



February 2019

# Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

**February 2019**

- 2-3 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
- 2-4 Grace Circle 10:00 a.m.
- 2-5 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.
- 2-6 Soup Kitchen Noon  
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
- 2-7 LLL Bingo
- 2-10 Council Mtg. 8:45  
SS/Worship 11:00 p.m.  
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
- 2-12 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.  
Quilting 10:00 a.m.
- 2-13 Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
- 2-14 *Valentine's Day*
- 2-17 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Family Day Meal  
Mutual Day Ministry  
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.  
**Newsletter Deadline**
- 2-19 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.
- 2-20 Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
- 2-21 Oaks Nursing  
Home 10:00 a.m.
- 2-24 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evangelism Mtg. Noon  
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
- 2-26 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.
- 2-27 Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

*On the Eve of a Lunar Eclipse...*

I stood in the sand at 6:00 p.m., and watched the waves lap lazily at the shoreline. In and out, in and out they moved in a steady and mesmerizing rhythm. Before me, the sun was setting in a glorious blaze of oranges, reds and pinks against a twilight sky. Behind me rose the Super Blood Wolf Moon, casting a golden trail of light across the water. I kept turning around in circles, pained to know that as I watched the beauty of the sun as it set, I was missing the beauty of the moon on the rise, and I wished I could look in both directions at once.



The night settled in, clear and cold. The wind off the Gulf cut through my winter coat, and I envied the trio of brave souls who had made a bonfire on the beach. They huddled as close as they dared to the flames, while the breeze sent me scuttling back and forth to the warmth of our room. In and out, in and out I went, much like the waves, in a rhythm of my own, as I watched the earth's shadow slowly creep across the face of the moon, turning it that lovely coppery-red hue of a lunar eclipse. "Tell me when it is total, and I'll come out." my husband said from the comfort of his hotel room chair.

Other than those three stalwart souls, the beach was empty, and I stood alone under a vast expanse of star-filled sky and wondered at the incredible imagination and creativity of The Creator, creating still. The earth is a massive art gallery, where God exhibits his marvelous works, free to the public – no cover charge. Changing all the time, new displays continually reveal his handiwork, and I never tire of seeing what new and splendid thing God has done.

As I stood, face turned up toward the heavens, I was overcome with awe at the magnificent sight above me. A song of praise welled up from the depths of my being, and I sang into the wind, "O Lord, my Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" And, when the eclipse was total, I ran back to the room and called to my husband, "Come and see!"

Together we stood in companionable silence, buffeted by the cold wind, drinking in the beauty of the night and thanking God for it. There we were, two tiny specks in this vast universe, no bigger than the grains of sand under our feet, in God's eyes. And yet, our Father God knows each of us intimately, and delights in giving us good gifts, like the sand and the sea and the moon and the stars, and each other to enjoy it with. What wondrous love is this, O my soul?!!

*Happy Valentine's Day! Pastor Barb <><*

*When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. Psalm 8: 3-5*

## Serving Our Lord in February 2019

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

### **Coffee Hour:**

2-3	Mary Haigler	2-10	Sharon Martin
2-17	Gail Coogle	2-24	Arthur Jackson

### **Family Day Dinner:**

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

### **Flowers:**

- 2-3** Diane Cagle in honor of her mother, Myrtle Joiner
- 2-10** Diane Cagle in honor of her mother, Myrtle Joiner and in loving memory of her father, Ralph Joiner, and husband, Charles
- 2-17** Karen Hatten to the Glory of God in memory of Rick Hatten
- 2-24** Max Wood in honor of Brandon and Langdon

**Soup Kitchen:** February 6th, Noon – Gail Coogle and Mary Jane Ethridge

### **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

### February Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

## FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> - CONGREGATION VITALITY SURVEY

Just like our physical bodies, the Church, as the body of Christ, needs to have regular check-ups to stay healthy, so we can be about our Father's business. Jesus, our Great Physician, knows what we need to do to be a vital and growing community of faith. And, so, it is important that we stay in constant communication with him as to how we are doing as a people of God. We are to be a house of prayer, continually asking for the Spirit's direction and guidance as to the plans God has for us, and the way he would have us fulfill those plans. This is called *discernment*.

We are always to be asking, "What is the Mission God has for us, in this community, at this time, in the life of our congregation?" "Are we going in the direction God is leading us?" "Are we all headed in the same direction, with the same purpose in mind?" "What steps do we need to take to exercise and strengthen our faith, so we can keep participating with God in his work?"

With this in mind, your Congregation Council has identified a great way to take our congregation's 'temperature', so to speak – to discover how well all of our many varied parts are working together. It is called a *Congregation Vitality Survey*. It is a short and easy to fill out *confidential* questionnaire designed to identify the health of Mt. Zion – St. Luke as a people of God. All you have to do is fill in the little dots with a # 2 pencil! The information compiled from this data will help us discern where our energy and passion lies, so we can build on those strengths, and identify those areas of our ministry together that we need to build up.

We will be taking this survey on February 17<sup>th</sup>, when we gather for our Family Day Dinner. We will pray about it, then each of us will fill out the survey. Then, we will enjoy that great food that MZSL is famous for! You don't have to put your name on it, but you will need to mark your name off a list showing that you took the survey. We will bring you one later if you are unable to fill it out on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to help us stay healthy!

*Your Congregation Council*

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### **Prayer List**

***Please Pray For Members:*** Jim Arnold, Ann Cole; Al Coogle, Bess Edwards, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr., Mary Hammock, Zack Martin, Leigh Powell, Jacob Vickers; Tony Webb, Lucile Williams, for our college students, for all the ministries of our church and for our Military.

***For Friends and Family:*** Matthew Anderson, John Arnold, Glen Bradley, Trey Chapple, Chic Cole, Brian Dietz, Karen Drysdale, Chris Fox, Trey Futrell, Allison Greene, Langdon Harp, Freddie & Linda Hartley, Joseph Hill, Connie Johnson, Curtis Johnson, Jenny Joiner, Nancy Joyce, Mary Lamberth, Harris Lott, Crystal Miller, Charlene Oliver, David Peaster, Charles Perry, Tiffany Richards, Ron Ricklef, Kim Sangster, Douglas Smith, Virginia Taylor and Pat Williams.

**Serving Our Nation:** John Edwards



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