



March 2019

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

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- 3-3 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
- 3-4 Grace Circle 10:00 a.m.
- 3-5 Pancake Supper to
Benefit Youth
6:30 p.m. Lingle Room
- 3-6 Soup Kitchen Noon
Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
- 3-7 LLL Bingo 10:00 a.m.
- 3-10 Council Mtg. 8:45 a.m.
SS/Worship 11:00 p.m.
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
- 3-12 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.m.
Quilting 10:00 a.m.
- 3-13 Lent 1 Service 6:30 p.m.
Soup & Sandwich Meal
- 3-17 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.
Family Day Meal
Mutual Ministry
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
Newsletter Deadline
- 3-19 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.
- 3-20 Lent 2 Service 6:30 p.m.
Soup & Sandwich Meal
- 3-23 Conference #2 Meets in
Columbus (see article)
Turkey Day 9a-2p
- 3-24 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evangelism Mtg. Noon
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
- 3-26 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.
- 3-27 Lent 3 Service 6:30 p.m.
Soup & Sandwich Meal
- 3-31 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.

Under the sign of the cross...

I have a simple, wooden cross that I wear around my neck on a piece of black twine. Painted on it is a tiny, smiling Jesus, with arms raised in blessing to those around me. It is not a crucifix, as the Jesus on my cross is alive - victorious over that horrible death he bore. But, before the resurrection, there is the cross.



In my home and in my office, I have a variety of crosses. They hang on my walls, they stand on my desk, they make themselves at home on my windowsills. My jewelry boxes are full of crosses of many shapes, sizes, and colors; one for each season of the Church year. In worship, I make the sign of the cross in blessing at the beginning and the end of the service. It seems that every waking moment of my life involves the cross in some form or other. I *live* under the sign of the cross.

But the crosses that adorn my life are never more meaningful for me than during the Season of Lent - that time of the Church year when we symbolically follow Jesus on his long, slow journey to the cross. It is the time when we remind ourselves that the lovely crosses we surround ourselves with started out as an ugly instrument of torture and death. We remember and we grieve over our part in why Jesus ended up on that cross in the first place. And we are grateful for the forgiveness we are freely given from that very same cross. "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."

It is good to set aside a time to remember the tremendous sacrifice Jesus made for us. Good to remember that, because Jesus did not die on that cross, but was raised again to new life, *we too* will never die, but go to live with God for ever. Lent is the time that we remind ourselves of the wondrous love that is woven into every cross we see.

"Pick up your cross, and follow me." Jesus said. And, we do. Even though we don't know where that path may lead, because we know the One in whose footsteps we walk. Dietrich Bonhoeffer puts it best when he said:

"To go one's way under the sign of the cross is not misery and desperation, but peace and refreshment for the soul. It's the highest joy. Then, we do not walk under our self-made laws and burdens, but under the yoke of him who knows us and who walks under the yoke with us. Under his yoke we are certain of his nearness and communion." *The Cost of Discipleship*

This is why we who are Jesus' disciples of today live gladly under the sign of the cross. May the cross you bear be a source of renewed blessing for you as you make your Lenten journey with Jesus this year.

Pastor Barb <><

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. Matthew 16:24-25

Serving Our Lord in March 2019

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

Coffee Hour:

3-3	Mary Jane Ethridge	3-10	Jon Coogle
3-17	Brenden Fitzgerald	3-24	Karen Hatten
3-31	Angela Cannon		

Family Day Dinner:

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

Flowers:

3-3	Mary Hammock in loving memory of her parents and in remembrance of Special People in her life
3-10	Ann Coogle and Sara H Dawson in loving memory of Annette, Ed Coogle and Ed Coogle, Jr
3-17	Jon and Karen Coogle in loving memory of Barbara and Bill Scovill
3-24	Jim and Patricia Trask in honor of their children and grandchildren.
3-31	Joy and Jim McNutt to the glory of God in memory of loved ones

Soup Kitchen: March 6th, Noon – Gail Coogle

Sunday School Teachers:

K-5th Grade – Angela Cannon **6th – 12th Grade** – Renee Collier

Adult Class Lingle Room – David Haigler and Jon Coogle

Adult Class Conference Room – Wendi Martin

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

3-1	Daniel Watson	3-23	Patsy English
3-2	Jimmy Watson	2-27	Landon Martin
3-3	April Martin	2-29	Jamey Cannon
3-4	Henry Kleckley	3-29	Jimmy & Mary Kay Watson
3-9	Arthur Jackson	3-30	Jamey & Angela Cannon
3-14	Winn Martin	3-31	Ivy Moretz Cazier
3-18	Phillip & Carla Stuckey		



Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper March 5th at 6:30 p.m. to Benefit our Youth Group!

This year, the Lenten Season begins on March 6th, with our Ash Wednesday service. We will start the season of Lent off properly with a ***Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper*** on March 5th, the night before, (to use up all your eggs, milk, butter and sugar that you are going to give up for Lent!) At least, that is what the *original* Fat Tuesday was for! These days, more of us *take on* something *extra* for Lent, like starting a 40 day personal devotion time, attending the Wednesday evening worship series, or making a retreat, rather than giving up chocolate or other sweets. But, it is always nice to have an excuse to enjoy pancakes! This year, we will collect a good will offering for the meal, which will go to benefit our Youth Program, which is really taking off! So, mark your calendars, and bring a friend and an appetite! See you there!

SAVE THE DATE! "GOOD NEWS" CONFERENCE SPRING MEETING

WHEN: March 23, 2019 **TIME:** 9:30 AM – 3:00 pm

WHERE: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 4026 Macon Road, Columbus, Georgia

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.

All congregation members are encouraged to attend. This will be Bishop Gordy's last meeting with our Conference as Bishop, as we will be electing a new bishop at our June 2019 Assembly. Lunch will be provided, with a donation to cover costs. Please RSVP by March 14 so they can plan for lunch. For more information, or if you would like to carpool, contact Pastor Barb.

The Five Weeks of Lent 2019: *The Body of Christ*

This year, our Lenten observance will be a series of messages called *The Body of Christ*. Each week we will gather in the sanctuary to pray and sing as we consider the humanity of Christ, who gave up his crown and came down from heaven to live as one of us. Our services begin in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. followed by a soup and sandwich meal in the Lingle Room. The schedule is as follows:

Week 1: Wednesday, March 13: *The Eyes of Christ*

Week 2: Wednesday, March 20: *The Hands of Christ*

Week 3: Wednesday, March 27: *The Heart of Christ*

Week 4: Wednesday, April 3: *The Ears of Christ*

Week 5: Wednesday, April 10: *The Feet of Christ*

This promises to be a thought-provoking, prayerful series, with good food and fellowship to follow. We know you won't want to miss a single one!

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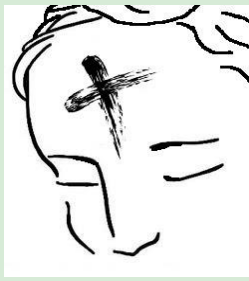
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Prayer List

Please Pray for Members: Jim Arnold, Ann Cole; Al Coogle, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, Mary Hammock, Mack and Nancy McCarty, Zack Martin, George and Helen Smith, Leigh Powell, Tricia Trask, Jacob Vickers; Tony Webb, Lucile Williams, our college students, all the ministries of our church and for our Military.

For Friends and Family: Matthew Anderson, John Arnold, Gene Bradley, Trey Chapple, Chic Cole, Brian Dietz, Karen Drysdale, Chris Fox, Trey Futrell, Allison Greene, Langdon Harp, Freddie & Linda Hartley, Joseph Hill, Bobby Hudson, 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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