



*July 2025*

# Good News

**Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran**

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### 7-4 Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July

**7-6** SS 10:00a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00a.m.  
*w/online option*

**7-13** SS 10:00a.m.  
Worship Service  
11:00a.m.  
*w/ online option*  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**@ 8:45a.m.**

**7-16** Singing at The Oaks  
10:30a.m.

**7-20 INVITATION**  
**SUNDAY**  
SS 10:00a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00a.m.  
*w/online option*  
**FAMILY DAY DINNER**  
**Newsletter Deadline**

**7-27** SS 10:00a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00a.m.  
*w/online option*

## **Walking in the Spirit, Growing in Grace**

Dear Mt. Zion - St. Luke Family,

As we journey deeper into the long green season of Pentecost, we are reminded that growth-both in nature and in faith-takes time, tending, and trust. The Spirit continues to stir among us, calling us to live out our faith with compassion, courage, and hope.

June has been a journey of faith as we witnessed the loss of life and rejoiced in a new birth. We celebrated as a community around the best ice cream. My first month as MZSL was a fantastic chapter in the church's story as I was able to meet with each of you. Jay and I are thankful for the hospitality of so many. Your love of God and His church has been seen through each of you.

This season, our lectionary guides us through parables and stories that teach us what it means to follow Jesus with heart, soul, and strength. We are called to love our neighbors, welcome the stranger, and be a light in our community, the City of Oglethorpe and the surrounding counties.

Ahead of us in ministry is the collection of hygiene kits for P.U.S.H Ministries for the men of Macon State Prison. We will pack the hygiene kits this month and deliver them to the Macon State Prison. We will return to the third Sunday dinner in the Fellowship Hall. As quickly as school ends, it begins with a need to fill the school supply closet to share with students in the area. Be sure to bring your change for the noisy offering on the third Sunday of the month. Bread of Life can always use a helping hand and work on a tie when I can serve on our designated night. I look forward to the opportunities to serve those around us and the globe. God has a place for MZSL to be the church in all creation. My door is open for those who have ideas to share.

Let us walk together this July, rooted in Christ, open to the Spirits leading, and growing in grace daily.

**“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”**

*- Galations 5:22-23*

In Christ,

Vicar Audra

## HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE ARRIVAL OF BABY LIAM

**William Stafford Walton**

**born 6/16/2025 - 8.9lbs 21.5 long**

**Parents: Luke and Sara Morgan Walton**

**Grandparents: Tommy and Wendi Martin, Suzy Jordan, and Al Walton**



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL JUNE 22, 2025



A fun-time was had by those who attended the ice cream social on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 4:00p.m. This was a meet and greet for Vicar Audra and Jay Gehler. A variety of homemade ice creams were made and cookies and cake.



**COLLECTING ITEMS FOR HYGIENE KITS FOR  
THE MACON STATE PRISON**

**Bath and hand soaps, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, and lotion.**

Baskets will be set up in the Narthex and fellowship hall for these items.

Vicar Audra will be delivering the donation bags.

Please pray for the inmates that God will move mightily in their lives.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST**

Renee Collier will be collecting these supplies in the Lingle Room.

The needed items are specific and are as follows:

**Ticonderoga pencils**

**Crayola Crayons**

**Wide ruled notebook paper**

**Elmers white glue**

**Elmers glue sticks**

**Lysol Wipes**

Thank each of you for participating in these areas for donations.

**Emily Hammock Harvill**

**October 25, 1922 — June 15, 2025**

Emily Hammock Harvill, age 102, of Oglethorpe, Ga. passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 15, 2025.

A funeral service will be held at 3 PM on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at Mt. Zion-St. Luke Lutheran Church in Oglethorpe, Ga. Visitation will be held from 1:30 PM to 3 PM in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Emily was born on October 25, 1922 in Oglethorpe, Ga. to the late J.W. Hammock and Minnie Lou Williams Hammock. She loved taking care of her family and was a homemaker for most of her life. She enjoyed many hobbies such as gardening, shopping, cooking and painting. She was a member of the Oglethorpe Garden Club for over 50 years. Emily also was the oldest living member of Mt. Zion-St. Luke Lutheran Church in Oglethorpe, Ga. She was very dedicated to her church and loved all that attended.

She married the love of her life when she was 17 and was married for 71 years. Dan and she traveled to every state in the United States except Hawaii. They also traveled to Europe to visit their son, daughter, and their families.

Mrs. Harvill is survived by her three children, Dan Harvill, Jr. (Shirley), Crystal Pinsky (Martin) and Andy Harvill (Carla) and eleven grandchildren as well as numerous great grandchildren and six great-great- grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dan Harvill, parents, J.W. and Minnie Low Williams Hammock; and two brothers, Everett and George Hammock.

Flowers are accepted as well as donations to the Mt. Zion-St. Luke Lutheran Church Foundation Fund.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Watson-Mathews Funeral Home in Montezuma, Ga.

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

***Pray for Members:*** Franchelle Arnold, Jenny Brannan, Callie Coogle, Rick Coogle, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr., Dale Godfrey, Emily Harvill family, Myrtle Joiner, Zack Martin, Margie McCarty Family, Mary Lynn Robinson, Celeste Trilla Simmons, George & Helen Smith, Jimmy Trask Family, Tony Webb, our college students, The Call Committee and for all the ministries of our church.

***For Friends and Family:*** Sylvia Bergstrom, Maritza Rivera Caunt, Randy Carlson, President Jimmy Carter Family, Pam Cole, Gay, Erin, Travis & Trevor Daily, Tosha Downey, Carl Ethridge, Shelly Fields, Vincent Godfrey family, Jorene Gordon, Melvin Griffin Family, Andy Harvill, Dan Harvill, Jr., Pastor Steve and Kris Hilgeman, Adam Hobbs, Nina Hobbs, Michael Hortman, Nicky Hortman Family, Kenneth Hudson, Daniel Jankowski, Lauren Jankowski, Ann Lacey, Ben Leathers, Tasha McEldowney, Melody Mantooth, Bob Melvin, Patricia Morgan, Brenda Oglesby, Don Oliver, Allison Peaster, Hazel Perry, Robby & Patricia Pinckney, Mark Poole, Ann Roberts, Howard Rumph Family, Ariel Torres, Bobby (Arlene) Walker, Carl Williams, Lamar Yoder, our nation, Ukraine, and the world.