



February 2018

# Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

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- 2-01 LLL Bingo 10:00 a.m
- 2-03 Macon County Ministerial Alliance 9:00 a.m. in Lingle Room
- 2-04 Personnel Meeting SS/Worship
- 2-05 Grace Circle 10:00 a.m.  
Pastor Barb on Vacation February–5<sup>th</sup> - February 12<sup>th</sup>
- 2-06 *No Centering Prayer*
- 2-07 Soup Kitchen noon  
*No Bible Study*
- 2-11 SS/Worship
- 2-12 Quilting 10:00 a.m.
- 2-13 Centering Prayer 8:30
- 2-14 **Ash Wednesday**  
7:00 p.m.
- 2-15 Oaks Nursing Home 10:00 a.m.
- 2-18 SS/Worship  
Family Day  
Mutual Ministry
- 2-20 Centering Prayer 8:30
- 2-21 Lent 1 Worship/Meal 6:15 p.m.
- 02-25 Council Mtg 8:45 a.m  
SS/Worship  
Evangelism Mtg after Church
- 2-27 Centering Prayer 8:30
- 2-28 Lent 2 Worship/Meal 6:15 p.m.

## “The Hurrier I go, the Behinder I get.”

My mother had a plaque in her kitchen that read “The hurrier I go, the behinder I get.” I didn’t understand it as a child. Back then, my days stretched out before me like US 80 across Nebraska – flat, unwavering, and with no end in sight. There was time. Always, there was time to do the things I wanted to do. And if I ran out of day before I was through, well, no matter. There was always tomorrow.

Today, I understand the meaning of that plaque all too well. My days seem to have gotten shorter. I hit the floor running in the morning, and sometimes, don’t stop till I fall into bed at night, exhausted from trying to finish everything on my “To Do” list. But, the hurrier I go, the behinder I get. The busier I get, the more things seem to pile up, and running through the back of my mind is the reality that I may not have tomorrow.

I am not alone in this. I greet a friend. “Hi! How are you?” I ask. “Oh, busy...busy.” he replies. So many people are so busy! It’s like someone pushed the fast forward button on the world and walked away and left it! Technology is advancing so fast that new devices are obsolete practically before they hit the market! New ideas are buzzing around like sand gnats, and for some of us, can be just as irritating, because they can be hard to see and harder to get a hold of. Exciting times, yes! But, for many of us, we could use a little time to catch up! To stop the frantic pace long enough to catch our breath. To just... *slow... down...*

Lent is the time when we reach out and push the “Stop” button. It is the time in the Church year when we *take* time to *make* time - time to be alone, with our thoughts, and with our God. Time to sit, and think and rest. Time to let the dust settle around us, and let the earth catch up with itself.

It is not easy to get off the merry-go-round and quit spinning for a while. That is why we call the extra time we spend with God in prayer and worship and fellowship the *Lenten Disciplines*. You have to really be intentional if you are going to see it through. But, the time is well spent. When you take the time to renew and refresh your spirit, suddenly, the busy-ness becomes more manageable, and your “To Do” list less demanding.

So, give yourself a break! Make a promise to yourself *and to God* that you will make the time to spend this Lenten season with him. Set aside the five Wednesday evenings in Lent to worship and share a meal with your fellow pilgrims here at Mt. Zion – St. Luke. You *know* your soul is *desperate* for it!

***Inviting you to take a slow ride this Lent...Pastor Barb <><***

***Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him.***

*Psalm 62:5*

## Serving Our Lord in February

<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Tommy Coogle
<b>Ushers</b>	Will Haigler and Bobby Moretz
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bobby Martin and Tricia Trask
<b>Lectors</b>	Katie Felker and Max Wood
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Laney Martin

### **Family Day Dinner:**

Renee Collier & Tony Collier; Jon & Karen Coogle; Arthur Jackson; Tommy & Gail Coogle; Tommy & Wendi Martin

### **Coffee Hour:**

<b>2-4</b> Mary Haigler	<b>2-11</b> Sharon Martin
<b>2-18</b> Gail Coogle	<b>2-25</b> Arthur Jackson

### **Flowers:**

2-4: Diane Cagle in honor of her mother, Myrtle Joiner

2-11: Diane Cagle in honor of her mother, Myrtle Joiner and in loving memory of her father, Ralph Joiner and husband, Charles

2-18: Karen Hatten to the Glory of God

2-25: Max Wood in honor of Brandon and Langdon

**Soup Kitchen:** Soup Kitchen: February 7th, Noon: Gail Coogle, Mary Jane Ethridge, Julia Snipes

### **Sunday School Teachers:**

**K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Angela Cannon                      **6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Susan Martin

**Adult Class Lingle Room** – David Haigler    **Adult Class Conference Room**– Wendi Martin

## January Birthdays and Anniversaries

2-4 Grady English	2-16 Al Coogle, Sr.
2-8 Sonny Raburn	2-18 Grady & Patsy English
2-8 Wendi Martin	2-19 Landon Head
2-11 Bobby Martin	2-26 Glenn Brannon

## ***Thank You! from the Boys & Girls Club***

January 13.2018

This letter is to thank you for your 2017 donations to the Boys & Girls Club of Macon County. The donation of \$300 for our children is greatly appreciated and will help us continue to offer great opportunities for these youth. We sincerely appreciate your continued support of our organization.

Thanks again!

*Andrea Sartiano*. Interim Chief Professional Officer  
Boys and Girls Club of Americus/Sumter County, Inc.

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### **Bread For The Journey:**

#### **A High-Carb, Multisensory Lenten Worship Series!**

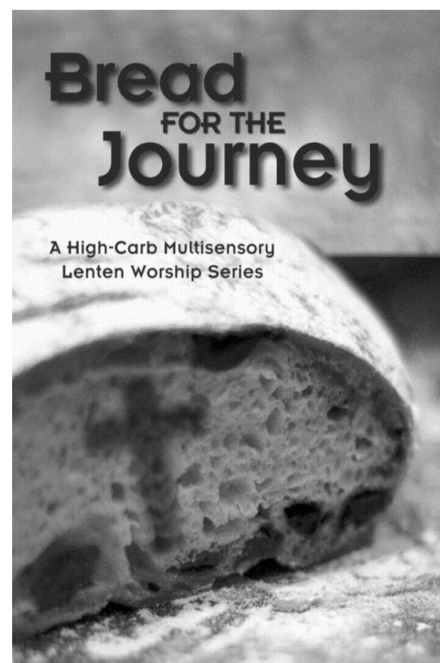
There is nothing better than the smell of fresh baked bread! This Lent we are offering a Lenten worship series called ***Bread For the Journey***. Each Wednesday evening at 6:15, we will fill our sanctuary with the aroma of fresh baked bread right out of the oven! We will hear a brief message based on a theme, like hospitality, generosity, sufficiency, and trust. A different bread represents the theme each week. After the worship, we will gather for a simple meal, and will eat the bread prepared for that week's theme.

The weekly titles for the series are:

<b>Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018</b>	“Journey Bread”	<i>Granary Bread</i>
<b>Lent 1: Wednesday, February 21, 2018</b>	“Welcome Bread”	<i>Cinnamon Raisin Bread</i>
<b>Lent 2: Wednesday, February 28, 2018</b>	“Unleavened Bread”	<i>Herb Flat Bread</i>
<b>Lent 3: Wednesday, March 7, 2018</b>	“Daily Bread”	<i>Sweet White Bread</i>
<b>Lent 4: Wednesday, March 14, 2018</b>	“More Than Bread”	<i>Apricot Bread</i>
<b>Lent 5: Wednesday, March 21, 2018</b>	“Abundant Bread”	<i>Sweet Potato Bread</i>
<b>Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018</b>	“Body Bread”	<i>Honey Barley Bread</i>
<b>Good Friday, March 30, 2018</b>	“Betrayer’s Bread”	<i>Pumpnickel Bread</i>
<b>Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018</b>	“Bread of Life”	<i>Honey Oatmeal Bread</i>

Come and join us for a Lenten series that feeds your hunger *and* your soul!

*The offerings donated at the Lenten meal will benefit a social ministry.*



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**Prayer List**

***Please Pray For Members:*** Jim Arnold, Al Coogle, Bess Edwards, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, Mary Hammock, Myrtle Joiner, Mack McCarty, Nancy McCarty, Tommy Martin, Zack Martin, George Smith, Helen Smith, Leigh Powell, Tricia Trask, Tony Webb, Lucile Williams, for all the ministries of our church and for our Military.

***For Friends and Family:*** Matthew Anderson, John Arnold, Caroline Burdette, Trey Chapple, Chic Cole, Brian Dietz, Karen Drysdale, Joann Edwards, Chris Fox, Trey Futrelle, Allison Greene, Langdon Harp, Freddie & Linda Hartley, Curtis Johnson, Jenny Joiner, Nancy Joyce, Mary Lamberth, Harris Lott, Charlene Oliver, David Peaster, Charles Perry, Ron Ricklef, Kim Sangster and Virginia Taylor.

***Serving Our Nation:*** John Edwards