported us through physical help, emotional support, prayers or monetary donation. We are blessed to be part of an awesome group of people.

Please remember to re-link your Harris Teeter VIC card to our preschool Together In Education # 7103.

Look for the Fire trucks coming to the preschool in October to help us learn about fire safety.  
Thanks for all your continued support.

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC SUNDAY 2018

**Christmas Music Sunday is December 16<sup>th</sup>.** We are inviting all singers who would like to join in this celebration! Please send John Francis your contact information so we can have music for you at our first rehearsal in September; [jfrancis@mylcor.org](mailto:jfrancis@mylcor.org). **Remaining rehearsals:**

Oct. 11 – 7pm – Rehearsal #2

Oct. 25 – 7pm – Christmas Sectionals/Tenor Bass

Nov. 15 – 7pm – Rehearsal #3

Dec. 6 – 7pm – Rehearsal #4

Dec. 13 – 7pm – DRESS REHEARSAL

Dec. 16 - Christmas Music Sunday;  
2 services: 9:00 & 11:30 am

In addition to the 6 choral pieces, there are 3 short skits which will be placed between some of the numbers. We want to start early to learn our music and scripts.





If your birthday is not listed, please contact the office so we may update our records.

- 10/01 - Gordon Hansen  
Ann Kadala  
Laurie Wierse
- 10/02 - Jean Jones  
Chris Pickard
- 10/06 - Janet Dale
- 10/07 - Zann Larson
- 10/08 - Bob Boggs
- 10/12 - Hank Gudrian
- 10/13 - Cecilia Donegan
- 10/14 - Pam Gudrian
- 10/15 - Donna Bradshaw  
Gerri Olson
- 10/17 - Russ Painter
- 10/24 - Thelma Gates  
Nancy Grant  
Susan Gsell
- 10/25 - Paul Letts  
Bill Milholland  
Heather Ward
- 10/25 - Jeff Hilton  
Marie McMillen
- 10/29 - Kaye Beaty



If your anniversary is not listed, please contact the office so we may update our records.

- 10/03 - Mike & Barbara Hagler
- 10/07 - Russ & Joan Painter
- 10/08 - Leo & Helen Schussler
- 10/12 - Sam & Marie Barber  
Clayton & Susan Gsell
- 10/16 - Jim & Daryl Rohrbacher
- 10/17 - Art & Rae Gosewisch
- 10/25 - Chris & Carol Jayroe
- 10/26 - Warren & Laurie Wierse
- 10/27 - Jim Gulczynski & Cecilia Donegan

### Mother Hubbard's

### Street. Come join in! Cupboard

We are always collecting donations of food and money for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

We appreciate donations of canned goods in small cans, rather than large, family-size cans, as many families walk home with their bags, and large cans are difficult to carry.

**Lutheran Church of Reconciliation works the 3rd & 5th Monday of each month from 12:30pm-3pm at Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, 315 Red Cross**

There is a box in Perry Hall for your food donations. **Monetary donations should be made payable to MHC and mailed in c/o Grace United Methodist Church, 401 Grace Street, Wilmington 28401.**

We can always use paper bags with handles. They are easier for families receiving food to carry.



### All LCOR Men

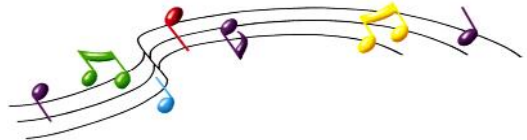
Join us for prayer and Bible study on Thursday mornings at 7:30am in Perry Hall for **Bible & Biscuit**. Bring a dollar for the biscuit, and your Bible. We'll meet for about an hour.



## MUSIC MUSIC MUSIC!

At LCOR a big part of our weekly worship services is the Music Ministry. Our Chancel Choir, Praise Team and Handbells are preparing for the fall season and we are eager to invite NEW members.

We invite YOU to consider joining us in one or more of these groups. NO experience is required. We rehearse weekly on Thursdays, beginning on September 6. Our rehearsals and our willingness to have the Holy Spirit work with us create the beautiful musical offerings each week. *Come along and join in the fun, fellowship and music making.*



### Rehearsals times are:

Handbells - 4:30pm –5:45pm

Chancel Choir - 6:15pm – 7:30pm

Praise Team -7:30 – 8:45pm

If you have questions, contact John Francis, Director of Music Ministry, at [jfrancis@mylcor.org](mailto:jfrancis@mylcor.org).

**LCOR**



**The Lunch Bunch meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 12:00pm.**

We will meet on Thursday, October 11th at Casey's Buffet, 5559 Oleander Drive.

No reservation required!

If you have any questions, contact Joyce Rahe, (910) 319-3119.

## Faith Formation News

**Small Groups** - The small group in Leland is studying "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible" -- a 7-lesson DVD series with Dr. Mark Allan Powell. The 7 lessons are as follows: (1) God's Powerful Book, (2) Lutheran Understanding of the Bible, (3) How to Study the Bible, (4) Interpreting the Bible in Context, (5) Determining Right from Wrong, (6) The Many Meanings of the Bible, (7) Devotional Bible Reading. "Hand-outs" will be available with each lesson to guide us through the study. If you would like more information, contact Lois Manning at 910-512-0091 or [manning.lois@gmail.com](mailto:manning.lois@gmail.com).

The Middle Sound Loop fall Bible study is meeting at the home of Diane Harris, 133 Treasure Island Way, Wilmington. The six-session bible study is entitled; "Overcome, Living Beyond Your Circumstances" by Alex Himaya. The study incorporates the book of Genesis and how it relates to our modern day life. The sessions will be led by Susie Jones-Cook. Refreshments will be provided. Cost of the book is \$10.68. If you are interested in being part of this wonderful group or if you would like more information, please contact Gloria Nelson at [ibeghc@yahoo.com](mailto:ibeghc@yahoo.com) or call (704) 502-3220.

**Adult Sunday School** - Our class will be studying the Epistles of John. There will be no class on October 7 due to the congregational meeting. We meet in Perry Hall at 10:00. Come and join us and be part of our conversation. All are invited and all are welcome.

**Via de Cristo Spiritual Retreats** - Via de Cristo, the "Way of Christ", is a structured 3-day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new awareness of living in God's grace. It is a short course in Christianity that is designed to provide all Christians with a significant foundation for individual and community spiritual growth. The three days are a triple encounter: with Christ; with Christian brothers and sisters; and with a Christian community. The next weekend will be Nov. 8-11 at Camp Agape near Apex.

Twenty or more current LCOR members have attended Via de Cristo weekends, and they would be happy to discuss their experiences with you. These include Leslie Aschemeir, Karen Aune, Guy and Susie Beale, Bob and Chris Gatewood, Lois and Charles Manning, Pete and Nancy Grant, Gordon Hansen, Joyce Wehrle, Lois Von Kampen, Becky Hayes, and others. If you think you might be interested in attending a weekend, or would like more information on these spiritual retreats, contact one of those folks, Pastor Bill, or Guy at [gbeale@ec.rr.com](mailto:gbeale@ec.rr.com).



### International Day - October 20, 2018 4:00-7:00pm

The signup sheet is on the bulletin board. We look for members to sign up to decorate their own table from the culture of their heritage, dress in attire similar to that culture, make a dessert or finger-type food as guests mill about tasting and sampling different foods from "around the world." Hoping to have music "from various countries" playing too. Maybe several members of similar country can join together to host their country. If you have any questions, contact Cecilia Donegan at [pvc@provalorcharters.com](mailto:pvc@provalorcharters.com) or (910) 386-7917.