



April 2019

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

April 2019

- 4-1 Grace Circle 10:00 a.m.
- 4-2 No Centering Prayer
- 4-3 Soup Kitchen Noon
Lent 4 Service 6:30 p.m.
Soup & Sandwich Meal
to follow
- 4-7 SS/Worship 11:00 p.m.
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
- 4-9 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.m.
Quilting 10:00 a.m.
- 4-10 Lent 5 Service 6:30 p.m.
Soup & Sandwich Meal
to follow
- 4-14 **Palm Sunday**
Council Mtg. 8:45 a.m.
SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
Newsletter Deadline
- 4-17 The Oaks Nursing Home
Sing at 10:30a
- 4-18 **Maundy Thursday** 7p
- 4-19 **Good Friday** 7p
- 4-18 *Caroline out of office*
April 18th April 29th
- 4-21 **Easter Sunrise Service**
Oglethorpe Cemetery:7a
Breakfast: Lion's Club
Worship MZSL 11:00a
- 4-23 Centering Prayer 8:30a
- 4-28 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evangelism Mtg. Noon
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
- 4-30 Centering Prayer 8:30a

The Great Gift of Easter ...

It is still dark as night. The sun has not yet topped the trees. A slight breeze blows, breaking the mist into long fingers that twirl among the gravestones, wispy and white. We gather together, a bulletin in our hands, grateful for each other's company, as we wait for the dawn. There is something so very meaningful about gathering on the edge of a cemetery to await the Easter sunrise. The contrast between darkness and light, life and death, is vivid. You can literally reach out and touch it. The memory of loved ones long gone is sharp, and the longing to see them again intense. You speak in whispers, and move slowly as you wait for the prayers to begin – the sound that pushes the shadows away, and makes your heart rise and fall with the cadence. You yearn for the words; to hear once again the promises of Easter – the empty tomb, the angel voices, the risen Lord, alive and well! And, as the sun spills its liquid gold over you, the reality of the resurrection races through your veins, and you throw back your head, and cry, "He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

We Lutherans live in the shadow of the cross. We remember the suffering, life and death of Jesus all the time. We follow him out into the world, carrying his cross before us. But, the center of our faith is the resurrection! Because, without the resurrection, the cross would be meaningless! If God had not raised Jesus from the dead, it would have all been for nothing! But, it was not for nothing, that Jesus died so tragically. Jesus *was* raised. Jesus *is* alive. And, because he lives, we have been given the great gift of Easter – the gift of hope. The hope that this world is not all there is. The hope that there will be a better tomorrow. The hope that when this temporary earthly tent in which we live wears out, we will be given a permanent room in heaven, prepared just for us, and that we will see our loved ones again. And, best of all, the hope that we will see God face to face, and live in the joy of his presence forever!

Basil C. Hume said, "The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope - which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake." This is the gift we celebrate each Easter. This is the gift that we are blessed to receive, and blessed to share, with those who have no hope.

Come! Receive, once again, the great gift of Easter! Be reminded that miracles do happen! That the impossible becomes possible! Let God fill your soul with the gift of hope that leads to other gifts – to joy, and laughter, and the peace that only God can give. Come celebrate Easter with a community of faith that gathers in silence, but goes home dancing! Come, just as you are. We've saved a seat for you... *Easter Blessings, Pastor Barb* <><

*Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here, but has risen. Luke 24:5*

Serving Our Lord in April 2019

Communion Assistant	David Haigler
Ushers	Arthur Jackson and Billy Martin
Altar Guild	Mary Haigler and Max Wood
Lectors	Tracey Choppla and Duck Koch
Acolytes:	Ava Felker
Kyrie:	Wendi Martin

Coffee Hour:

4-7	Wendi Martin	4-14	Angela Cannon
4-21	Easter, no Coffee Hour	4-28	Mary Haigler

Family Day Dinner: Easter, no Family Dinner

Flowers:

- 4-7** Mary Hammock in loving memory of her husband, George, and in honor of their children and grandchildren.
- 4-14** **Palm Sunday** (Dale Godfrey in loving memory of Roy M and Doris Coogle and in honor of Kyrie and Alita)
- 4-21** **First Easter Sunday**, Lilies
- 4-28** Second Easter Sunday, Lilies

Soup Kitchen: April 3rd, Noon – Gail Coogle

Sunday School Teachers:

K-5th Grade – Angela Cannon **6th – 12th Grade** – Katie Felker

Adult Class Lingle Room – Jon Coogle and David Haigler

Adult Class Conference Room – Wendi Martin

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

4-2	A.J. Collier	4-18	Lucile Williams
4-3	Emma Felker	4-19	Renee Maddox Collier
4-8	Tommy & Wendi Martin	4-21	Jon & Karen Coogle
4-10	Will Haigler	4-21	Mary Hammock
4-13	Ed Bradley	4-23	Ava Felker
4-16	Maggie Rodgers Alloton	4-28	Katie Gentile
4-18	Natalie Bradley	4-28	Sara Morgan Martin

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL

The Kairos Prison Ministry will hold its 40th session at Dooly State Prison on April 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th. We need your help. We need your prayers, and donations of 2 liter soft drinks, cookies (6 per clear baggie) and money is always welcome. Please make all checks payable to Kairos Prison Ministry International (KPMI). Also in your memo, please write Dooly State Prison, Ga. (DSP Ga.) Please have all items at the church by 12 noon Thursday, April 4th. Just wanted to thank you for what you have done & for what you are going to do. THANK YOU! Arthur Jackson, Kairos Leader

The Five Weeks of Lent 2019: *The Body of Christ*

This year, our Lenten observance has been a series of messages called *The Body of Christ*. Each week we have gathered in the sanctuary to pray and sing as we consider the humanity of Christ, who gave up his crown and came down from heaven to live as one of us. Our services begin in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. followed by a soup and sandwich meal in the Lingle Room. The schedule for April is as follows:

Week 4: Wednesday, April 3: *The Ears of Christ*

Week 5: Wednesday, April 10: *The Feet of Christ*

This has been a good series so far, and it is ok if you have missed the others. They stand alone, and we hope you will join us.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2019

April 14th – Palm/Passion Sunday: 11:00 worship begins outdoors, with a *Blessing of the Palms* and a *Procession with Palms* into the sanctuary

April 18th – Maundy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. worship with Holy Communion and *Stripping of the Altar*

April 19th – Good Friday: 7:00 p.m. *Tenebrae Service*

April 21st – Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service: 7:00 a.m. led by New Life Baptist Church at the Oglethorpe Cemetery. They will serve breakfast afterwards at The Lion's Club in Oglethorpe.

Easter Festival Service: 11:00 am. Worship at Mt. Zion – St. Luke (no SS)

Stewardship Report

The Stewardship committee is responsible for making church members aware of opportunities for giving. That includes sharing of your talents or contributing financially to worthwhile projects. You are not required or even expected to contribute to every project or mission we bring to you. But prayers are always desired! This month I want to share more about the Mission Quilt Project. For five years, a small group of volunteers has dedicated one day a month to make simple quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts are sent around the world to people who are most in need. Our church has provided 60 quilts since 2013. The quilts have provided warmth for a family, carried their belongings, or given them shelter. Once again, you can help. The cost of postage for one quilt is \$2.25. That's a pretty simple and easy request. Please consider making a contribution to the Quilt Shipping Fund. There are envelopes in the narthex or you can write a check to MZSL and note that it is for the LWR Quilt Shipping Fund. Thank you on behalf of the quilting volunteers and the families receiving of our gifts! Julia Snipes

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Prayer List

Please Pray for Members: Jim Arnold, Al Coogle, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, Mary Hammock, Mack and Nancy McCarty, Zack Martin, Tricia Trask, Jacob Vickers; Tony Webb, Lucile Williams, for our college students, for all the ministries of our church and for our Military.

For Friends and Family: Matthew Anderson, John Arnold, Cuyler Barr, Gene Bradley, Trey Chapple, Ann Cole, Chic Cole, Brian Dietz, Karen Drysdale, Chris Fox, Trey Futrell, Allison Greene, Langdon Harp, Freddie & Linda Hartley, Joseph Hill, Bobby Hudson, Connie Johnson, Curtis Johnson, Jenny Joiner, Nancy Joyce, Mary Lamberth, Harris Lott, Bob Melvin, Crystal Miller, Charlene Oliver, David Peaster, Charles Perry, Leigh Powell, Tiffany Richards, Ron Ricklef, Kim Sangster, Douglas Smith, and Pat Williams.

Serving Our Nation: John Edwards





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