



APRIL 2026

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

April 2026

4/1 SOUP KITCHEN
@ NOON host is
Karen Hatten

4/2 Singing at The Oaks
@ 10:30a.m.
Maundy Thursday
@ 6:30p.m.

4/3 Good Friday Service
@ 6:30p.m.

4/5 EASTER SUNDAY
7:00a.m. Sunrise Service
w/breakfast at SDA
10:00a.m. Sunday School
11:00a.m. Worship
Service *w/ online option*

4/12 SS 10a.m.
Worship Service *11a.m.*
w/ online option
Council Meeting
@8:45a.m.

4/15 Lutheran Ladies'
Lunch @ Old Mexico @
11:30a.m.

4/19 SS 10a.m.
Worship Service *11a.m.*
w/online option
Family Day Meal
Newsletter Deadline
Renee Maddox Collier

4/26 SS 10a.m.
Worship Service *11a..m.*
w/online option

Dear Mt. Zion St. Luke Family,

As we journey together through this sacred season of Lent, we find ourselves drawing closer to the heart of our faith—the story of Holy Week and the promise of resurrection. At the beginning of April, we will walk through these holy days, starting with Palm Sunday, moving into the intimacy of Maundy Thursday, the solemn reflection of Good Friday, and ending in the joy and celebration of Resurrection Sunday.

These days on the calendar are more than just dates—they are an invitation. An invitation to gather, to remember, and to experience the depth of Christ's love and the power of new life again.

On Easter morning, we invite you to bring flowers to help decorate the cross, transforming a symbol of death into a beautiful witness to the life of resurrection. After worship, we will celebrate together with an Easter egg hunt for our youth, sharing joy across generations as we rejoice in the risen Christ.

As we continue our Lenten journey of service, please remember to bring your meal kits for the 40 Days of Hunger initiative. These simple offerings will help provide nourishment and care for those in our community experiencing food insecurity. What may seem small becomes a great blessing in the hands of God.

Please take a few moments to visit the education building hallway to respond to the survey questions, which are part of our shared reflection and growth. Your voice matters as we listen together for where God is guiding Mt. Zion- St. Luke. If you haven't yet completed a time and talent sheet, you can find them in the Lingle Room. This is a meaningful way for each of us to consider how we are called to serve as part of Christ's body.

Thank you to all who have already participated and supported my internship project. Your insights, willingness, and faithfulness are helping shape not only this work but also the future of our shared ministry.

As we approach Holy Week, may we come with open hearts—ready to walk the road to the cross and to rejoice at the empty tomb. For in Christ, we are always being made new.

In Christ's love and resurrection hope,
Minister Audra

Maundy Thursday



Thursday, April 2 - 6:30 p.m.

Mt. Zion - St. Luke Lutheran Church - 401 N. Randolph St.

Good Friday



Friday, April 3

6:30 p.m.

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Easter Sunrise Service

with Mt. Zion - St. Luke & Seventh Day Adventist

Service: 7:00 a.m. @ City of Oglethorpe Cemetery
Breakfast Following Worship @ Seventh Day Adventist

The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day



Sunday, April 5

11:00 a.m.

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Graduating in 2026?

If you are graduating this year, we would like to recognize your accomplishments. Please submit the following information to wepray@windstream.net: Name and recent photo of the graduate, school or program completed, and plans. We will publish this in the May newsletter



Proud Principal Harris announced students who didn't just meet the standard—they set it and maintained! Through discipline, determination, and true Bulldog grit, these scholars have earned their place among the very best. This moment is well deserved and we are proud to announce Macon County High School's 2026 HONOR GRADUATES

- ✦ Quimahd Hubbard – Valedictorian
- ✦ Iyani Green-Duncan – Salutatorian
- ✦ **Dhanusree Choppala**
- ✦ Ja'Irian Neal ✦ Madison Rice
- ✦ Jasmine Hannor
- ✦ Jordan Lindsey
- ✦ Nelly Aguilar Gonzalez
- ✦ A'Riyah Calloway
- ✦ Ja'Miya Nelson
- ✦ Egypt Jackson
- ✦ Angelina Miguel Diego
- ✦ Aliyah Lake
- ✦ Terrance Collier
- ✦ Simone Kaigler
- ✦ Evienie Kaigler



You've shown what it means to stay focused, push through, and represent Bulldog Pride at the highest level. The future is yours—go lead it, own it, and dominate it.



Serving Our Lord in APRIL

Alcolyte: Ava Felker

Altar Guild: Mary Haigler and
Max Wood

Communion Assistant: Tommy
Martin

Lectors: Katie Felker and Tracy
Choppla

Sound Technicians: Bobby
Martin, Joy McNutt and Julia
Snipes

Ushers: Arthur Jackson and
Billy Martin

Family Day:	Jamey & Angela Cannon, Dale Godfrey & Marilyn Dominey, Bobby Martin, April Martin
Coffee Hour:	Wendi Martin 4/5; Angela Cannon 4/12; No Coffee Hour 4/19; Mary Haigler 4/26
Flowers:	4/5 Easter Lilies, 4/12 Easter Lilies; 4/19 Bobby Moretz and 4/26 Henry Kleckley

Soup Kitchen: April 1, 2026 Karen Hatten Host
Sunday School: Jon Coogle and Wendi Martin

<u>April Birthdays and Anniversaries</u> 2 nd A. J. Collier; 3 rd Emma Felker	8 th Tommy and Wendi Martin 10 th Will Haigler
16 th Maggie Rodgers Valloton, Mary Lynn Robinson 23 rd Ava Felker; 28 th Katie Gentile and Sara Morgan Walton	19 th Renee Maddox Collier 21 st Jon and Karen Coogle



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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26 SS 10a.m. Worship Service 11a.m. w/online option	27	28 Katie Gentile Sara MorganWalton	29	30		

Happy April!



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

Pray for Members: Franchelle Arnold, Jenny Brannan, Rick Coogle, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr., Frank Freshwater, Dale Godfrey, Myrtle Joiner, Jeremy Martin, Tommy Martin, Zack Martin, John & Celeste Trilla Simmons, George Smith, Donna Webb, Tony Webb, our college students, The Call Committee and for all the ministries of our church.

For Friends and Family: Dot Bentley, Maritza Rivera Caunt, Randy Carlson, Pam Cole, Gay, Erin, Travis & Trevor Daily, Tosha Downey, Carl Ethridge, Shelly Fields, Elizabeth Gauthier, Jorene Gordon, Kelvin Hasch, Andy Harvill, Dan Harvill, Jr., Adam Hobbs, Daniel Jankowski, Lauren Jankowski, Ron Johnson aka Papa J, Randy Keene, Ann Lacey, Ben Leathers, David Levie, Nelson Lofton (son of Minister Audra & Jay Gehler), Sherry Martin, Caitlyn McCullers (daughter of Minister Audra & Jay Gehler), Bob Melvin, Terry Oglesby, Don Oliver, Greg & Cathy Law Patterson, Hazel Perry, Dean Prickett, Sr. Family, Evelyn J. Sellers, Diane Spradley Smith, Ariel Torres, Helen Veras (Celeste Simmon's sister), Daniel Watson, Vicki Williams (Susan Martin's Mother), Lamar Yoder, our nation, Ukraine, and the world.

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