



April 2021

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

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Maunday Thursday

4-4 Easter Sunday

Joint Sunrise Service

Oglethorpe Cemetery

7a.m. **Masks and social**

distance. Worship at

MZSL 11:00 a.m.

Masks and social distance

Online option available

4-6 No Centering Prayer

PB on vacation

4-11 Wendi's S.S. 10 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Masks and social distance

PB on vacation

Online option available

4-13 Centering Prayer 8:30

4-18 Wendi's S.S. 10 a

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Masks and social distance

Online option available

Newsletter Deadline

4-20 Centering Prayer 8:30

4-25 Wendi's S.S. 10 am

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Masks and social distance

Online option available

4-27 Centering Prayer

8:30 a.m.

Believing the Unbelievable...

Silently, invisible to the naked eye and ear, hundreds of NASA satellites endlessly circle the earth, sending back astounding images that early astronomers such as Copernicus and Galileo could not have imagined!



In a NOVA program entitled *Earth From Space*, I watched in fascination as the dynamic forces of nature unfolded before my eyes. I saw in a way I have never understood before how earth, wind, fire, and waves are bound together into one, huge, intimate system that sustains all of life on our planet. I saw how a sandstorm in the Sahara Desert transforms the Amazon Rain Forest, 5000 miles away, and how a frigid undersea waterfall in Antarctica 500 times the size of Niagara Falls causes a feeding frenzy in the waters near the equator! I saw how, like our own blood stream, the ocean's currents act like a huge, global circulatory system, nourishing the earth and that land, sun, and atmosphere are intertwined in ways that defy reason. I was amazed - not just by the awesome intelligence I saw behind all creation, but that there were people smart enough to develop the technology to discover it!

How far humankind has come from the days when the world was thought to be flat, and there was danger of sailing too close, and falling off the edge! Every day, advances in technology unearth another secret of the universe. Every day, there are new discoveries, new information, amazing facts beyond our imagination, the impossible becomes possible and the unbelievable becomes believable.

How is it, then, with all the wonders of creation at our fingertips, people still have doubts about the *Creator*, rejecting the resurrection of Jesus as an impossibility? How is it that we see with our own eyes' life rising from the dust of the earth, yet we cannot wrap our minds around life rising *again* from the tomb?

All the marvels of technology confirm for me that I cannot trust my own senses - that there are things at work here that I simply cannot see, hear, taste, touch, or smell. There are things beyond my comprehension. One day, I know that all will be revealed. But, in the meantime, *I choose* to believe the unbelievable! To embrace the impossible!

Come! Explore impossibilities with us this Easter!

Come, and be amazed at what God has done, for you!

Happy Easter, Pastor Barb <><

...With God, all things are possible. Matthew 19:26



Please Note! All April activities subject to change depending on Covid-19 virus containment!

Check our webpage often for updates at [www.mzsl.com](#)

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Maundy Thursday Online Service 6:00 p.m.	2 Good Friday Online Service 6:00 p.m. A J Collier	3 Emma Felker
4 Easter Joint Sunrise Service Oglethorpe Cemetery 7am Worship at MZSL 11:00 a.m.	5	6 No Centering Prayer	7	8 Tommy & Wendi Martin	9 Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.	10 Will Haigler
Pastor Barb on vacation.						
11 Wendi's Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. <i>Masks and social distance. Online option available</i>	12	13 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.m.	14	15	16 Maggie Rodgers Allotton	17
18 Wendi's Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Newsletter Deadline →	19 Renee Maddox Collier	20 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.m.	21 Jon & Karen Coogle	22	23 Ava Felker	24
25 Wendi's Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.	26	27 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.	28 Katie Gentile Sara Morgan Martin	29	30	

Serving Our Lord in April

Altar Guild

Mary Haigler and Max Wood

Lectors

Duck Koch and Tracy Choppla

Family Day: *No Family Day Meal until further notice.*

Coffee Hour: *No Coffee Hour until further notice.*

Flowers

4-04 Easter Lilies

4-11 Dale Godfrey in loving memory of Roy M and Doris Coogle and
in honor of Kyrie and Alita.

4-18 TBA

4-25 TBA

Soup Kitchen: *No Soup Kitchen until further notice.*

Sunday School: *No Sunday School until further notice.*

Adult Class *Conference Room* – Wendi Martin

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

4-02A J Collier

4-03 Emma Felker

4-08 Tommy & Wendi Martin

4-10 Will Haigler

4-16 Maggie Rodgers Allotton

4-19 Renee Maddox Collier

4-21 Jon & Karen Coogle

4-23 Ava Felker

4-28 Katie Gentile

4-28 Sara Morgan Martin

Earth Day and Litter Pick-up

On Thursday, April 22, Earth Day will be celebrated around the world. First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day is designated to help us appreciate the beauty of the earth and encourage environmental protection. As Christians, we are charged with the responsibility of being good stewards of God's magnificent creation of the earth and all its inhabitants. We praise God for the natural beauty we enjoy around us and we strive to keep our surroundings clean and protected.

On Saturday, April 24 we will renew our Adopt-A-Highway litter pick-up after more than a year off due to COVID concerns. This is our small contribution to beautifying a portion of God's earth that is near and dear to us. The pick-up will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Mt. Zion site on Highway 26. All helpers are welcome! If you have questions, please contact David Haigler.

Just a Reminder from your Stewardship Committee: If you are interested in recycling aluminum drink cans ONLY, (NO food cans or pie plates) bring them to the church and put them in the bins behind the small storage buildings past the carport by the last Wednesday of each month. Thank you for helping us do this small part to protect the environment!

Building Clean-Up Nears Completion!

A big *THANK YOU!* to all who have worked so hard behind the scenes to help sort, clean, dispose of and remove items as we clean up the Parish Hall after the renovation. We still have some sorting and returning of items to their places, including Worship, SS and Youth supplies, furniture, and seasonal decorations. We are currently making decisions as to the best use of our new space, and soon, we will be able to set up the Lingle Room again. We look forward to the day when we can gather again safely for our 3rd Sunday Family Day meals, but we just don't know at this time when that may be. So, pray for the number of cases to continue to decline in our community! Thank you, God, for the faithful servants who have cared for the property of MZSL so well! Amen!



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Save the date
September 12

A Message from Churchwide in Chicago:

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Sept. 12**, when congregations of the ELCA will come together for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. As we gather together in service to our neighbors, we are reminded of one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: all of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

You work every day to make your community a better place.

We look forward to working together with you on "God's work. Our hands." Sunday.

Mt. Zion – St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Please help keep this prayer list current. Contact Tracy Choppla to add or remove names.

Pray for Members: Franchelle Arnold, Al Coogle, Mary Jane Ethridge, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, Emily Harvill, Myrtle Joiner, Zack Martin, Helen Smith, Tricia Trask, Tony Webb, our college students, and for all the ministries of our church.

For Friends and Family: Susan Brennen, Bonnie Goodrich, Janice Haugabook, Ricky Haugabook, Bob Melvin, Crystal Miller, Buddy Murph, Charlene Oliver, Don Oliver, Charles Perry, Leigh Powel, Karen Weathersbee and family, for Marina's friend Chrystal, for our nation, and the world.

Serving Our Nation: John Edwards