



April 2022

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

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- 4-3 S.S. 10 a.m.
Worship live at 11:00 a.m.
Online option available
Soup and Small Group after worship Lent 5
And... Making Palm Crosses
- 4-5 Centering Prayer 8:30a
- 4-10 Palm Sunday
S.S. 10 a.m.
Worship live at 11:00 a.m.
Online option available
- 4-11, 12 & 13 MUMC
Holy Week Noon Lunch
- 4-12 Centering Prayer 8:30
- 4-14 Maundy Thursday
6:30 p.m.
- 4-15 Good Friday 6:30p
- 4-16 Easter Vigil Bonfire
MZSL carport 7:30-8:30p
- 4-17 Easter Sunday
Joint Sunrise Service
Oglethorpe Cemetery 7a.m
Breakfast at MZSL after
No S.S Worship live at
11:00 a.m. *Online option*
Newsletter Deadline
- 4-19 No Centering Prayer
PB on vaca 4-18 - 4-25
- 4-24 S.S. 10 am
Worship live at 11:00 a.m.
Online option available
PB on vacation
- 4-26 Centering Prayer
8:30 a.m.
- 4-30 Highway Clean-up 9a

Easter Egg Prayers...

It was that time of year again. Time to go to my closet and dig out my favorite Easter decoration to display on the dining room table. I opened the tub and took out the cardboard egg carton that has seen a few years but still serves its purpose. I opened the lid and smiled down at the five brightly colored eggs nestled safely inside.



These are special eggs, called pysanky (plural of *pysanka*). Each one had been handmade especially for me by a friend of my late husband. He had given me one each year on Easter morning with great fanfare, and they have only become more precious over the years. Not just because he gave them to me, but because they are a reminder, as all Easter eggs are, of the promise of the Resurrection. The egg represents the tomb in which our Lord was laid, with new life hidden inside, ready to burst forth.

This year, my pysanky have taken on new meaning for me. I learned that these beautiful symbols of Easter originated in Ukraine. The name originated from the Ukrainian word *pysaty* which means “to write”, as the designs are not *painted* on a raw egg but are *written* (or inscribed) on it using a stylus, beeswax and dye. Pysanky are unique, as each egg is made with prayers and symbols chosen especially for the person who would receive it on Easter morning. I learned this about my eggs from a pastor friend who has long been making pysanky and appreciates their symbolism. This year, they have new meaning for her, as well, in that she is prayerfully making a pysanka to send to each of several Ukrainian refugees she is in contact with from the war between Ukraine and Russia.

What better way to show love and support to these displaced persons than by keeping one of their treasured traditions alive! For myself, I have made a little shrine with my five pysanky, surrounding them with candles and handwritten prayers that the war will end and that those who have had to flee their country will find welcome and shelter, until, hopefully, they are able to return home to rebuild. If you want to try your hand at making these beautiful symbols of Easter yourself, you can go online and find pysanky kits and instructions as to how it is done. But remember, the most important part of this tradition are the prayers that are spoken over each egg.

I am so glad I learned the history behind my pysanky! From now on, not only will they be a *personal* reminder for me of the resurrection and that I will see my lost loved ones again, but they will be a *global* reminder that, one day, God’s will *will* be done, on earth as in heaven. One day, God’s kingdom will come in full. God will judge between the nations, and peace will reign. We will beat our weapons into farming tools, and war will be no more. Pray for that day to come.

In the meantime, live in the promise held in the Easter egg, and enjoy each day!

Happy Easter, Pastor Barb <><

*...they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more. Isaiah 2:4*



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1.	2 A.J Collier
3 S.S. 10 a.m. Worship 11am Online option Soup & small group making palm crosses Emma Felker	4	5 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.m.	6	7	8 Tommy & Wendi Martin	9
10 Palm Sunday S.S. 10 a.m. Worship 11am Online option Will Haigler	11 MUMC Holy week noon Lunch PB preaches	12 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.m. MUMC Holy week noon Lunch	13 MUMC Holy week noon Lunch	14 Maundy Thursday 6:30p	15 Good Friday 6:30 pm	16 Easter Vigil Bonfire MZSL carport 7:30-8:30 pm Maggie Rodgers Allotton
17 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service Oglethorpe Cemetery 7a.m. Breakfast at MZSL to follow. No S.S Worship at 11:00 a.m Online option Newsletter Deadline	18	19 No Centering Prayer	20	21	22	23
Pastor Barb on vacation						
		Renee Maddox Collier		Jon & Karen Coogle		Ava Felker
24 School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Online option available	25 Pastor Barb on vacation	26 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.	27	28 Sara Morgan Martin Katie Gentile	29	30 Highway Clean-up Mt. Zion Cemetry 9am

Serving Our Lord in April

Altar Guild

Lectors

Ushers

Sound Technicians:

Kyrie

Acolyte

Mary Haigler and Max Wood

Duck Koch and Tracy Choppla

Arthur Jackson & Billy Martin

Bobby Martin & Duck Koch

Tommy Martin

Ava Felker

Family Day: 4-3 *Soup and Small Group* luncheon following worship

Karen and Jon Coogle

Coffee Hour: 04-03 Wendi Martin

04-10 Angela Cannon

04-17 No coffee Hour

04-24 Mary Haigler

Flowers

4-03 Jon and Karen Coogle in memory of Barbara and Bill Scovill.

4-10 Dale Godfrey in loving memory of Roy M. and Doris Coogle and
in honor of Kyrie and Alita.

4-17 Easter Lilies

4-24 Easter Lilies

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

Youth: Upstairs – Katie Felker, Angela Hobbs, & Renee Collier teaching.

Adult: *Lingle Room* – John Coogle & David Haigler teaching.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

4-02 A 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

Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pickup

Our Adopt-A-Highway litter pickup is scheduled for Saturday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m. at the Mt. Zion site on Highway 26. If you have questions, please contact David Haigler.

Voting Members for Synod Assembly Elected

At its March meeting the congregation council elected Mary and David Haigler as the MZSL lay voting members for the 2022 Synod Assembly. They will join Pastor Barb in attending the assembly June 3-5 in Chattanooga. David will also be attending the Synod Council meeting on Thursday, June 4 and the Executive Committee meeting on the evening of Wednesday, June 3. If you have questions about this year's assembly, visit the Southeastern Synod website at elca.org or contact Pastor Barb or David.

QUILTERS NEEDED

Due to COVID-19 and the construction on the Parish House, we have not had a group quilting session in over two years. We're rested, our quilting materials are organized in our updated facility, and we feel safe to quilt again, but we need quilters. If you're thinking that you are not a quilter and don't have the skills needed, you're wrong. If you can cut a marked straight line, tie a knot, or sew a straight line using a sewing machine, you have the necessary skills. Our quilts are simple to make, and we work together helping each other. We also have a lot of fun doing it.

If you are interested in quilting with the group once a month at the church, let me, Mary Haigler, know by calling me at 478-244-9726 or just telling me at church. After we know who will be in our once a month group, we can decide on a time suitable to all. If you are not able to meet once a month with the group, perhaps you'd be interested in cutting squares at your home at your convenience. I will get you the fabric already marked into the appropriate size squares, and you can cut as you have time.

The quilts that we make at Mt. Zion-St. Luke join with others made in Lutheran churches all over the country to be distributed all over the world through Lutheran World Relief. Our prayer, as always, is that each person who receives a quilt not only feels the warmth of the quilt, but also the warmth of God's love.



Holy Week

Looking Ahead to Holy Week 2022

Palm Sunday, April 10th:Procession of the Psalms 11:00 a.m. with online option
Holy Monday, April 11th NOON: Lunch and Meditation at Montezuma UMC, PB preaching
Holy Tuesday April 12th NOON: Lunch and Meditation at Montezuma UMC
Holy Wednesday April 13th NOON: Lunch and Meditation at Montezuma UMC
Maundy Thursday, April 14th Worship live at 6:30 p.m. with online option
Good Friday, April 15th Worship live at 6:30 p.m. with online option
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 16th ...Bonfire with Bible Readings, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 17th Joint Sunrise Service around 7:00 a.m. at the Oglethorpe Cemetery, led by MZSL. *Breakfast to follow in the Lingle Room.* No S.S
Easter Sunday Worship Service live at 11:00 am with online option at MZSL

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Congregation Vitality Soup and Small Group!

We have one more Sunday in Lent to gather after worship for a meal and conversation as to what we have heard from listening to our neighbors over the past three weeks. On April 3rd, we will gather in a large group and share what we have discovered so far as to unmet needs, hopes and dreams, and places where others might be underserved in our community. We will brainstorm as to how we as a people of God might share the blessings God has given us by meeting one or two of those needs. Please make every effort to join us and share your “listenings”, as whatever ministry we arrive at from these conversations needs to be one the whole church can get behind. We will know from our gathering if we are ready to pursue a ministry or if we need to talk more with our neighbors before we choose. And, most important, please pray for the Spirit’s guidance in this.

I thank everyone who has been able to contact their persons or agencies and look forward to learning what we all have heard God say! ***Blessings, Pastor Barb <><***

Ps. We will also make Palm Crosses on 4-3 for Palm Sunday, thanks to Jon Coogle, who will bring the palms.

Please help keep this prayer list current. Contact the Church Office to update list.

Pray for Members: Al Coogle, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, Emily Harvill, Myrtle Joiner, Zack Martin, Joy McNutt, Brenda McNutt, Helen Smith, Angie and Heather Summer, Jim and Tricia Trask, Tony Webb, our college students, and for all the ministries of our church.

For Friends and Family: Carl Ethridge, Andy Harvill, Dan Harvill Jr., Carol Jacobs, Janice Haugabook, Cleveland Hobbs, Bob Melvin, Crystal Miller, Buddy Murph, Charlene Oliver, Don Oliver, Leigh Powel, Ann Roberts, Judy Stegal, Marina’s friend Chrystal, our nation, Ukraine and the world. *Serving our nation: John Edwards*