



**August 2017**

# Good News

**Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran**

## August 2017

- 8-1 Centering Prayer 8:30 a
- 8-2 Soup Kitchen 12:00  
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 8-3 LLL Bingo
- 8-6 SS/Worship  
Personnel Mtg.
- 8-7 Grace Circle 10:00 a.m.
- 8-8 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.  
Quilting 10:0 a.m.
- 8-9 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 8-13 SS/Worship
- 8-15 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.
- 8-16 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 8-17 Oaks Nursing  
Home 10:00 a.m.
- 8-20 SS/Worship  
Family Day  
Mutual Ministry Mtg.
- 8-22 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.
- 8-23 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 8-27 Council Mtg. 8:30 a.m.  
SS/Worship  
Evangelism Mtg.



### *O Taste and See that the Lord is Good...*

The sun shone through the jar of honey on my window sill, lighting it up from the inside like a lava lamp; liquid gold, slow moving and mesmerizing. I stopped what I was doing. It felt good just to look at it. But, I had to have a taste! I took the lid off and stuck a honey dipper into the jar, watching as it slowly sank to the bottom.

There is something soothing in watching honey swirl around on a wooden dipper. As long as you keep it moving, the honey curls around itself in amber waves and folds. It won't drip. But, when all motion stops, the honey is pulled down by its own weight to drip slowly over a warm biscuit, or dissolve in hot tea, adding an indescribable sweetness to whatever you drizzle it on or in.

Fascinating stuff, honey. Thick and sweet and good, eating honey is something you shouldn't rush. It is something to savor, and enjoy. No wonder the Word of the Lord has been compared to the pleasure of eating honey! It, too, is something to take your time with; to savor and enjoy.

Psalm 19:10 describes the blessings to be found in God's word as "...sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." The prophet Ezekiel ate a scroll from God, saying, "... in my mouth it was as sweet as honey." (Eze. 3:3) Jeremiah said "When I discovered your words, I devoured them. They are my joy and my heart's delight." (Jer. 15:16.)

August is the beginning of the end of summer. Vacations end. School begins. The fruits and vegetables have been put up. The grass, hopefully, will only need cutting once a week, and your porch swing beckons. In the middle of it all, find the time to stop all motion and sit with God's word. Read it like you were eating the best honey. Roll it around on your tongue. Savor it. Take pleasure in it. Let its sweetness bring you joy and delight your heart.

O, taste and see that the Lord is good indeed!

*Blessings on your slow read, Pastor Barb <><*

*How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth.*

*Psalm 119:103*

## Serving Our Lord in August

**Communion Assistant**

Gail Coogle

**Ushers**

Bob Koch and George Smith

**Altar Guild**

Bob Koch and Tommy Martin

**Lectors**

David Haigler and Max Wood

**Acolytes:**

**8-6** Winn Martin, **8-13** Dulcie Choppla, **8-20** Dulcie Choppla, **8-27** Dulcie Choppla

**Family Day Hosts:** Dale Godfrey, Jon & Karen Coogle, Jimmy & Tricia Trask,  
Tony Webb

**Coffee Hour:**

**8-6** Dale Godfrey, **8-13** Nancy McCarty, **8-20** Karen Coogle, **8-27** Katie Felker

**Flowers:**

**8-6:** Julia Snipes to the glory of God.

**8-13:** Jamie and Mary Ellen Peaster in loving memory of Teresa Childs and  
Billy Peaster\*

**8-20:** Jimmy and Mary Kay Watson in loving memory of her parents, Thelma and  
Maynard Melton.

**8-27:** Arthur Jackson in honor of his children, Amanda and Austin.

**Soup Kitchen:** Tricia Trask

**Children's Sermon:**

**8-6** Katie Felker, **8-13** Wendy Martin, **8-20** Renee Collier, **8-27** Mary Haigler

**Sunday School Teachers**

4-9 year olds – Angela Cannon

4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade – Katie Felker

Adult Class Lingle Room – Jon Coogle

Adult Class – Wendi Martin

### August Birthdays and Anniversaries

8-2 Bess Edwards

8-21 Jim Trask

8-7 Tony & Renee Collier

8-23 Jennifer Kleckley

8-9 Jeremy & Susan Martin

8-24 Haley Cannon

8-11 David & Mary Hagler

8-26 Tommy Coogle

8-14 Jessica Coogle

8-31 Zach Martin

**“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday  
Sept. 10, 2017**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**LOCAL DROP-OFF SITES**  
for LWR Quilt & Kit donations



The MZSL Quilters would like to thank you again for the donations collected during Lent of this year that went to purchase quilting supplies. Our group of quilters have been busy sewing quilts to donate to Lutheran World Relief. On the LWR web site, they speak of the importance of this ministry, saying, “Imagine the comfort that comes from a hug at the time when you need it most. That’s the feeling you can share with a LWR Quilt. Through a simple combination of fabric and thread, you can reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope — you are not alone.”

**First and foremost, recipients use their LWR Quilts to shield against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding.** But their versatility also makes Quilts useful as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother’s back.

Kirk Betts, former Chairman of LWR Board of Directors said *“There is, indeed, a transforming moment when a Quilt passes from our hands into another’s, and they embrace it.”*

According to an article from the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA, last year, they collected a record number of quilts – 4,159! After consolidating the loads, they fully packed 3 tractor trailers to get all of these Quilts to the LWR warehouse in Maryland! They exceeded their collection goal with a total of 38,764 pounds – that’s over 19 TONS!

Collections of quilts for our area this year will be **August 25 and 26**. We have thirteen quilts on hand and hope to have one or two more before we deliver them. This is good work we are a part of. Thank you for your support!

*We have had many quilters since we began in August of 2014. They are:, Neelema Choppla, Debra Coogle, Mary Jane Ethridge, Mary Haigler, Emily Harvil, Myrtle Joiner, Sharon Martin,,Sandy Schaefer Julia Snipes, and Sharon Martin. They meet Mondays at 10.00 am in the Lingle room. You don’t have to sew to help! Come and see how you can be a part of this important ministry.*

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### **Congratulations on your Graduation!**

We celebrate with Jacob Webb, son of Tony and Judy Webb, who graduated from highschool this year, *with honors!* Jacob will begin working on his undergraduate degree in Engineering this August at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC.

Our prayers go with you, Jacob, for laughter and safety and joy in learning.

*Many blessings, from your friends at Mt. Sion – St. Luke!*

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### **CALLING ALL CAMPERS! CAMP OUT WEEKEND VBS at MZSL**

This year, MZSL is hosting a different kind of VBS. We will have a Camp Out weekend on Friday, August 18 (6:00 pm. – 8:30 pm. - Dinner will be provided.) and Saturday, August 19 (9:00 am – 11:30 pm. - Morning snack will be provided.) Join us for a fun time of Music, Bible stories, Arts and Crafts, and much more! This will include kids from age 3 – High School.

Contact: Wendi Martin at 478-957-6614 to volunteer or register.

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**Prayer List**

***Please Pray For Members:*** Jim Arnold, Al Coogle (and Debra), Bess Edwards, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, Mary Hammock, Myrtle Joiner, Nancy McCarty, Tommy Martin, Zack Martin, Helen Smith, Leigh Powell, Tricia Trask, Tony Webb and Lucile Williams.

***For Friends and Family:*** Matthew Anderson, John Arnold, Trey Chapple, Chic Cole, Brian Dietz, Karen Drysdale, Joann Edwards, Allison Greene, Langdon Harp, Freddie & Linda Hartley, Jenny Joiner, Nancy Joyce, Mary Lamberth, Harris Lott, Charlene Oliver, Ron Ricklef, Kim Sangster, Virginia Taylor, Angela Trussell, for our Military and for all the ministries of our church.

***Serving Our Nation:***

John Edwards

Please help us keep this prayer list current. To add or remove someone, contact the church office. Thanks!