



July 2022

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

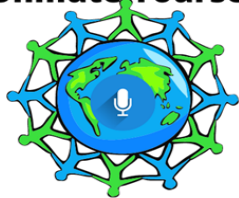
July 2022

- 7-3 Sunday School 10:00
Worship 11:00 a.m.
- 7-5 Centering Prayer 8:30a
- 7-6 Soup Kitchen at noon
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 7-10 Council 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00
Worship 11:00 a.m.
- 7-12 Centering Prayer am
- 7-13 Bible Study 7 p.m.
- 7-17 Sunday School 10:00
Worship 11:00 a.m.
**Family Day Dinner
Newsletter Deadline**
- 7-19 Centering Prayer
8:30 a.m.
- 7-20 Singing at The Oaks
10:30 a.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.
- 7-24 Sunday School 10:00
Worship 11:00 a.m.
- 7-26 Centering Prayer
8:30 a.m.
- 7-27 Bible Study 7 p.m.
- 7-31 Sunday School 10:00
Worship 11:00 a.m.

UNMUTE YOURSELF!

Voting members Mary Haigler, David Haigler and I attended this year’s synod assembly in Chattanooga *in-person*, for which we were very thankful. It was good to get back together with friends and colleagues face-to-face, to catch up with each other, worship together and conduct the business of the synod. The theme for the assembly was rather tongue-in-cheek, given the many times those of us participating in Zoom meetings during the pandemic started to speak only to find we had left ourselves on “mute”, so no one could hear what we were saying. The leaders would have to stop and say, “Unmute yourself!” During assembly sessions, several persons “unmuted” themselves, sharing their personal stories of faith that they had not shared before. Their examples showed us how we all might have the courage to “unmute” ourselves and tell our faith stories to our neighbors and friends, so that they, too, might come to believe. The stories were moving and inspiring, and a good reminder of why we gather as a Church – to tell the good news of Jesus in our own words, in the many diverse places God has planted us.

Unmute Yourself!



Southeastern Synod Assembly
June 3-5, 2022

It was wonderful for us to gather together with those from all four states in our synod to worship together, learn together at daily workshops, and visit the display tables of the ministry organizations that support the ministries of congregations with helpful resources. Representatives from Women of the ELCA, Global Mission, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Mission Investment Fund, Milagro, and Lutheranch, to name a few, were present to explain programs and offer suggestions as to how we can help others through these ministry opportunities. I even got a free book that details new material for our Congregation Vitality process. (see next page) Plus, we got to eat all of the free candy on their tables!

As always, synod assembly is a blessed experience for all who go. I thank Mary and David for being willing to serve as voting members and thank you all for sending us! I would encourage you to think about being a voting member yourself next year. You would not regret it! *Blessings, Pastor Barb <><*

Jesus said, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” Luke 8:26-39

Congregation Vitality Process Update

At our last Council meeting, we discussed where we would like the congregation to proceed with our Congregation Vitality process. Council decided that it would be best to get back to our conversations with the people on our lists in the Fall, when people are back from vacations. Hopefully, we all will have had a little relaxation time and will be ready to go forward. One of the most important things about this whole process, for me, is to remember the reason we are doing it in the first place. We as a church are very good at taking care of our own members and also supporting causes and crises that crop up. We are very good at sending money *away* where it is needed. I commend you for that. But what are we actually doing right here in Oglethorpe, for the people who live within the shadow of our steeple? That is where I hear God calling us to go next, and many of you felt it too. But, before we can begin a new ministry in town, we need to ask the people who live here what is needed. And we are about halfway there! That's a good start! So, over the summer, if you get a chance to have a conversation with your neighbor, and a chance to follow-up casually with the people or agency you chose to speak with, please do. Make notes and bring them with you when we gather together again in our Small Groups in the Fall. Maybe we can get a good idea from that of what we need to do next in the way of serving our city folk. Maybe we can use September 11th, God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, as our jumping off spot! In the meantime, be praying about the direction you feel God is leading MZSL. Enjoy your summer, and be ready to share your vision with us! *Thank you, Pastor Barb*

Confirmation, Pentecost Sunday, 6-5-2022

What a joyous celebration we had with our four confirmands on Pentecost Sunday! It is always such a blessing to see our young people mature and grow in their faith and take the next step on their spiritual journey. Here are a few pictures from that day in case you didn't see them on Face Book.



Left to right: Dolice Choppla, Winn Martin, Ava Felker, and Aiden Hobbs at the communion rail.



Ava Felker, Aiden Hobbs and Dolice Choppla with the cake in their honor after worship. (Winn Martin had to leave for work.)

Please keep these family and friends in your prayers: Al Coogle, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, Emily Harvill, Myrtle Joiner, Tommy Martin, Zack Martin, Joy McNutt, Helen Smith, Angie and Heather Summer, Tony Webb, our college students, and for all the ministries of our church. Pam Cole, Carl Ethridge, Dan Harvill Jr., Carol Jacobs, Janice Haugabook, Cleveland Hobbs, Brenda McNutt, Bob Melvin, Crystal Miller, Buddy Murph, Don Oliver, Leigh Powel, Ann Roberts, Judy Stegal, Marina's friend Crystal, Ukraine and the world.

Serving our nation: John Edwards

Serving Our Lord in July

Altar Guild

Angela Cannon & Jon Coogle

Lectors

Renee Collier & Duck Koch

Sound Technicians:

Bobby Martin, Duck Koch, Joy

McNutt

Acolyte

Sam Choppla

Family Day: Ted & Mary Lynn Robinson, Julia Snipes, Brenden Fitzgerald,
Jimmy & Mary Kay Watson

Coffee Hour:

07-03 Henry Kleckley

07-10 Jon Coogle

07-17 Arthur Jackson

07-24 TBA (need volunteers)

07-31 TBA (need volunteers)

Flowers

07-03 Jon and Karen Coogle in honor of their daughter, Callie

07-10 George and Helen Smith in honor of their children, grandchildren, and
great grandchildren

07-17 Bobby Moretz in loving memory of Jan Moretz and in honor of Lelan,
Ivy, Andy, and grandchild, Scarlet Elizabeth

07-24 Emily Harvill in loving memory of Dan Harvill, Mr. and Mrs. J.W.
Hammock, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harvill

07-31 Ted and Mary Lynn Robinson

Soup Kitchen: July 6, 2022, at Noon: Karen Hatten and Jenny Brannan

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. for all ages in the Education Building.

Youth: Upstairs - Katie Felker, Angela Hobbs, Renee Collier

Adult Classes: Conference Room – Wendi Martin

Lingle Room: John Coogle and David Haigler

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

07-01 Sam Choppla

07-12 Tony Collier

07-03 Carla Stuckey

07-15 David Haigler

07-08 Gulshan Choppla

07-15 Jennifer Walker

07-08 Mary Haigler

07-17 Laura Coogle

07-09 Arthur Jackson

07-24 Duck Koch

07-11 Henry Kleckley

07-24 Sharon Martin

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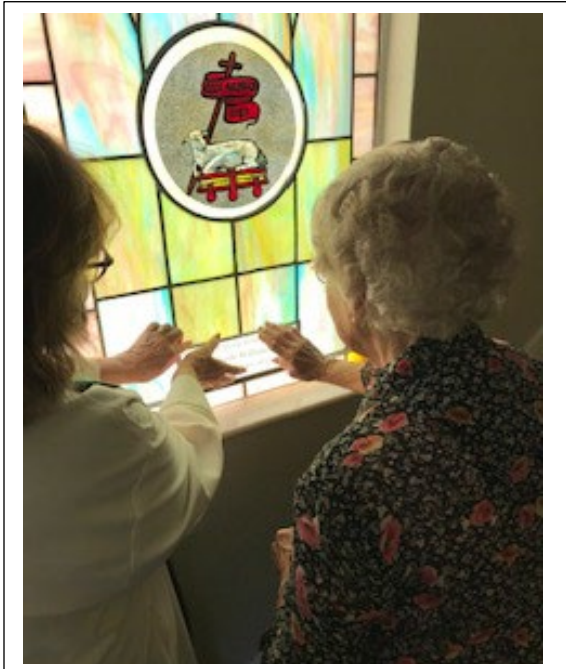
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In Loving Memory of Lucile Williams and to the Glory of God.

On Sunday, June 26, 2002, it was our joy to remember our sister in Christ, **Lucile Williams**, by blessing and placing her name plate into the stained- glass window she and her husband, Merlan Williams, gifted to Mt. Zion St. Luke. The window is in the entryway to the Education Building at the bottom of the stairs leading to the Youth room. Their daughter, Franchelle Arnold, herself a faithful member of MZSL, assisted in the blessing of the name plate and inserting it in its resting place in the window. We thank God for Ms. Lucile, who we all love and miss.



Franchelle is pictured to the right with Pastor Barb as the name plate is placed..

As she admired the finished window, Franchelle remembered her parents, and says her mother would be well pleased. We are glad.

