



June 2022

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

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6-1 Soup Kitchen NOON

No Bible Study

6-5 Coffee Hour 9:45a

SS 10:00 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Confirmation with
reception after worship

Online Option

6-7 Centering Prayer 8:30a

6-8 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

6-12 Council 8:45a

Coffee Hour 9:45a

S. S 10:00 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Online Option

6-14 Centering Prayer 8:30a

6-15 Hymn Sing at The

Oaks 10:30a

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

6-19 Coffee Hour 9:45a

SS 10:00 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Father's Day – no meal

Newsletter Deadline

6-21 Centering Prayer 8:30a

6-22 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

6-26 Coffee Hour 9:45a

SS 10:00 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Online Option

6-28 Centering Prayer 8:30

6-29 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation:

Pentecost Sunday...

This year our Pentecost celebration will be extra special, as it will be my privilege to confirm four of our youth: Dolice Choppla, Ava Felker, Aiden Hobbes and Winn Martin.

These fine students and I have been meeting once a month since last October to study Luther's Small Catechism, explore their faith, and discover who Jesus is for them. I am happy to say that, thanks to their excellent Sunday School teachers, their parents and grand-parents and the support of the entire congregation, these students all had a solid biblical foundation on which to build their spiritual houses when they began their studies. Many of you were present at worship when they presented their projects as to their own understanding of the Apostles' Creed – an important step in their faith formation. I believe they are ready to move from the Child membership of Mt. Zion – St. Luke to the Adult membership roll. I recommended each of them to Council for approval to participate in the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism, which they were readily given. They will be confirmed on June 5th, Pentecost Sunday – the birthday of the Church; a most appropriate day for them to affirm for themselves the baptismal promises that others made for them at their baptisms. They will vow to:

Live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

I have taught Dolice, Ava, Aiden and Winn that confirmation is not graduation. It is not an ending, but another step forward in their life-long pursuit of the Mystery that is God. It is my prayer that they will never tire of learning, and will continue to dig deeper into God's Word, participating in Sunday School, Bible Studies and personal devotions. It is my hope that they will find joy in serving God through service to the church and the surrounding community as they grow, both in years and in their faith.

I invite you, either in-person or online, to be present with these precious youth as they affirm their baptisms. And, as they make their vows, revisit your own baptisms and renew your promises with your God as you continue on your own spiritual journey. This is how the story gets passed on, generation to generation, as God has asked us to do. May he send his Holy Spirit this Pentecost to fall afresh on us, his Church, as we keep the faith alive. So be it! Amen!

Pentecost Blessings, Pastor Barb <><

***For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord...
to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11***



Council Decisions – May 2022- Henry Kleckley Appointed to Term on Council

The Congregation Council has appointed Henry Kleckley to complete the term of Joseph McNutt, ending in 2024. Henry will serve as chairperson of the Property Committee. Thanks to Henry for his willingness to serve!

Resumption of Sunday School Coffee Hour

During our time of COVID restrictions we suspended our Sunday morning “Coffee Hour.” We have now resumed the coffee hour at 9:45 each Sunday morning. Please check the section on “Serving Our Lord” in the annual Year Book to see if you are scheduled to provide refreshments for Coffee Hour during June. If you have questions or find that you are unable to provide refreshments, please contact Angela Cannon.

Bulletin Board in the Lingle Room

The theme for the May/June bulletin board is “Honor Your Father and Mother”. Mother’s Day was May 8th and Father’s Day is June 19th. We have enjoyed seeing the family pictures all during May and look forward to additions to the bulletin board in June.

It isn’t too late to turn in pictures of your parents and grandparents or your saintly mothers and fathers and grandparents, too. Please ID them for me. Special parent role-models can be used as well! You can give them to me at church or email them to me at juliasnipes@windstream.net. Thanks! *Julia Snipes*

PENTECOST SUNDAY – JUNE 5th: *WEAR RED!*

Be sure and wear red, if you have it, as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday on June 5th. As you read in the pastor’s article, we will be confirming four of our youth during the worship that day: *Dolice Choppla, Ava Felker, Aiden Hobbs and Winn Martin*. We invite you to stay after the service to congratulate them in person over a piece of cake and coffee or tea at a reception in their honor after the service.

Unmute Yourself!

That is the theme for the 2022 Southeastern Synod Assembly, which will be held on Friday, June 3, through Sunday, June 5, 2022 at the Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga, TN.

I and our two other voting members, David and Mary Haigler, will attend assembly and represent MZSL by our presence. We will report back to you any of the decisions that are made and keep you in the loop as to synod business.

Please pray for us as we travel and prayerfully listen to the Spirit’s guidance as we vote. All three of us will return Saturday evening to be here Sunday morning, June 5th, for Pentecost and Confirmation.

Thanks, Pastor Barb

Little Dogs Rhapsody in the Night

He puts his cheek against mine
and makes small, expressive sounds.
And when I’m awake, or awake enough

he turns upside down, his four paws
in the air
and his eyes dark and fervent.

Tell me you love me, he says.

Tell me again.

Could there be a sweeter arrangement?
Over and over
he gets to ask it.
I get to tell.

Mary Oliver

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Please help keep this prayer list current. Contact the Church Office to update list.

Pray for Members: Al Coogle, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, Emily Harvill, Myrtle Joiner, Zack Martin, Joy McNutt, Helen Smith, Angie and Heather Summer, Tony Webb, our college students, and for all the ministries of our church.

For Friends and Family: Pam Cole, Carl Ethridge, Dan Harvill Jr., Carol Jacobs, Janice Haugabook, Cleveland Hobbs, Marilyn McClendon, Brenda McNutt, Bob Melvin, Crystal Miller, Buddy Murph, Don Oliver, Leigh Powel, Ann Roberts, Judy Stegal and Marina's friend Crystal.

We pray for the victims of violence and hate crimes and pray that God will help us as a nation to find ways to keep people safe in our schools and on our streets while protecting the rights of law-abiding citizens: a difficult balance to reach. We pray for an end to the war between Ukraine and Russia and peace in our time.

Serving our nation: John Edwards