

March 2014

Good News

Mt Zion-St Luke Lutheran Church



March

March 3rd

Grace Circle 10:00 a.m.

March 4th

Fat Tuesday Breakfast
6:00 p.m.
Bible Study after Breakfast

March 5th

Ash Wednesday

March 6th

LLL Bingo – Spaghetti Dinner
10:00 a.m.

March 9th

Council Meeting 8:30 a.m.

March 11th

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

March 12th

Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.

March 16th

Noisy Offering
Family Day Dinner

March 18th

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

March 19th

Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.

March 20th

Trip to The Oaks Nursing Home –
Leave Church at 10:00 a.m.

March 22nd

Turkey Day Booth – Volunteers
Needed!!

March 23rd

Worship & Music Meeting after
Church

March 25th

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

March 26th

Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.

March 27th

LLL Trip to Cracker Barrel –
Leave Church at 11:00 a.m.

Giving Something (Meaningful) Up for Lent

Believe it or not, the season of Lent is upon us again. For many Christians, this is often a time when we “give something up.” For these weeks leading up to Easter, many will be putting aside their daily coffee, chocolate, or sodas. While I will admit that I have often participated in these “sacrifices,” I have decided this year to try something a little more meaningful.

The forty days of Lent that we observe are a remembrance of the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert being tempted by the devil. Of course, Jesus was able to resist all of the evil temptations. What evil tempts us during our journeys? Take some time to reflect on these and see if any of them ring a bell for you: complaining, pessimism, worry, discouragement, bitterness, anger, gossip, negativity.

I am sure that, like me, many of you can relate to these and how they affect different parts of our lives. In fact, recent events in our church that led to our listening sessions suggest that many of these feelings exist within our congregation. What if we all give up these negative emotions and actions during Lent and focus on being more positive? I came across this simple reflection that may help to get our hearts and minds set in the right direction:

- Give up complaining—focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism—become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments—think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry—trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement—be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred—return good for evil.
- Give up negativity—be positive.
- Give up anger—be more patient.
- Give up pettiness—become mature.
- Give up gloom—enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up jealousy—pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping—control your tongue.
- Give up sin—turn to virtue.

In the Sunday school class taught by David and Jon, we have recently been studying the book of James. I encourage all of you to take some time to read the entire book of James (only five short chapters) and let the words carry you through this desert of Lent that they may turn your mourning into dancing for the Lord. Let’s pledge to give up negativity for Lent and focus on the positive attributes of our church, our world, and ourselves.

Peace to you,
Katie Felker

Grace Circle

Grace Circle will meet Monday, March 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Lingle Room.

LLL Reminders for March

Thursday, March 6th – Bingo and Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert and Tea – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 27th – Trip to Cracker Barrel – Leave church at 11:00 a.m. Drivers needed!!!!

Our Stewardship of Attendance

	January 2013	January 2014
1 st Sunday	53	61
2 nd Sunday	74	61
3 rd Sunday	73	66
4 th Sunday	70	63

Recycling Project

With the success we are having with our can recycling, (let's keep it up!), the Stewardship Committee would like to also begin recycling grocery store plastic bags. The Abba House Thrift Store in Perry and the Methodist Church Food Bank in Americus are in need of these. Dry grocery bags will stuff into an empty Kleenex box. The boxes are easy to store and transport.

Bring your full boxes to church and place in the new bin near the can recycling. It is behind the storage shed.

Time and Talent Survey

Only 23 people completed the Time and Talent Survey last fall. The stewardship committee is working to get the rest of the members to complete one.

Our plan is to distribute the survey again. We will hand out the surveys on February 23rd and request they be returned by March 2nd. After that time, the committee will call members to get their responses. Please help us finish this. It is helpful to the committee chairs.

Tree Planting

In celebration of Arbor Day, the stewardship committee has planted a dogwood tree in the area behind the cross.

Serving Our Lord in March 2014

Communion Assistant: Mack McCarty
Ushers: Tommy Coogle & Jamey Cannon
Altar Guild: Gail Coogle & Jon Coogle
Lectors: Mary Jane Crook & Mary Kay Watson

Acolytes: 3-2 Megan Ogden, 3-9 Sara Morgan Martin, 3-16 Tracey Choppla,
3-23 Megan Ogden, 3-30 Sara Morgan Martin

Family Day Dinner Host: Jamie & Angela Cannon, Jimmy & Patricia Trask,
Max Wood, and Will Haigler

Coffee Hour: 3-2 Linda Rodgers, 3-9 Dale Godfrey, 3-16 Nancy McCarty,
3-23 Karen Hatten, 3-30 Katie Felker

Flowers:

3-2 Max Wood in honor of Brandon and Langdon
3-9 Annette Coogle in memory of Ed, Jr.
3-16 Billy & Ginny Martin in honor of Zach, Laney and Landon
3-30 Al and Debra Coogle in memory of their parents, Joe & Emily Coogle and Jack & Dorothy Turner

Soup Kitchen: Gail Coogle

Children's Sermon Rotation & Children's Church Rotation:

1st Sunday: Katie Felker /Jenny Brannan, 2nd Sunday: Wendi Martin/Karen Hatten,
3rd Sunday: Renee Collier/Debra Coogle, 4th Sunday: Jon Coogle/Jenny Brannan
5th Sunday: Wendi Martin/ Renee Collier

Sunday School Schedule

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

January 2014 Council Meeting

The approved minutes from the January 2014 Council minutes will be posted on the Lingle Room bulletin board. Minutes can only be posted after they have been approved by council at the next monthly meeting. If you want a copy or an emailed copy contact the church secretary.

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Prayer List

Members:

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

Friends and Family

Matthew Anderson – Tommy and Gail Coogle’s friend
Rev Bill Hurdle – Jon & Tommy’s Uncle
Lou Riccardi – Friend of Mack McCarty
Karen Drysdale – Friend of Pastor Harry
Rick Gentile – Katie Robinson Gentile’s father-in-law
Betty Jo McCloud – Family of Franchelle Arnold
Patricia Hortman- Debra’s Friend
Freddie & Linda Hartley- Friends of Lucile Williams
Stevie Roach – Leslie McCarty Roach’s Brother-in-law
Marsha Pullen – Friend of Debra’s
Serena Weaver
Gayle Mathis Fokes
Mike Goldsman
Jimmy Perdue

Dianna Bartlett – Judy Shearon’s daughter
Langdon Harp – Cheryl Harp’s Son

Chic Cole
Shelby Parker – Annette Coogle’s friend
Margie McCarty – Mack McCarty’s Mother
Leigh Ann Murray – Hammock, Harvill relative
Irene Yancey
Donna Wood
Betty Hall
Rosa Roberts
Katie Gentile
Keith Garrett
Cathy Patterson

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

March Birthday’s

1 st	Daniel Watson	2 nd	Jimmy Watson
3 rd	April Martin	4 th	Louise Snipes
4 th	Henry & Cindy Kleckley	14 th	Winn Martin
18 th	Phillip & Carla Stuckey	23 rd	Patsy English
27 th	Landon Martin	29 th	Jamey Cannon
29 th	Jimmy & Mary Kay Watson	31 st	Ivy Moretz Caizer