

December 2013

Good News

Mt Zion-St Luke Lutheran Church



December

December 1st

Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.

December 2nd

Grace Circle 10:00 a.m.

December 4th

Advent Meal & Service
6:00 p.m.

December 5th

LLL Trip to Red Lobster
11:00 a.m.

December 8th

Council Meeting 8:30 a.m.
Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.
Church Christmas Party 6:00 p.m.

December 10th

Macon Co. Historical Committee
Christmas Party Lingle Room 7:00
p.m.
Foster Kid's Christmas Party 6:00
p.m. at Montezuma United
Methodist Church

December 11th

Advent Meal & Service
6:00 p.m.

December 12th

LLL Christmas Party 10:00 a.m.
Come Walk Thru Bethlehem
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

December 13th

Come Walk Thru Bethlehem
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

December 18th

Advent Meal & Service
6:00 p.m.

December 19th

The Oaks Nursing Home Visit
10:00 a.m.

December 22nd

Children's Christmas Pageant
No Family Day Dinner

December 24th

Christmas Eve Service

Change has come again to Mt. Zion – St. Luke, as we find ourselves once again without a Pastor. This is not the first time, nor do I venture to say will it be the last. For many of us, we are saddened at Pastor Harry's leaving. But I choose to rejoice for him, as he and Barbara answer God's call to serve another congregation. I pray that they will be loved and cared for as they follow where God leads them.

I was reminded recently by one of our members that even in times of great difficulties that God has a plan for us. Please continue to pray that God will be with us and lead Mt Zion & St Luke Lutheran as we adjust to this time without a fulltime pastor.

Earlier in November, we asked members to complete the Time and Talent Survey. If you haven't completed your survey yet, please do so soon. We all have gifts and talents that God has given us and our church needs them now more than ever. No one person is great at every task, but we can all serve.

As we move forward in the process of calling a new Pastor, it is crucial that the Council keep the congregation informed. Council has already met with the Bishop's new assistant. She will be helping us to identify the challenges facing our congregation. She suggested that as we move thru the process that we be honest in our communications with each other. It is important that we recognize that within our church family there are many differing opinions and ideas. We should be accepting and caring of each other, recognizing and respecting our differences. As Paul told the church in Corinth, Is the hand any less a member of the body than the foot or the eye or the ear? We are all equal members of the body of Christ and should act accordingly. Love one another, respect the gifts of others, watch our words, and forgive as we are forgiven.

As we look forward to the upcoming Advent season, look around you and take part in the many church and community events that are scheduled locally. We will be directly involved with "Come Walk thru Bethlehem" on December 12th, 13th and know that you will be blessed by it. Share with others as you are able and continue to pray for those less fortunate, here at home and around the world.

Article Written by: Julia Snipes

Serving Our Lord in December 2013

Communion Assistant: Mary Haigler
Ushers: Steve Felker & Mack McCarty
Altar Guild: Mary Haigler & Tommy Martin
Lectors: Tommy Martin & Julia Snipes

Acolytes: 12-1 Tracey Choppla, 12-8 Sara Morgan Martin, 12-15 Kelsi Cannon, 12-22 Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr., 12-29 Tracey Choppla

Family Day Dinner Host: No Family Day Dinner

Coffee Hour: 1st Jon Coogle, 8th Wendi Martin, 15th Gail Coogle, 22nd Mary Jane Crook, 29th Sharon Martin

Flowers: 12-1 David & Mary Haigler in honor of Ava and Emma
12-8 Wendi & Tommy Martin in honor of Sara Morgan Martin and Wynn Martin
12-15 Billy & Ginny Martin in honor of Laney, Landon and Zach
12-22 Poinsettias
12-29 Poinsettias

Soup Kitchen: Linda Rodgers & Jenny Brannan

Children's Sermon Rotation & Children's Church Rotation: 1st Sunday: Katie Felker /Jenny Brannan, 2nd Sunday: Wendi Martin/Karen Hatten, 3rd Sunday: Renee Collier/ Renee Collier, 4th Sunday: Jon Coogle/Jon Coogle 5th Sunday: Wendi Martin/ Renee Collier

Sunday School Schedule
4-6 year old class – Angela Hobbs
4th – 6th Grade class – Renee Collier

Grace Circle

Grace Circle will meet Monday, December 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in the Lingle Room.

Annual Church Christmas Party

The annual Church Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m. Please remember to bring monetary donations to be used for the Foster Kid's Christmas Presents. We have a record number of Foster Children this year with 38 children in need of Christmas. We will need volunteers to make Layered Salads and Cakes for the party. Please contact Gail Coogle if you can volunteer.

Our Stewardship of Attendance

	October 2012	October 2013
1 st Sunday	68	59
2 nd Sunday	58	44
3 rd Sunday	61	77
4 th Sunday	70	66

LLL Reminders for December

Thursday, December 5th – Trip to Red Lobster – Leave Church at 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 12th – LLL Christmas Party 10:00 a.m. Please bring a gift to exchange, a gift to give to the soup kitchen (something small like a bottle of lotion, gloves, etc.) and a pick up food to eat at the Christmas Party.

Living Loving Lutherans News

At the November meeting of the Living Loving Lutherans those present signed Christmas Cards to be mailed to veterans, military families and active-duty service members at hospitals and installations around the world. 30 Cards were sent to Holiday Mail for heroes through the Red Cross.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation shall be held Sunday, December 8th immediately after church services.

Come Walk Thru Bethlehem

December 12th and 13th 7:00 until 9:00. As many of you know we here at MZSL will be participating in the first Come Walk Thru Bethlehem at the Oglethorpe City Park with 8 other churches.

We are in need of the following:

People: Census Taker, Wine Merchant, Women at the Well, Angels and General People
Items: Plastic/Rubber Grapes, Jars for Wine, Water Jars (Pottery), Homemade Cookies and Money Donations. Please see Mary Haigler if you can help out in any way with this project.

Foster Kid's Christmas Party

The annual Foster Kid's Christmas Party will be held December 10th at the Montezuma Methodist Church at 6:00 p.m. MZSL will be the host of this year's party. We need volunteers to make Christmas Cookies for the party. Please contact Gail Coogle if you can help with the party or make Christmas cookies.

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Prayer List

Members:

Mary Hammock	Sarah Trask	Linda Rodgers	Diana Dunten	Mary Jane Crook
Zach Martin	Bess Edwards	Christina Ethridge	Margie Parks	Bobby Trussell
Virginia Costos	Wendi Martin			

Friends and Family

Matthew Anderson – Tommy and Gail Coogle’s friend	Dianna Bartlett – Judy Shearon’s daughter
Shirlene Kelley – Annette Coogle’s friend	Rev Bill Hurdle – Jon & Tommy’s Uncle
Langdon Harp – Cheryl Harp’s Son	Lou Riccardi – Friend of Mack McCarty
Mary Ellen Tedrow – Pastor Harry’s mother	Carol Melton
Karen Drysdale – Friend of Pastor Harry	Chic Cole
Rick Gentile – Katie Robinson Gentile’s father-in-law	Betty Jo McCloud – Family of Franchelle Arnold
Shelby Parker – Annette Coogle’s friend	
Margie McCarty – Mack McCarty’s Mother	
Patricia Hortman- Debra’s Friend	
Leigh Ann Murray – Hammock, Harvill relative	Freddie & Linda Hartley- Friends of Lucile Williams
Becky Albritton – Daughter of Karan Albritton	Mary Watson – Jimmy Watson’s mother
Stevie Roach – Leslie McCarty Roach’s Brother-in-law	

Please let Debra know if we need to add or remove names.

December

7 th Chipper Coogle	10 th Helen Smith
11 th Ted Robinson	11 th Angela Hobbs
11 th Alita Godfrey	11 th Harry & Barbara Tedrow
15 th Bobby & Sharon Martin	16 th Margie Parks
19 th Thomas Coogle	19 th Jim Arnold
21 st Rachel Skinner	23 rd Jim & Tricia Trask
25 th Karen Coogle	26 th Kenny & Margie Parks
27 th Linda Rodgers	29 th Steve & Katie Felker