



March 2024

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

March 2024

**3-2 Zoom Meeting
“Racism Awareness
Workshop” 9a.m.-2p.m.**

**3-3 SS 10:00a.m.,
Lent 3 Worship Service
11:00a.m. w/online option
Lenten Service @
5:00p.m.**

3-6 Quilters @ 10:00a.m.

**3-10 SS 10:00a.m.,
Lent 4 Worship Service
11:00a.m. with online
option; Council Meeting
@ Noon;
Lenten Service @5:00pm**

**3-13 Lutheran Ladies
Lunch @ Old Mexico @
Noon**

3-14 Grace Circle @ 11a

**3-17 SS 10:00a.m.
Lent 5 Worship Service
11:00 a.m.w/online option
Family Meal Day
Newsletter Deadline
Lenten Service @ 5:00pm**

**3-20 Singing @ The Oaks
@ 10:30a.m.**

**3-24 SS 10:00a.m.,
Palm Sunday Worship
Service 11:00 a.m.
w/online option
3/28 Maundy Thursday 6.30
p.m.
3/29 Good Friday @ 6:30p**

**3-31 _ SUNDAY
Sunrise Service@ 7a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist
w/breakfast served
SS 10:00a.m.
Worship Service 11a.m.**

*Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony,
“He told me everything I have ever done.” (John 4:39)*

Along the way, Max pointed out the Japanese Magnolia. It was mid-February. The fields were bare. The trees were bare. The sky was still a bit overcast. Heavy rain from the early morning left submerged low-lying areas. But here was this large, magnificent magnolia tree ablaze with its thick, bright pink blossoms. It almost seemed out of place. Deciduous magnolias are hopeful trees, blooming before the crocuses and daffodils, even before their own leaves begin to bud.

We look forward to Easter coming at the end of March. We know that with it will come all the beauty of spring. We know the story of Mary Magdalene encountering a gardener, who sends her to go to their brothers, the disciples, and tell them the good news (John 20:11-18). We recognize as the first apostle of the Risen Christ.

There was another woman in the Gospel of John who was an early evangelist, an apostle before the Resurrection. She was the Samaritan woman who Jesus met at Jacob’s Well (John 4:1-42). Jesus offered her living water and sent her to go, get her husband. It did not matter to Jesus the ambiguous marital status of her sixth husband. Jesus knew her story and welcomed her. Jesus called this man her husband and was extending the offer of living water to him all the same.

This woman was transformed. She sees in Jesus a prophetic Messiah who will proclaim all things, even to her people, the Samaritans. When she returns to her city, she doesn’t go to her husband only, but she gives her testimony to anyone who will listen. Many Samaritans in her city come to believe because of her word, and many more came to believe after meeting Jesus first-hand.

The Orthodox tradition calls this woman, *Photina*. Derived from the Greek word for light, *phōs*, this name means *Enlightened One*, and multiple traditions within the church recognize her as an apostle to the Samaritans.

This radiant woman of Samaria, Photina, was like a Japanese Magnolia blooming well in advance of spring. Whatever light Christ has given you, share it. We need not wait: the Alleluias will surely return.

Grace & Peace,

Minister James

Foundation Fund October – December 2023

Total for the quarter: Beginning Ending Gain (Loss)

Beginning Balance 292,240 319,442 20,202

Donations for quarter: 75

Max Wood, Assistant Treasurer

Racism Awareness Workshop for Mid-GA churches in our Synod will be Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 9a.m.-2p.m. via Zoom

Link: <https://se-reg.brtapp.com/DiversityWorkshopInMiddleGA>

MZSL family: Go ahead and register using the above link for the workshop. When you do this, you will receive an email with the zoom link for Saturday morning's zoom workshop. Don't wait until Saturday or you may not have the link needed for the Zoom workshop.

SCHEDULE FOR LENT AND LENTEN

Sunday, March 3rd	Lent Morning 3 11:00a.m. Worship Service
Sunday, March 3rd	Lenten Service @ 5:00p.m.
Sunday, March 10th	Lent Morning 4 11:00a.m. Worship Service
Sunday, March 10th	Lenten Service @ 5:00p.m.
Sunday, March 17th	Lent Morning 5 11:00a.m. Worship Service
Sunday, March 17th	Lenten Service @ 5:00p.m.

EASTER SERVICES

March 24, 2024	Palm Sunday
March 28, 2024	Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30p.m.
March 29, 2024	Good Friday Service @ 6:30p.m.
March 31, 2024	EASTER

HOLY WEEK AT MONTEZUMA METHODIST CHURCH

Services for Holy Week at the Montezuma Methodist Church are:

MONDAY, March 25 @ Noon with Lunch served in fellowship hall.

TUESDAY, March 26 @ Noon with Lunch served in fellowship hall.

WEDNESDAY, March 27 @ Noon with Lunch served in fellowship hall.



We have sign-up sheets in the Narthex for you to order Easter Lilies in honor or memory of your loved ones to be placed in the Worship Service on March 31, 2024 EASTER Sunday. There will also be an opportunity to sign-up via Mt. Zion-St. Luke Friends Facebook page when Minister James puts the post on FB. Any questions, call the office (478-472-6173) Wednesday 9a.m. – 2p.m. Thank you, Terri Carroll, Administrative Asst.

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, Dale Godfrey, David Haigler Family, Emily Harvill, Don Joiner Family, Myrtle Joiner, Nancy & Mack McCarty & Family, Billy Martin, Sharon Martin, Tommy Martin, Zack Martin, George & Helen Smith, Angie and Heather Summer, Tony Webb, our college students, The Call Committee and for all the ministries of our church.

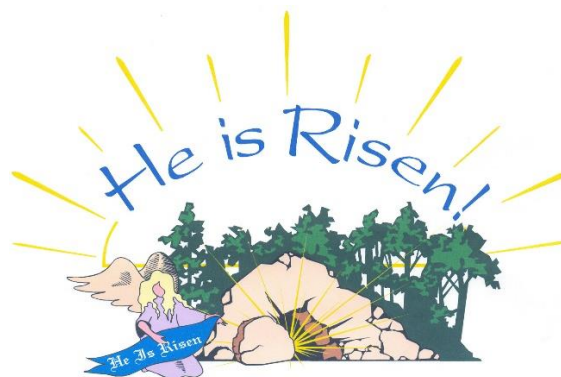
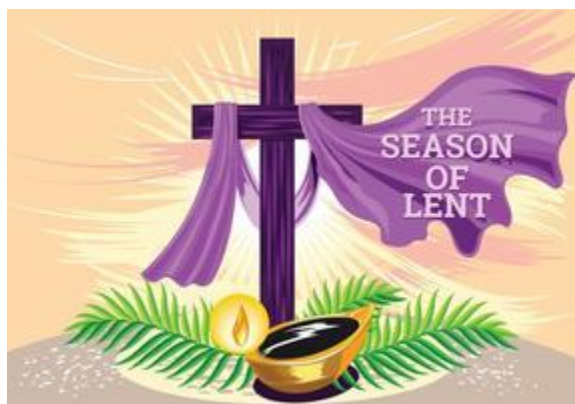
For Friends and Family: Sylvia Bergstrom, Pam Cole, Joan Smith Converse, Marvin Duke, Carl Ethridge, Shelly Fields, Jorene Gordon, Andy Harvill, Dan Harvill, Jr., Pastor Steve and Kris Hilgeman, Adam Hobbs, Michael Hortman, Bob Melvin, Elaine Middlebrooks & Family, Patricia Morgan, Brenda Oglesby, Don Oliver, Helen Peaster Family, Leigh Powell, Vi Roach Family, Ann Roberts, Leyon Roberts, John Simmon, Lamar Yoder, our nation, Ukraine, and the world.

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FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP

The Fellowship Committee is looking for a member who would be willing to do the calling of members who are not currently receiving emails or texts. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

We have such a great Fellowship Committee, if anyone is interested in joining us, you will be welcomed.

Please, let me know if we need any kitchen or bathroom supplies. Thank you,

Mary Lynn Robinson
Fellowship Committee Chair