



May 2022

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

May 2022

- 5-1 SS 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Online Option
- 5-3 Centering Prayer 8:30
- 5-4 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 5-8 Council Meets: 8:45a.
SS 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Online Option
- 5-10 Centering Prayer 8:30
- 5-11 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 5-15 S. S 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Online Option
- 5-17 Centering Prayer 8:30a
- 5-18 Hymn Sing at The
Oaks 10:30
- 5-18 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 5-22 S S 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
*(Assistant to the Bishop
Hemphill preaching)
Family Day Dinner*
- 5-24 Centering Prayer 8:30
- 5-25 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 5-29 SS 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Online Option
- 5-31 Centering Prayer 8:30

Guatemala Sunday...



When I had my mission church in Michigan, we were a companion synod with the Lutheran Church in Honduras. I went on a mission trip to help build a community center in the village of Tegucigalpa, and it was one of the most meaningful moments of my ministry. Here in the Southeastern Synod, we are companion synods with 5 church bodies in other countries, one of which is the Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala (ILAG).

On Sunday, May 1, 2022, we have been invited to participate in our synod-wide *Guatemala Sunday*. This is an opportunity to learn about and support our sisters and brothers in the Lutheran Church in Guatemala, and is an exciting way to participate in global mission

The Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala was founded in 1991, and has always been about ministering to people living on the margins of Guatemalan society, particularly the native poor. Today, ILAG has more than 2,000 members in 18 congregations, operates an elementary school for 200 children in Guatemala City, and runs the MILAGRO Women’s Center where 15 young women from rural villages are able to complete their middle and high school education and learn leadership skills to take back to their communities. Milagro means miracle, and that is what these young women believe has happened in their lives, as otherwise, they would have no access to higher education.

On that Sunday, we will lift ILAG and the Milagro Center up to the Lord in prayer and remember our baptisms the way they do at the end of the church service in the Agustina Lutheran Church in Guatemala: those who wish to may come forward (like we do for the imposition of ashes). I will hold a bowl of blessed water and a fresh flower, and will gently sprinkle your head, saying, “You are baptized”, to which you will reply “Amen.” The congregation sings the sending song until all who come forward have been sprinkled and the service is ended.

I hope you will join me May 22nd in praying for and thanking God for Iglesia Luterana Agusina Guatemala. I am sure it will be the start of a wonderful friendship! ***Blessings, Pastor Barb <>***

You can support this important ministry financially online at elca-ses.org/ilag, in the offering plate at MZSL, or send your checks to ELCA Southeastern Synod, PO Box 400, Decatur, GA 30031(in memo line, write ILAG or MILAGRO)

Jesus said... “If you love me, feed my sheep.” John 21:17

Council Decisions – April 2022

In addition to the loss of a good friend, the death of Joseph McNutt left major gaps in our congregation's leadership, especially on the Council. Joseph served as Treasurer, as the chairperson of the Finance Committee and as co-chair of the Property Committee. In our April meeting, Council elected Diane Cagle to serve as Treasurer in 2022, with Max Wood continuing in his role as Assistant Treasurer. The Council also elected Brenden Fitzgerald to complete the remainder of Joe's term on Council. Brenden will be the chairperson of the Property Committee. The loss of our dear friend, Mary Jane Ethridge, also left a position to be filled. Mary Jane served on the Foundation Fund Committee. The Council appointed Tommy Coogle to complete Mary Jane Ethridge's term (through 2022). Jim Trask was appointed as a new member of the Foundation Fund committee for a three-year term (2022-2024). Thanks to all who have agreed to serve in leadership roles at MZSL. David Haigler.

Bulletin Board

Your help is needed! The bulletin board in the Lingle Room looks neglected since we remodeled. With that in mind, the theme for the May/June bulletin board is "Honor Your Father and Mother". Mother's Day is May 8th. And Father's Day is June 19th.

I need pictures of mothers, with or without their children, our saintly mothers, and grandmothers too. As you are looking, I will need pictures of fathers, saintly fathers and grandfathers, too. Please ID them for me. Special parent role-models can be used too!

You can give them to me at church or email them to me at juliasnipes@windstream.net.

Thanks! *Julia Snipes*

Family Day Dinner for May

We have a special visitor bringing the message on May 22nd: Assistant to the Bishop Jonathan Hemphill. Pastor Hemphill is new to our synod. He and his family came to Georgia from California.

With that in mind, Council agreed to change May's Family Day Dinner to the 22nd so we can all meet him and his wife, and they can get to know our wonderful church family! Scheduled to host the meal for May are Ginny and Billy martin, Brenden Fitzgerald and Susan and Jeremy Martin.

A Big Thank You! from the Fellowship Committee Chairperson

The Fellowship Committee has done an outstanding job the last two months. With help from many others in the congregation, we hosted our Fat Tuesday Pancake supper, a wedding shower for a beloved daughter of the church, prepared five Lenten Soup and Small Group meals, and hosted the Easter Community Breakfast.

Thank you all for saying "yes" when we called! *Julia Snipes*



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship at 11:00 <i>Online option available</i>	2 Dale Godfrey	3 Centering prayer 8:30 a.m. Tracy Choppla	4 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7
8 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship at 11:00 <i>Online option available</i>	9	10 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.m.	11 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	12	13 Trey & Laura Coogle	14
15 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 Small group followed	15	17 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.m. Katie Felker Laney Martin	18 The Oaks 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21
22 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship (Rev. Hemphill) 11:00 a Family Dinner \ Susan Martin	23	24 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.m.	25 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	26	27	28
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Serving Our Lord in May

Altar Guild

Wendi Martin and Duck Koch

Lectors

Mary Haigler and Tommy Martin

Sound Technicians

Bobby Martin, Joy McNutt & Duck Koch

Kyrie

Karen Coogle

Acolyte

Alita Godfrey

Family Day: Billy & Ginny Martin, Brendan Fitzgerald, Jeremy & Susan Martin

Coffee Hour:

Soup Kitchen: *No Soup Kitchen until further notice.*

Flowers

5-01 Myrtle Joiner in loving memory of Ralph and Josh Joiner

5-08 Tommy and Wendi Martin in memory of William and Virginia Martin

5-15 Mack and Nancy McCarty in honor of their grandchildren

5-22 Julia Snipes in memory of her mother, Louise Snipes

5-29 Tony and Renee Collier in honor of their children

Youth: Upstairs – Katie Felker, Angela Hobbs, & Renee Collier teaching.

Adult: *Lingle Room* – John Coogle & David Haigler teaching.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

5-02 Dale Godfrey

5-17 Katie Felker

5-03 Tracy Choppla

5-17 Laney Martin

5-13 Trey & Laura Coogle

5-22 Susan Martin

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Congregation Vitality Update

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard in this last phase of our Vitality process: Listening to our Neighbors.” We have made some very good progress in having conversations with people, businesses and agencies in Oglethorpe, but we still have a way to go before everyone on our lists have been reached. With that in mind, we will have our large group discussion after the worship service on May 15th, rather than May 1st. We will let you know closer to the date what that meeting will involve food wise, if any, so for now, please just save the date! Thank you, and blessings on your conversations! Pastor Barb.

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: Carl Ethridge, Dan Harvill Jr., Carol Jacobs, Janice Haugabook, Cleveland Hobbs, Brenda McNutt, Bob Melvin, Crystal Miller, Buddy Murph, Charlene Oliver, Don Oliver, Leigh Powel, Ann Roberts, Judy Stegal, Marina’s friend Chrystal, our nation, Ukraine and the world.

Our companion Synod in Guatemala: Iglesia Lutherana Augustrina de Guatemala

Serving our nation: John Edwards