

September 2016

Mt. Gilead Lutheran Church, Mt. Pleasant NC

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
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4 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/Holy Communion	5 Labor Day Pastor's Day Off	6	7 7:00 p.m. Bible Study @ St. Martin	8	9	10		
11 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	12 Pastor's Day Off	13 9:30 a.m. Seniors	14 Holy Cross Day 7:00 p.m. Bible Study @ Mt. Gilead	15	16	17 9:00 a.m. Work Day to prepare for Homecoming		
18 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Homecoming	19 Pastor's Day Off	20 6:30 p.m. Council	21 Matthew, Apostle 7:00 p.m. Bible Study @ St. Martin	22	23	24		
25 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	26 NC Synod Leaders Convocation	27 NC Synod Leaders Convocation	28 NC Synod Leaders Convocation  No Bible Study	29 Pastor on vacation	30 Pastor on vacation	Notes:  <b>Fish Fry Oct 1 Begins at 4 p.m.</b>		

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## **Highlights:**

**Homecoming** is September 18. Please join us for worship, food and fellowship. Invite friends and family to join us! Come for a special session of Sunday School that day which Pastor Ray will teach.

Lunch will be covered dish. Please come, and if you can, bring a dish or two to share. Drinks and paper goods will be provided.

**Parsonage Update:** Work has begun on the parsonage. CCM is excited about have a three bedroom house available for their clients, and they are doing the work necessary for someone to move in. Members of Mt. Gilead may be asked to volunteer some time for cleaning and such as they finish the other work. We will let you know when. In the meantime, if you see any of the volunteers working on the parsonage, be sure to thank them!

**Concrete Update:** As you can see, the large pad in the parking lot has been poured, making our church much more accessible. The spaces near the ramp will be handicapped parking, especially reserved for anyone with a wheelchair or walker.

**Bible Study:** Bible Study will begin on September 7, at St. Martin. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. For the next year, we will be doing a special Bible Study based on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Please come and join us! We will alternate weeks, so Sept 14 will be at Mt. Gilead.

**The Fish Fry** will be held on Saturday, October 1, at Smith Lake, beginning at 4:00 p.m. As always, this event benefits the Mt. Pleasant Food Ministry. Donations and volunteers are always welcome. The food and fellowship is always wonderful. Hope to see you there!

**Communion:** It has been the practice here at Mt. Gilead Lutheran Church to have communion on the first Sunday of the month, and festival Sundays (when the paraments are white or red). Especially during the long months of the summer, this means that if someone missed the first Sunday of the month, they missed communion. Since this meal is part of what makes us community, we don't want part of the family to go hungry. To make communion more available, and to make ourselves more hospitable, communion will also be available on the third Sunday of the month (at least some months). For example, we will make it available to all on Homecoming Sunday, but in October, we will not have communion on the third Sunday because Pastor Ray will be at St. Martin for their homecoming. We will also be using intinction some of the time (this is when you take a wafer and dip it into the chalice of wine). This is being done so that those who cannot be here on a first Sunday can still receive communion, and those who wish more frequent communion (as is the normal practice of the church) may have it. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Ray.

# December 2015

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 World AIDS Day	2 7:00 p.m. Bible Study @ Mt. Gilead	3	4	5 10:00 a.m. Christmas Decorating
6 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/Holy Communion	7 Pastor's Day Off	8 9:30 a.m. Seniors Bingo and lunch	9 7:00 p.m. Bible Study @ St. Martin	10 Human Rights Day Pastor Ray on Vacation	11 Pastor Ray on Vacation	12
13 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/Holy Communion	14 Poinsettia Order Deadline  Pastor's Day Off	15  6:30 p.m. Council	16 7:00 p.m. Bible Study @ Mt. Gilead	17	18	19 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Ring Salvation Army Bell
20 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/Holy Communion	21 Pastor's Day Off	22 Winter Solstice	23	24 Christmas Eve  6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Christmas	26
27 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Service of Lessons and Carols	28 Holy Innocents Day Pastor's Day Off	29 John, Apostle	30	31	Notes:	

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## Upcoming Events and Highlights

1. We are collecting food for the Mt. Pleasant Food Bank. There is a basket in the narthex for your donations.
2. The NC Synod is offering a special ecumenical program, ***Bold Like Jesus***, which will be held in Charlotte at Christ Lutheran church. The event is jointly hosted by the NC Synod of the ELCA, the NC Diocese of the Episcopal Church, and the NC Moravian Church. The sessions will be held January 21 – 23. Please see Pastor Ray for more details if you are interested. The event is open to anyone.
3. Council will meet December 15 at 6:30 p.m. This will be the transition meeting where we begin with the old council and end with the new council. Please take a moment and thank each of our outgoing council members this month for their service the past 4 years – Ken Burleson, Christi Allman, and Todd Allman.
4. December 27 will be a service of Lessons and Carols. Seven readers are needed for this service. Please see Pastor Ray if you will be here and would be willing to read.
5. On Christmas Eve, Pastor Ray will be leading worship at Trinity Place at 3:00 p.m., Mt. Gilead at 6:00 p.m., and St. Martin at 7:30 p.m. Please come and worship at whichever service fits your schedule.

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