



July 2024

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

July 2024

7-4 Independence Day



7-7 Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service
11:00a.m.w/online option
**Reception of New Members
during worship service**

7-10 **Lutheran Ladies
Lunch at Old Mexico @
11:30a.m.**

7-11 **Grace Circle @
11:00a.m. in Lingle Rm**

7-14 Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service
11:00 am w/online option
**Council Meeting@
NOON**

7-17 **Singing @ The
OAKS @ 10:30a.m.**

7-21 **INVITATION
SUNDAY**
Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service
11:00 a.m.w/online option
**Family Day Dinner
Newsletter Deadline**

7-28 Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service
11:00 am.w/online option

⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. (Matthew 10:7,12-13)

The Peace of Christ be with you, Mt Zion – St Luke!

Our six-months sojourn together has come nearly to its end. When I first came, January 13, the land was resting in its mid-winter. Trees were bare, and the fields were empty, wet with occasional ice. But you welcomed me, this seminarian who had not yet finished seminary for some 19 years. You received me as a preacher, even your pastor, though I had to remind you time and again that as mere minister, I was not yet a pastor, ordained by ELCA.

You gave me a place to grow into my pastoral identity, to develop my own approach to preaching, worship planning, and walking about in the community. You gave me the privilege to share with you precious moments your family and congregational life, including affirming our youth in their baptismal vows and proclaiming Christ's eternal presence as we lay friends to rest.

You have welcomed my wife, Kira, and daughter, Zoe. You housed us in your parsonage, even if only brief weekend stays and made us feel at home in this congregation. We thank you!

This congregation has embodied Christian hospitality and welcome. When Jesus first sent out the Twelve disciples, he gave them a specific instruction to stay where they were welcomed and remain there until it was time to leave that community (Mt 10:12-13, Mk 6:10-11). Jesus anticipated a partnership between those he was sending to preach the good news and those who would provide local hospitality. Both are important so that the gospel truly takes root where it is planted. The ministry of hospitality is just as important as preaching and easily more memorable. Both proclaim the gospel together.

It is not easy to leave, nor is it easy to send. July 21 will be my last Sunday with you. My own call takes me next to Epiphany Lutheran, Conyers, GA, where I will serve as a pastoral intern. They will call me, Vicar James, which will likely be as difficult for them as it was you to call me, Minister James. As an intern, I will complete my final steps toward approval to be ordained as a pastor.

Now you are sending me. With gratitude, I take with me to Epiphany and beyond, what you have given me in these six months. Thank you! May God continue to bless you and prosper your ministry, your work of hospitality to the gospel here in Oglethorpe.

Grace and Peace always,

Minister James



SAVE THE DATE ----- JULY 21, 2024

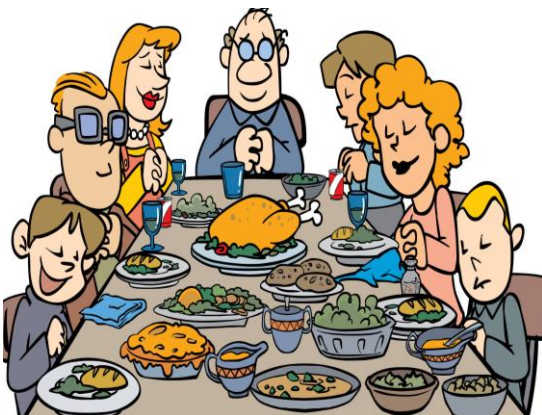
July 21st is Invitational Sunday for Mt. Zion-St. Luke. It is also Minister James' last Sunday with us. We went through an Invitational Training this year. Let's use what we learned to welcome our families, neighbors, friends and even strangers to share in the blessing of the Word and Christian Fellowship.

Karen Hatten, Evangelism & Social Ministry Chair

FAMILY DAY DINNER

As Karen Hatten mentioned in her SAVE THE DATE for July 21st, the fellowship committee would like to invite all to stay after worship service and share in the family day dinner. We will be having cake and ice cream for dessert in honor of Minister James' last day with us! Please invite your friends and family to join us.

Mary Lynn Robinson, Fellowship Chair



FOUNDATION FUND JANUARY – MARCH 2024

Total for the quarter:	Beginning	Ending	Gain (Loss)
Beginning balance	319,442	333,107	13,665

Serving Our Lord in July

Lectors: Renee Collier & Mary Haigler
Alter Guild: Jon Coogle & Angela Cannon
Acolyte: Sam Choppla
Communion Assistant: Wendi Martin
Ushers: Andy Harvill & Brendon Fitzgerald
Sound Technician: Bobby Martin & Joy McNutt

Family Day: Ted & Mary Lynn Robinson, Julia Snipes, Brenden Fitzgerald,
Jimmy & Mary Kay Watson

Coffee Hour:

07-07 Ginny Martin
07-14 Jon Coogle
07-21 NO Coffee Hour
07-28 Arthur Jackson

Flowers

07-07 The Fain & Ethridge families in loving memory of Mary Jane Fain
Ethridge
07-14 Jon and Karen Coogle in honor of their daughter, Callie.
07-21 Bobby Moretz in loving memory of Jan Moretz and in honor of Lelan,
Ivy, Andy, and grandchild, Scarlet Elizabeth
07-28 Emily Harvill in loving memory of Dan Harvill, Mr. and Mrs. J.W.
Hammock, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harvill

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

07-01 Sam Choppla	07-12 Tony Collier
07-03 Carla Stuckey	
07-08 Gulshan Prem Choppla	07-15 Jennifer Peterson
07-08 Mary Haigler	07-17 Laura Coogle
07-09 Arthur Jackson	07-24 Duck Koch
07-11 Henry Kleckley	07-24 Sharon Martin

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“God’s work. Our hands.”
Sunday is Sept. 8, 2024!

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

Pray for Members: Franchelle Arnold, Debra Coogle & Family, Rick Coogle, Grady English & Family, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr. & Family, Dale Godfrey, David Haigler Family, Emily Harvill, Jenny Joiner, Myrtle Joiner, Nancy McCarty Family, Billy Martin, Sharon Martin, Tommy Martin, Zack Martin, George & Helen Smith, Mark Webb family, Tony Webb, Langdon Wood, our college students, The Call Committee and for all the ministries of our church.

For Friends and Family: Sylvia Bergstrom, Randy Carlson, Pam Cole, Martha Joan Smith Converse family, Gay, Erin, Travis & Trevor Daily, John Davidson family, Tosha Downey, Carl Ethridge, Shelly Fields, Jorene Gordon, Andy Harvill, Dan Harvill, Jr., Pastor Steve and Kris Hilgeman, Adam Hobbs, Nina Hobbs, Michael Hortman, Sheriff Leonard Johnson family, Tasha McEldowney, Bob Melvin, Elaine Middlebrooks & Family, Patricia Morgan, Brenda Oglesby, Don Oliver, Helen Peaster Family, Leigh Powell, Vi Roach Family, Ann Roberts, Leyon Roberts family, John Simmon, Carl Williams, Lamar Yoder, our nation, Ukraine, and the world.