



March 2018

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

March 2018

- 3-01 LLL Bingo 10:00 a.m
- 3-03 MCMA Meeting
9:00 a.m. in Lingle
Room
- 3-04 SS/Worship
- 3-05 Grace Circle 10:00 a
- 3-06 Centering Prayer 8:30 a
- 3-07 Soup Kitchen noon
Lent 3 Service/Meal
to follow 6:15 p.m.
- 3-10 Good News Conference
Mtg. 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 3-11 SS/Worship
- 3-12 Quilting 10:00 a.m.
- 3-13 Centering Prayer 8:30
- 3-14 Lent 4 Service/Meal
to follow 6:15 p.m.
- 3-15 Oaks Nursing
Home 10:00 a.m.
- 3-18 SS/Worship
Family Day Meal
Council Retreat 1-3 p.m
- 3-20 Centering Prayer 8:30
- 3-21 Lent 5 Service/Meal
to follow 6:15 p.m.
- 3-24 Easter Egg Hunt at
Jeremy and Susan
Martin's home 6:30 p.m.
- 3-25 Council Mtg 8:45 a.m
Palm Sunday
SS/Worship
Evangelism Mtg after
Church
MCMA Worship 2:00 p
Corinth Baptist Garden Valley
- 3-27 Centering Prayer 8:30
- 3-29 **Maundy Thursday**
6:15 p.m.
- 3-30 **Good Friday** 6:15 p.m.

Tall Tales and a Bit o' Truth...

I'm thinking about the Wee Folk today. My Irish roots tend to take over in March and make me dream in shades of green; of Little People guarding pots of gold at the end of the rainbow, and of seilgies basking in a Spring sun so warm it makes them shed their skins.

Do you know the legend of the seilkie? "Superstition!" most would say. "Tall tales told at bedtime to help small children get to sleep!" Well, I like a tall tale as well as the next person, and there is something about the seilkie's story that intrigues me. Imagine for a minute...a sable-colored seal slides out of the sea to lie among the rocks. As you watch, you are astounded to see her slip out of her skin, revealing a beautiful maiden, long, dark, hair gleaming in the sun. It is said among the sea folk that a man who captures the seal skin of a seilkie, captures her heart, as well. She will live with him on land as his wife, but the sea does not leave her. No matter the bonds of love between them, no matter the love she may have for their children, should she find her skin, she will slip back into it and be gone in the blink of an eye, back to her first love - the sea.

What fascinates me about this tale is the *memory* of the seilkie. Though she has everything she needs to be content - husband and children and hearth and home - the seilkie never forgets where she came from. She never ceases searching for her lost skin, and is always turning her sad eyes to the sea, longing to return to her *true* home under the waves.

I understand that longing, that sense of something missing, the ceaseless searching for home, buried deep within the memory. Like the seilkie, I have everything I need to be content, and, most days, I am. Yet, no matter the how deep the bond I have with my loved ones on earth, there are days when my eyes search the heavens, and I long for my true home above the clouds. One day, like the seilkie, I will shed this skinbag in which I live, and be clothed in Christ. One day, I, too, will be gone in the blink of an eye to live with God - my first love. So, for me, the tale of the seilkie isn't so tall after all! And, like my sainted grandmother used to say, if you look for it, you can find a bit o' truth in almost everything! *May your Spring be green! Pastor Barb <><*

*For in this tent we groan,
longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven. 2 Corinthians 5:2*

Serving Our Lord in March

Communion Assistant	Wendi Martin
Ushers	Jamey Cannon and Tommy Coogle
Altar Guild	Gail Coogle and Bob Koch
Lectors	Karen Coogle and Mary Kay Watson
Acolytes:	Dulcie Choppla

Family Day Dinner:

Myrtle Joiner, Jamey and Angela Cannon, Max Wood, Will Haigler, Jenny Brannan

Lenten Soup Meal after worship 6:15 p.m.

3-7 Mary Jane Etheridge and Julia Snipes

3-14 Sharon and April Martin

3-21 Dale Godfrey

Coffee Hour:

3-4 Mary Jane Etheridge **3-11**

3-18 Nancy McCarty **3-25** Karen Hatten

Flowers:

3-4 Mary Hammock in loving memory of her parents and in remembrance of special people in her life

3-11 Ann Coogle and Sara Dawson in loving memory of Annette and Ed Coogle, Sr. and Ed Coogle, Jr.

3-18 Jon and Karen Coogle in loving memory of Barbara and Bill Scovill

3-25 **Palm Sunday**

Soup Kitchen: Soup Kitchen: March 7th, Noon: Gail Coogle

Sunday School Teachers:

K-5th Grade – Angela Cannon

6th – 12th Grade – Renee Collier

Adult Class Lingle Room – Sharon Martin **Adult Class Conference Room**– Wendi Martin

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

3-1 Daniel Watson

3-23 Patsy English

3-2 Jimmy Watson

3-27 Landon Martin

3-3 April Martin

3-29 Jamey Cannon

3-4 Henry Kleckley

3-29 Jimmy & Mary Kay Watson

3-14 Winn Martin

3-30 Jamey & Angela Cannon

3-18 Phillip & Carla Stuckey

3-31 Ivy Moretz Cazier

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. Except for Holy Week, we will gather after the worship for a simple meal, and will eat the bread prepared for that week's theme.

The weekly titles for the series are:

Lent 3: Wednesday, March 7, 2018

“Daily Bread”

Sweet White Bread

Lent 4: Wednesday, March 14, 2018

“More Than Bread”

Apricot Bread

Lent 5: Wednesday, March 21, 2018

“Abundant Bread”

Sweet Potato Bread

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018

“Body Bread”

Honey Barley Bread

Good Friday, March 30, 2018

“Betrayer’s Bread”

Pumpnickel Bread

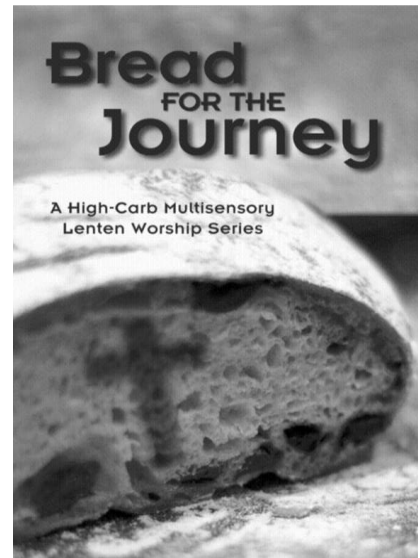
Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

“Bread of Life”

Honey Oatmeal Bread

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

The offerings donated at the Lenten meal will benefit Lutheran World Relief



An Opportunity to Give: The Southeastern Synod’s office has moved to St. John’s in Atlanta. As you are aware, the Living Lutheran Legacy has been underway now for the past 18 months. This campaign will help to pay for the construction of the new synod office. Due to the generosity of congregations and individuals across this synod, we have raised over \$700,000 in gifts and pledges to date! Thank you! As a synod, we have demonstrated our capacity to give over and over again. Building this new synod office will translate into increased ministry here in our four states and around the world.

If you are interested in giving a gift you can go to <https://tinyurl.com/sesn0d-vanco> or send a check to ELCA Southeastern Synod, P.O. Box 400, Decatur, GA 30031. To pledge a gift you use the address in Decatur or email to mangalet@elca-ses.org.

Thank you for considering how much you can be a part of leaving this Living Luther Legacy.

In Christ, ✚ Bishop H. Julian Gordy

This information will be posted on the bulletin board in the Lingle Room.

EASTER EGG HUNT – March 24, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Last year, we tried something new, and held our Easter Egg Hunt in the evening, at the home of Jeremy and Susan Martin. There was good food, games and then the Egg Hunt, and all had such a great time that we decided to do it again this year! **All Youth**, ages 0 - 18 are invited to come, and bring a friend! Bring a basket to collect your eggs in, and let the fun begin!

Macon County Ministerial Alliance Community Worship Service

In a show of Christian Unity, On Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., the Macon County Ministerial Alliance will hold a Community Worship Service at Corinth Baptist Church at 1620 127 West, Garden Valley. Rev. Governor Gibson will present the message. We are sure you will be blessed with the chance to praise God with your brothers and sisters of neighboring churches in Macon County. Join us in this important witness to our common faith. *There will be a reception following the worship.*

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SAVE THE DATE! GOOD NEWS SPRING CONFERENCE MEETING

WHEN: March 10, 2018 **TIME:** 9:30 AM – 2:00 pm

WHERE: St. Johns Lutheran Church, 1689 Martin Luther King Parkway, Griffin, Georgia 30224

This is your chance to meet with your brothers and sisters in the Good News Conference of your synod, and get a feel for the significant part MZSL plays in God's larger mission for his church. It is easy to forget sometimes that we are part of something much larger than ourselves, and the annual Spring Conference is a great time to remind ourselves of who we are and what we have been called to do.

The program will be centered on Church Administration. All members are encouraged to attend, but particularly council members, as special sessions will be held for church council positions. For more information, contact Pastor Barb or Conference Chair, Carla Stickle casapple@aol.com 706-577-4439

Prayer List

Please Pray For Members: Jim Arnold, Al Coogle, Bess Edwards, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, Mary Hammock, Mack McCarty, Nancy McCarty, Tommy Martin, Zack Martin, 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, Donalie Belcher, Trey Chapple, Chic Cole, Brian Dietz, Karen Drysdale, Joann Edwards, Chris Fox, Trey Futrell, 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