



August 2023

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

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**8-2 Soup Kitchen
@Noon**
Quilting 10:00a.m.-
Will postpone til later in
the week.

8-6 SS 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Online option

8-13
SS 10:00a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Online option
Council Mtg @ 12:15p.m.

**8-16 Singing at
The Oaks
10:30a.m.**

8-20 SS 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Online option
**Family Day Dinner
Newsletter Deadline**

**CONFIRMATION
CLASS NOON-3P.M.**

8-27 SS 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Online option
**Special Congregational
Meeting @ NOON**

Pastor’s Newsletter Article
August 2023

*It is taught among us that one holy Christian church will be and remain forever.
This is the assembly of all believers among whom the Gospel is preached in its
purity and the holy sacraments are administered according to the Gospel.*
Augsburg Confession, Article VII

During the Reformation, Luther and his companions were not trying to establish the Protestant movement; rather, they were looking to reform the existing Roman Catholic Church. What began with the admonition of indulgences (the selling of certificates to lessen the length of time one would spend in Purgatory), blossomed into a full-fledged attempt to spread the message of God’s grace. Part of this movement was the need for Luther and the rest to re-define what is “the church.”

We are the Church. The Church is the collection of all those who believe that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior, and that his death on the Cross was for the forgiveness of their sins, and that his rising on Easter morning established the hope of the promise of the resurrection for those same believers. These believers are the Church.

That said, our strategic planning process has brought about interesting comments about who needs to be included in this Church. Some of our members have expressed concerns that currently when we invite others to become part of us that we are focusing solely upon those “who look like us.” It’s an interesting comment; yes, there is the concern that we are not reaching far enough into the community and surrounding areas to invite those especially who live in poverty and for those of color.

The congregational council has voted to make the third Sunday of every month *Invitation Sunday*; this will begin in September. The idea is that inviting someone to worship with us will also include a meal on that particular Sunday – what a wonderful way to “feed” a neighbor, co-worker, fellow student, or that clerk at the grocery store who is always friendly to you. Yes, all these folks – regardless of their situations and circumstances – can become part of this wonderful, glorious Church!

More information is forthcoming about *Invitation Sundays*. Let the new reformation begin!

To God be the Glory for all God has done,
Pastor Steve

Announcement

Special Congregational Meeting

August 27, 2023

We will meet immediately after worship to discuss and to vote on the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan.

Lingle Room/KP Duty

The Lingle Room is used often for many special occasions; wedding showers, post funeral gatherings, family day dinners, family reunions and other approved occasions.

The Fellowship committee strives to keep needed supplies on hand in the kitchen, from paper products to cleaning supplies. Extra paper products are in the Storage Room down the hall. If you find we are low on supplies, please let Terri know so we can replenish them.

It is important to clean the kitchen after each use. A dirty kitchen is a haven for rodents and insects. No one wants to come into a dirty kitchen and have to clean out the refrigerator or wash a sink full of dirty dishes. Please respect those who come in behind you. Thank you.

Julia Snipes

Brandon Wood Wedding Shower

Max and Luanne Wood's oldest son, Brandon, is getting married this fall. Max's family is hosting a wedding shower for Brandon and his fiancée Caitlyn on August 26th at 1:00 pm in the Lingle Room. We are co-hosts, but the family wants to decorate and prepare the food, (which you know will be wonderful).

Everyone is invited to the shower. They do not have a traditional registry. Because they have both been on their own for a few years, they have double the traditional linens and kitchen items (he is a chef you may recall) that many newly marrieds need. They will be moving to a small apartment and need to upgrade their furniture.

If you want to help with the shower, call Mary Lynn Robinson @ 478-952-2304.

Bridal shower 

REPORT FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE

Our priority has been the finalization of the Strategic Plan draft for the Council so that the entire membership will have it to review at the Family Day Dinner in August. At this writing, the committee will meet one more time in July to finalize this draft. Then, it will be reviewed by the Council at their August meeting in preparation for the review at the meal.

Once comments have been received by the congregation, then the final draft will be sent via email to the congregation. Your finishing discussion and vote will be held at the Special Congregational meeting to be held after worship on Sunday, August 27th.

The committee wishes to thank all those who hosted cottage meetings and all those who attended. The time spent together in conversation was productive, and several of the comments have been transferred into the proposed language of the upcoming, three-year strategic plan.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



September 10
2023

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

Pray for Members: Callie Coogle, Debra Coogle & Family, Rick Coogle, Grady English & Family, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, David Haigler, Emily Harvill, Myrtle Joiner, Billy Martin, Tommy Martin, Zack Martin, George & Helen Smith, Angie and Heather Summer, Tony Webb, our college students, and for all the ministries of our church.

For Friends and Family: Pam Cole, Carl Ethridge, Dan Harvill Jr., Carol Jacobs, Bob Melvin, Patricia Morgan, Buddy Murph, Brenda Oglesby, Don Oliver, Leigh Powell, Jerry Riddle, Ann Roberts, Judy Stegall, Lamar Yoder, our nation, Ukraine, and the world.

Serving our Nation: John Edwards