



Our Saviour's Good News

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Saviour Lutheran Church welcomes all people to a safe place to grow in faith and serve the Lord Jesus Christ

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PASTOR'S VOICE

So we are in the midst of Lent and starting to scratch the surface of Lamentations and I was wondering how many of us know what Lent even is.

Most of us would agree it is the season between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Lent does begin with Ash Wednesday and officially ends on Maundy Thursday as Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday make up the season called the Triduum. Here is where the confusion sets in as Lent is 40 days (Sundays are not counted) but the math does not quite add up as 40 days from Ash Wednesday would end on Holy Saturday. But there is importance to the 40 days.

The significance of the 40 days is to focus on the time Christ spent in the wilderness immediately after His baptism and when He faced the temptations from Satan. The season of Lent is centered around repentance and self-examination. Of course Christ did not need to ponder repentance in the desert but this period of time did wear Him down physically and mentally to where He was vulnerable to temptation and yet was still able to resist it. This is where we should be – reflecting on how we should resist temptation.

The very first thesis Martin Luther wrote in his famous 95 thesis is “When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, ‘Repent’ (Matt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be of one repentance.” In other words, imagine how our lives would be if we truly repented – if we truly turned away from our sins and resisted temptation as Jesus did. Repentance is a true mark of a Christian.

Repentance is difficult. I would argue it is more difficult than forgiveness. We are able to draw judgment on others but the inward look at one's self is quite difficult. But this does not let us off the hook – just because something is difficult does not mean we should simply dismiss it as impossible.

The good news is even when we try to repent or even make an attempt at repentance, Christ still loves us and still desires us to be with us! He does not look at our sins but at who we are: the image of Himself! That is Good News!!!

Pastor Pete

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Palm Sunday

is the sixth Sunday of Lent and the last Sunday before Easter. It is also known as Passion Sunday, Willow Sunday, and Flower Sunday.

Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, where he would be crucified five days later. According to the Gospels, Jesus rode into town on a donkey as exuberant crowds hailed him as the Messiah and spread out palm branches and cloaks in his path.

The event commemorated on Palm Sunday is told in all four gospels (Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12). The Matthew narrative, the one most commonly read in services on Palm Sunday, tells the story this way:

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away..

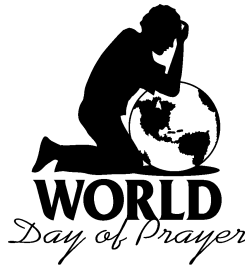
The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" Palm Sunday was the fulfillment of the Prophet Daniel's "seventy sevens" prophecy: "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times" (Daniel 9:25). John 1:11 tells us, "He (Jesus) came to His own, and His own did not receive Him." The same crowds that were crying out "Hosanna" were crying out "crucify Him" five days later (Matthew 27:22-23).

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" the crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." (Matthew 21:1-3, 6-11)

The celebration of Palm Sunday probably originated in the churches of Jerusalem, sometime before the third or fourth century AD.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, an especially solemn and important week in the Christian calendar that focuses on the last days of Jesus' life and anticipates Easter, the most important holiday in Christianity.

Common Palm Sunday observances include processions with palm branches, the blessing of palms (which will be burned and used on Ash Wednesday), and the construction of small palm crosses. Bible readings for the "Liturgy of the Palms" usually include Matthew 21:1-11 and Psalm 118:19-29.



Friday, March 2, 2018, we journey to Philippians and enter a world vibrant with song and praise.

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Perhaps you have seen maps of the world that are not centered from an expected or familiar perspective. For example when the Southern Hemisphere is displayed on top, one's orientation is literally turned upside down. In theory one knows that the earth is round and suspended in space and so the world can be accurately viewed from any point. But our first impulse is to turn the map around because we feel lost. Even when we have seen satellite images of the earth with no borders we cannot resist adjusting the image until what is familiar is at the center and then to see others in relation to ourselves.

Thus the ecumenical spirituality of World Day of Prayer, which is celebrated in 170 countries, is a process that shifts our perspective to a different country each year. While the theme is chosen and assigned at a quadrennial international meeting of WDP Committees, the development of the theme into a worship service is conducted by women of WDP in that writer country. Their preparation strives to be done in an attentive, mutually supportive process so that the worship service will authentically reflect the multi-dimensions of their context, their faith experiences from the various church traditions in their country, and their cultural influences. The worldwide network of women of WDP are committed to listen intensely to what their sisters will say—in effect they hear the women of that writer country into speaking. Truly, one is able to speak when one knows that she is being heard

The preparations for the actual WDP worship service on each first Friday of March are a creative and educational process that takes months of organizing and work. Women conduct workshops and publish articles and resource materials. They seek out where members of the writer ethnic community might be in their country. They show slides; arrange for speakers. They conduct Bible Studies that explore the significance of the text in itself, in the writer context and in their own country. Women faithfully struggle to make their sisters' words and symbols the basis for local ecumenical worship.

The wonder of the ecumenical spirituality of WDP is that the writers shape a community worship service that is particular because it has come from Indonesia, Samoa, Romania, Lebanon, Panama, and in the future Poland, South Africa, Paraguay and on and on, year after year. It is universal because the honesty and integrity that are the basis of the writer's prayer allows distant sisters to recognize what is similar and shared and to value what is special and different. Thus a prayer of intercession that *(World cont'd on page 4)*

Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Bill Trudnak, President
January 15, 2018 Council Minutes



Devotions: Bill Trudnak

Meeting called to order by President Bill Trudnak.

Members present: Bill Trudnak, Melinda White, Alice Vlaservich, Steve Digh, Robbie Wooten, Jeff White, Teri Trudnak, Betty Ratchford, Denise Traveria. **Members Absent:** Bud Penley.

Election of New Officers:

President: Bill Trudnak, Vice President: Bud Penley, Secretary: Melinda White and Treasurer: Joe Finger
 New Council members were appointed to church teams:
 Denise Traveria and Robbie Wooten will serve on the Worship Team, Betty Ratchford will serve on the Christian Ed Team.

Minutes for December 18, 2017 were reviewed. Motion made by Melinda White to approve the minutes and a second was given by Alice Vlaservich.

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

- a. A \$200.00 donation to the Chicken-n-dumpling dinner was approved. This is the usual amount requested from the community. Steve Digh made a motion to accept this request and Teri Trudnak seconded this motion.

Report of the Pastor: No report available at this time.

Report of the Treasurer: Motion by Alice Vlaservich to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Robbie Wooten.

Report of the Ministries:

- a. Property: To check roof shingles on Sanctuary for possible leaks; replace floor tiles in women's restroom.
- b. Stewardship and Finance: No report this month.
- c. Worship & Music: Undecorated the Sanctuary from the Christmas season.
- d. Youth Team: No report.
- e. Witness: Cards and prayers continue to be sent out.
- f. Christian Education Team: Confirmation for Emma Dease is scheduled for January 28th during the worship service followed by a covered dish luncheon. Reviewing VBS material for upcoming VBS, probably June. OSLC is the host church this year and will need volunteers.

Report of Auxiliaries:

- a. Rachel Circle: Met at the home of Betty Clemmer for a Christmas luncheon and Alice Vlaservich presented the program.

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussion was given on the update of the hallway. Plans still in progress.
- b. Scheduled a workday to clean gutters and grounds on the church campus. The date will be 3/3/2018 at 9am.

New Business:

- a. Devotion schedule for 2018 was created for the Church Council.
- b. VBS was discussed for the upcoming year. OSLC is the host church and will need committed volunteers in order to fulfill this obligation. Prayfully consider your time and talents to this ministry.

General Information:

- a. Kids Alive Report
- b. Attendance

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: February 19, 2018 Devotions: Melinda White



“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, ‘Take, this is my Body.’ And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, ‘This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.’” Mark 14:12-25

Finally, after many weeks of Lenten discipline and observance, we arrive at the Upper Room, where Jesus institutes the Last Supper. How wonderful that the meal Jesus shared with His disciples that night so long ago, we continue to share with Him today.

The meaning of the liturgy of the Lord's Supper is not that we are whisked back in time, as with the old TV show, "You Are There." Rather, in the doing of the liturgy, in the reading of the account of the Last Supper, we participate in the Eucharist in our own time. It's not that we are there, but that Christ Jesus is here, as He incarnates Himself once again, saying in our midst, "This is my Body; This is my Blood of the New Covenant."

The word that is used to describe and explain this reality is "anamnesis." It is most often translated as "remembrance," as in "Do this for the remembrance of me." It might be better for us to leave the original word, "Do this for the anamnesis of me," because no English word translates it accurately. It means, in "doing this," Jesus is re-actualized among us, re-presented among us as the Risen Lord, offering Himself to us in the bread and wine which become His real, true, actual Body and Blood.

As we gather at table with Jesus tonight, we are the disciples—we are the twelve, with Jesus as our Presiding Minister the Great High Priest offering not an animal, but Himself for our forgiveness and salvation. And we receive Him, forgiven, redeemed, saying "Thanks be to God!"

Almighty God, in the Lord's Supper, grant that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent, that we may have eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot." I Peter 1:10-20

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Grant us peace. Amen.

With this hymn, the Agnus Dei, we honor the Lamb who was slain, sacrificed on the cross as one without blemish or spot. Our commemoration of Christ's sacrifice is especially meaningful when we view it in light of the sacrificial system instituted by God for the Israelites in Leviticus. The Lord God provided the many sacrifices in the tabernacle and later the Temple in Jerusalem to provide atonement, forgiveness and restored holiness in order to be in God's presence.

Now, the various animal and grain sacrifices and offerings are ended, replaced by the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, truly the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. And why? Why did Jesus become the sacrifice?

To bring us peace. Peace that is not just the end of strife, the end of war, the end of terrorism and bloodshed in our world. Rather, the peace that Jesus died to bring is peace between God and His children—the restoration of the relationship that was broken by human sin and disobedience.

Now, in Him, that relationship is healed, so that in Christ Jesus we may approach the presence of God without fear. Now, in Jesus, we are at peace with God the Father!

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, have mercy on us and grant us peace with God the Father, through your sacrifice on the cross. Amen.



(World cont'd from page 3)

The reaching out toward another country is matched by reaching out to ecumenical connections and understandings within one's own local and national context. When Romania led the worship in 2002 and Lebanon in 2003, women especially sought out the Orthodox women and clergy in their communities in order to begin or to broaden dialogues about World Day of Prayer. At the same time care was given to explaining elements in the worship service that came from Orthodox practices that were unfamiliar or difficult for other traditions. When one could move through an obstacle or one's own resistance, there was often an encounter with the breadth and depth of the mystery of God's divinity. To make the sign of the cross when it was not your practice pulled one's capacity to be with another in a way that was beyond words. In this dialogue women also found themselves speaking about their own traditions and coming to a deepening appreciation of it. Ecumenical spirituality of WDP is to move through respectfulness and openness to solidarity in an expression of Christian faith within a common ecumenical worship service.

In their commitment to build ecumenical participation locally, regionally, nationally and internationally women of WDP have experienced support and joy as they saw ecumenical relationships grow stronger through the annual preparations on the first Friday of March. They have also withstood objections and sometime have even been denied use of a church—as late as the morning of the worship while decorations were being set up. It takes ingenuity to relocate and generosity not to close down the ecumenical effort when the rejection and misunderstanding are so painful. Women cannot know ahead of time the significance of their effort. Nonetheless, like the unnamed woman in Mark's Gospel who is only known for her action in breaking open an alabaster jar, women of WDP break open every reserve of patience, persistence, and creativity in their preparations. When walls divide a community they seek out openings. Together women make a space for inclusion that grows wider each year.

It cannot be said often enough that World Day of Prayer is a movement and a process that requires a commitment in time, study, preparation, and personal stretching in order to bring into a local community in an authentic way the realities of women in distant places. The ecumenical spirituality of WDP is a yearlong task in order to be ready to receive from God inspiration that is linked to a country, Bible texts, prayers and a theme.

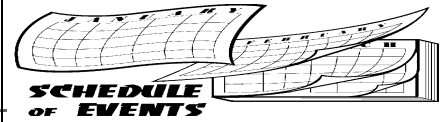
The ecumenical spirituality of WDP is dynamic because of our commitment to informed prayer. When we become informed in our prayer we open ourselves to the disturbing consequences that we are responsible for what we know and learn. Through informed prayer we seek out ways to act in solidarity with women in need.

The host country for WDP 2018 is the Philippines. The women of the Philippines call us to explore concepts of economic justice in both the Philippines' context and around the world and our response in light of God's generosity. (Matthew 20: 1-16).

March 2018



Sunday School: 9:45 pm
Church Service: 11:00 pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Food Collection				1	2 World Day of Prayer	3 Church Work Day
4 3rd Sun. in Lent	5 Team Mtg.	6	7 Lenten Service	8 CPC 24th Fund Raising Event	9	10
11 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	12	13 Gaston Together	14 Lenten Service	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18 5th Sun. in Lent	19 Board Mtg	20 Prayer Group	21 Lenten Service	22	23	24
PALM SUNDAY	26 CLW/Rachel Group	27	28 Lenten Service	29 Maundy Thursday	30 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	30

- Mar. 2— World Day of Prayer (see p 3)
- Mar. 3—Workday at Church. 9am-12 noon
- Mar. 4— 3rd Sunday in Lent
- Mar. 5: **Team Meeting:**
Youth - 6:30 pm
Other - 7:00 pm
- Mar. 7— Lenten Service w/lite supper
- Mar. 8—CPC 24th Annual Fundraising Event (p
- Mar. 10— **Daylight Saving—set your clock ahead one hour March 11**
- Mar. 11— 4th Sunday in Lent
GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY
- Mar. 13—Gaston Together (see p 8)
- Mar. 14— Lenten Service w/lite supper
- Mar. 17— St. Patrick's Day (see p 4)
- Mar. 18— 5th Sunday in Lent
- Mar. 19—**Board Meeting** at 7:00 pm
- Mar. 20— Prayer Group will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:30 pm
First Day of Spring
- Mar. 21— Lenten Service w/lite supper
- Mar. 27— PALM SUNDAY
- Mar. 26— CLW/Rachel Group will meet at the home of Betty Clemmer at 1:30 pm
- Mar. 28—Lenten Service w/lite supper
- Mar. 29— Maundy Thursday
- Mar. 30— Good Friday Service (7 pm)

Holy Communion Schedule:

Mar. 29: Maundy Thursday



Worship Service Assistance:

Altar Guild: Alice Vlaservich

Acolyte: Nick Vlaservich

Crucifer: (not during Lent)

Communion Asst: Nick Vlaservich

Lay Reader: Teri Trudnak

Worship Asst: Teri Trudnak

Greeters: Members of OSLC

Ushers: Bill Trudnak
Jeff White

Council Devotions: Robbie Wooten

Collections: Melinda White

FOOD FOR THE MONTH:

Pinto Beans, Canned Meat, Corn



Choir practice each Wednesday at 5:00 pm unless otherwise announced the bulletin



Birthdays

4 Jack Clemmer	Christian Clemmer
19 Bailey Messick	Mariel Finger
	Betty Mullen
22 Steve Digh	
30 Emma Dease	



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

- Mar. 5 None during Lent
- Mar. 12 None during Lent
- Mar. 19 None during Lent
- Mar. 26 None during Lent

Please sign up to place flowers on the altar in the glory of God and in honor or memory of your love ones.

5 openings

Please sign up and help Decorate the altar of our Lord



ANNIVERSARIES

38thCarlos & Denise Traveria
31stBritt & Anna Lowery



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OUTREACH MISSION
SHUT-INS
NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Please remember our church members who are shut-ins or reside in a nursing home* and visit them.

Marilyn Finger (Gastonia Care & Rehabilitation)
 416 Highland St.
 Gastonia, NC 28052

Jerri Presley
 2604 Ole Home Trail, Dallas

(If others, please let the church office know)



Help fill the pantry
 at the
 Dallas-High Shoals Christian Ministry.

Check and see what food item they need for the month (on page 5—our calendar) and let us over fill that basket in the hallway. This is a great outreach program.

God will bless you in your generosity.

Souper Bowl Sunday



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

THE FINALLY COUNT WAS
 112 CAN GOODS AND OTHER ITEMS



**Bring
 a
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Why is Camp Important?

- ✦ Camp is a Christ—centered experience in a *Fun and Safe Environment*.
- ✦ A summer camp experience is the *second most powerful* this you can do to keep your children faithful in the church! Don't let them miss out.
- ✦ We focus on individual camper needs through a *small group relational style*.
- ✦ Campers have an intense time with quality, well-trained, *Christian role-models* as staff.
- ✦ Experience the powerful impact of our emphasis on *building self-value* in each camper.
- ✦ Campers are challenged to ask questions, grow in faith and *understand faith and values*.
- ✦ We believe in people making a difference through the *guidance of the Holy Spirit*.

“Experience the Spirit — Christ, Creation, Community”

Agape-Kure Beach

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and

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Please see calendars and other information on the bulletin board or go on-line



**GO OUT ON A LIMB
 GET INVOLVED**

BE A WORSHIP ASSISTANT

A positions are still open. Participate in the service of the Lord and sign up.

Sign up sheets for the 2018 calendar year are on the wall in the Education wing.

THANK YOU!

A Stewardship Minute

Reap Bountifully

In the March issue *Stewardship* there is a story about a couple who decided to clear out the clutter from a bedroom closet. Naturally, they found a lot of things they no longer needed; everything from clothes, comforters, kitchen equipment, lamps, and so forth. You can identify with their experience, can't you?

The question, of course, when we decide to clean out a closet or garage or whatever, is what shall we do with the things we do not need? Well, the

couple in the story decided simply to give these things away to those people in need, or to organizations which serve the poor or afflicted.

That was a smart move. Their action of giving away their unneeded goods became the source of blessings for them. They found the great joy which comes from giving. You don't need to wait until you clean out your attic! They discovered the great truth that in giving, we receive. St. Paul's words to the Corinthians became very meaningful to them. Paul wrote: "The one who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and the one who sows

bountifully will also reap bountifully." (II Corinthians 9:6) They decided to sow bountifully by giving things away.

Jesus said: "Give and it will be given to you." (Luke 6:38) I remind you that if Jesus said it, you can believe it. You can count on it.

Let Us Pray: Lord, keep reminding us that it is in giving that we receive the greatest joys you have for us. **In Christ's name, Amen**

St. Patrick's Day



The person who was to become St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales about AD 385. His given name was Maewyn, and he almost didn't get the job of bishop of Ireland because he lacked the required scholarship.

Far from being a saint, until he was 16, he considered himself a pagan. At that age, he was sold into slavery by a group of Irish marauders that raided his village. During his captivity, he became closer to God.

He escaped from slavery after six years and went to Gaul where he studied in the monastery under St. Germain, bishop of Auxerre for a period of twelve years. During his training he became aware that his calling was to convert the pagans to Christianity.

His wishes were to return to Ireland, to convert the native pagans to Christianity. But his superiors instead appointed St. Palladius. But two years later, Palladius transferred to Scotland. Patrick, having adopted that Christian name earlier, was then appointed as second bishop to Ireland.

Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. And this fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times, but escaped each time. He traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches which would aid him in his conversion of the Irish country to Christianity.

His mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years. After that time, Patrick retired to County Down. He died on March 17 in AD 461. That day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since. Much Irish folklore surrounds St. Patrick's Day. Not much of it is actually substantiated.

Some of this lore includes the belief that Patrick raised people from the dead. He also is said to have given a sermon from a hilltop that drove all the snakes from Ireland. Of course, no snakes were ever native to Ireland, and some people think this is a metaphor for the conversion of the pagans. Though originally a Catholic holy day, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into more of a secular holiday.

One traditional icon of the day is the shamrock. And this stems from a more bona fide Irish tale that tells how Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day. The St. Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737. That was the first year St. Patrick's Day was publicly celebrated in this country, in Boston.

Today, people celebrate the day with parades, wearing of the green, and drinking beer. One reason St. Patrick's Day might have become so popular is that it takes place just a few days before the first day of spring. One might say it has become the first green of spring.

Church News



MEN-IN-MISSION AT WORK

MARK OUR CALENDAR
LUTHERIDGE

Area Church's Men-in-Mission will join together Fridays and Saturdays (in May) to do work at LUTHERIDGE. You can either spend the night Friday or drive up early Saturday morning. If you are interested please contact Nick Vla-servich.



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GASTON TOGETHER'S CLERGY & CITIZENS COALITION

March 13, 2018
8:30 to Noon

Clinton Room, Gaston Memorial Hospital
Breakfast before meeting, if you wish

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Altar Flowers

NEW FLOWERS CALENDER FOR THE CHURCH is posted on the first door in the hallway of the Educa-tion wing. Please sign up to place flowers on the altar in the glory of God and in honor or memory of your loved ones. You can then take them home with you or give them to one of our shut ins.

THERE ARE 12 OPENINGS

PASTOR PETE FEIGE TELEPHONE:

704-516-2805



CLW/RACHEL GROUP

will meet at the home of TBA

March 26th at 1:30 pm

LET US PRAY... "Are any among you suffering? They should pray...The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up." (James 5:13-15)

PRAYER CONCERNS—MARGARET Addington (Brady Ratchford's sister and friends of the commu-nity), SUSAN Aderholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Ander-son, KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), ADDISON Blan-ton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), JENNIFER Christy (cancer is back- co-worker of Julie Digh), KAREN Brad-dy, COLEEN Cloninger (friend of community), MARILYN Fin-ger, LEVI Friday (Joan Scarborough's nephew) CHARLIE Fox (friend of the Ratchford's), ROBERT Gentile (friend of Shirlee Marazza-heart attack), ANNA Harbour (CDIFF-Shirlee Maraz-za's granddaughter), ROBERT L. McCanless, Jr. (failing health - Charles McCanless' father), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), NANCY Parker (friend of Marie Lingle-ALS), MARY O'Shea (co-worker of Melinda White's). EDITH Paysour, LAW-RANCE Paysour (friend of Ratchford's), RIVER Peedin (Ursela Peedin's great-grandson- leukemia), JANICE and JOHNNY Pendleton (grandparents of Raygan Carpenter - Janice has strokes), SONDRRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White) JERRIE Presley, BERNICE—Leon Rawlinson's mother, GENE Rohm9 cousin of Robbie Wooten), LEIGH Sellers (college friend's daughter of Libby Bickley), GARY Turner (father of Jason Mur-ray), SHERREE B Turner (mother of Jason Turner), KELLY Walters (mother of Brie Murray), LISA Walters (Brie and Em-ma Murray's aunt -cancer), ANNE White (niece of Betty Ratch-ford-breast cancer), NANCY Wilson (eyes).

PRAISE REPORT: *Ann & Hunter Digh - cancer free;
*Haley Mauney - Meds working;
*Lori Wood- cancer free.

*(off the Prayer List)



Each Wednesday Night
at
6:00 pm

Dialog: Book of Lamentation

COME, EAT AND LEARN



Girl Scout
— S U N D A Y —

Girl Scouting in the United States of America began on 12 March 1912 when Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout troop meeting of 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia. Low, who had met Baden-Powell in London while she was living in the United Kingdom, dreamed of giving the United States "something for all the girls." She envisioned an organization that would bring girls out of their cloistered home environments to serve in their communities and experience the open air. From its inception, the organization has been controlled by women, unlike the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) or the Camp Fire Girls.

The Juliette Gordon Low's birthplace, located in Savannah, Georgia in the former Gordon family home, became a national Girl Scout program center in 1956. It provides tours to thousands of Scouts yearly. Upon Low's death in 1927, she willed her carriage house, which would eventually become The Girl Scout First Headquarters, to the local Savannah Girl Scouts for continued use. The first National Headquarters was in Washington, DC but it was moved to New York City in the spring of 1916 and has remained there ever since.

Girl Scout dramatic presentation at Hinamatsuri (Doll Festival) on Japanese Girl's Day on stage at Crystal City Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, 1943-45

During World War II, many young Japanese girls were confined in internment camps with their families. Girl Scout troops were formed, even in these camps. These girls participated in many activities, including dramatic presentations, such as the one pictured at left, which took place in the Crystal City Internment Camp, located in Crystal City, Texas.

The current Girl Scouts of the USA logo was created in 1978 by Saul Bass, a graphic designer known for his motion picture title sequences.

The organization's original name was the Girl Guides of America, a name taken from the United Kingdom's Girl Guides program. In 1913, it was changed to the Girl Scouts of the United States and the organization was incorporated in 1915. It was again renamed to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America in 1947 and was given a congressional charter on March 16, 1950. The GSUSA started with 18 members — within months, members were hiking through the woods in their knee-length blue uniforms, playing basketball on a curtained-off court, and going on camping trips. By 1920, there were nearly 70,000 members, and by 1930 over 200,000. In 2005 there were over 3.7 million Girl Scouts — 2.8 million girl members and 954,000 adult members — in the United States.^[1] More than 50 million American women have participated in the Girl Scouts. Through its membership in the WAGGGS, GSUSA is part of a worldwide scouting family of over 10 million girls and adults in 144 countries.

The names and ages of the levels — and the larger structure of the program — have evolved significantly. Troops were initially fairly independent before joining together into small councils, which have since merged into larger councils

Palm Sunday Story Triumphal Entry Story Summary:

Jesus Christ was on his way to Jerusalem, knowing full well that this trip would end in his sacrificial death for the sin of humanity. He sent two disciples ahead to the village of Bethphage, about a mile away from the city at the foot of the Mount of Olives. He told them to look for a donkey tied by a house, with its unbroken colt next to it. Jesus instructed the disciples to tell the owners of the animal that "The Lord has need of it." (Luke 19:31, ESV)

The men found the donkey, brought it and its colt to Jesus, and placed their cloaks on the colt. Jesus sat on the young donkey and slowly, humbly, made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In his path, people threw their cloaks on the ground and put psalm branches on the road before him. Others waved palm branches in the air.

Large Passover crowds surrounded Jesus, shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:9, ESV)

By that time the commotion was spreading through the entire city. Many of the Galilean disciples had earlier seen Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead. Undoubtedly they were spreading the news of that miracle.

The Pharisees, who were jealous of Jesus and afraid of the Romans, said: "'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'" (Luke 19:39-40, ESV)

Points of Interest from the Triumphal Entry Story:

- When he told the disciples to get the donkey, Jesus referred to himself as 'The Lord,' a definite proclamation of his divinity.
- By riding into Jerusalem on a the colt of a donkey, Jesus fulfilled an ancient prophecy in Zechariah 9:9: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." (ESV) This was the only instance in the Gospels in which Jesus rode an animal.
- Throwing cloaks in the path of someone was an act of homage and submission. The people were recognizing Jesus as the promised Messiah.
- The people's cries of 'Hosanna' came from Psalms 118:25-26. Hosanna means "save now." Despite what Jesus had foretold about his mission, the people were looking for a military Messiah who would overthrow the Romans and restore Israel's independence.

Question for Reflection About the Palm Sunday Story:

The crowds refused to see Jesus as he truly was, placing their personal desires on him instead. Who is Jesus for you? Is he someone whom you want to satisfy your selfish wants and goals, or is he Lord and Master who gave up his life to save you from your sins?

24th Annual Fundraising Event

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"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice." Proverbs 31:8-9

March 8, 2018

First Assembly of God, Gastonia

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Dr. Ron Archer

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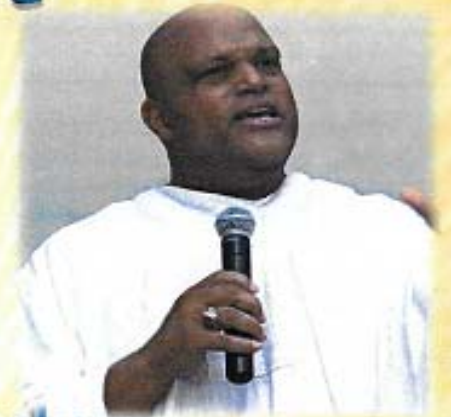
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Dr. Ron Archer is a Best Selling Author, Business Executive, NFL Consultant, Military Leadership Consultant, Corporate Leadership Trainer, Presidential Advisor, TV Pundit and he serves as an Envoy to Latin America, Africa, Europe and Korea. He is also the leader of a Global Human Rights Movement through-out Africa and Latin America. Dr. Archer was awarded the Martin Luther King Leadership Award for his work developing the hearts, hands and habits of third world leaders to transform their nations from chaos to collaboration. Ron Archer has cultivated an extensive following reaching more than 250,000 people a year through speaking engagements alone, and over a million through satellite simulcasts.

Born prematurely to a 16 year old single mother in the ghetto of Cleveland, Ohio, Archer was born with a severe learning disability and stuttering disorder. His life was plagued by extreme poverty, ridicule, physical abuse and sexual abuse. Through his compelling life story you will clearly see a journey that led him from pain to power, from wounds to wisdom, and from failure to fortune. The Lord led him from the out-house of life to the White House where he served as an advisor to several U.S. Presidents, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Foreign Prime Ministers and other world leaders.

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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Our staff and partners in the countries where we work know the local languages, traditions and customs necessary to provide appropriate solutions. And they have access to the knowledge and expertise of their colleagues in other countries around the world. We work in Latin America, Africa, Middle East, and Asia.

AGRICULTURE, CLIMATE & DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Our goal is to improve the lives of millions of small-scale farmers and their families, and to help them adapt to and mitigate the effects of changing weather and environmental conditions. With your generous gifts, LWR, in partnership with a local non-profit organization, is helping 80 farming families in this remote region increase their food security along with their potato crop yields. To do this, we're equipping farmers with a variety of native potato seeds. To further the reach of this work, we're providing training for farmers so that they can serve as local, technical resources to help other area farmers improve their crops. We're also helping families set up seed banks so they can continue to grow the native potato varieties.

Peru, high up in the Andes mountains. The people like the Potato Project, which helps them out of the extreme poverty. Juan wants to make money to educate his kids. This project also helps Daisy and her family, who live in the Castrovirreyna Province, high in the Andes Mountains in Peru. While most of Peru has seen economic growth, poverty persists in this region.

The Philippines has a Cash-for-Work program that helps when disaster strikes, such as a hurricane or typhoon. Decades of political strife, along with severe weather conditions, led many people to leave the region, taking with them the knowledge of traditional farming practices. As a result, many native potato varieties, a staple in the regional diet, were lost. Put together with low household income, this put many families at risk for hunger.

Leonida Carupo is a grandmother living in the Philippines. The Typhoon demolished their house and also their crops. LWR has helped with supplies to rebuild their houses and also to provide seeds and tools to plant gardens. They are very thankful.

WE ARE PREPARED

Prior to emergencies, we and our partners have established systems and capacities that allow us to respond to emergencies efficiently. In order to efficiently and effectively respond to disasters, our staff and our partners need plans and systems in place. Each of our country offices has an Emergency Preparedness Plan that outlines when and how we will respond to emergencies. We train our staff and our partners' staff on best practices for programs, monitoring and evaluation, rapid assessment, etc. We also participate in active networks of organizations, such as Action by Churches Together (ACT) and InterAction.

People affected by disasters are able to recover and rebuild their source of income in ways that maximize their resilience to future disasters. We also plan ahead by pre-positioning items (such as LWR Quilts & Kits) in warehouses supported by the United Nations (U.N. Humanitarian Response Depots). These depots allow us to quickly send items where they're needed, when they're needed. People affected by disasters are able to recover and rebuild their source of income in ways that maximize their resilience to future disasters. We also plan ahead by pre-positioning items (such as LWR Quilts & Kits) in warehouses supported by the United Nations (U.N. Humanitarian Response Depots). These depots allow us to quickly send items where they're needed, when they're needed.

Ellie Kitchner lived in Poland during the II World War, she and others had to leave their country and go to refugee camps. Over the years she has moved to Canada. Now she makes quilts for LWR.

Health Kits are given by LWR to people in Latin America for children of poor families and are much appreciated. Quilts are given in India at hospitals and at hospice care.

Sharing Gifts of Extraordinary Love

Pens and pencils, a toothbrush, a quilt ... ordinary items we take for granted become treasures in the hands of their recipients. The items you send will be cherished and used by people who take nothing for granted, for whom even a simple bar of new soap is special. Your gifts of time and resources are beautiful expressions of God's love and grace to those in greatest need. Thank you for your partnership in putting them together.

Please tell the people who are responsible for sending these Kits that we thank them from the bottom of our hearts. The Children will carry these gifts in their hearts, and in their minds they will know that there are people in far away places that care enough to share and send help to people in need.

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– Saul Paisig, teacher whose students received School Kits in Peru

Quilts and Kits provide comfort, cleanliness and needed supplies to people during and after a disaster. They are donated every year from individuals and congregations around the United States. We distribute them in response to both long- and short-term, and slow- and quick-onset emergencies around the world. We also supply other non-food items like shelter support items, clothing and bedding, or other items as necessary. We obtain items from local sources as much as possible, to ensure support for local economies.

2018 Mission Emphasis for March is *Lutheran World Relief*.

This information and these stories tell a small part of what *LWR* is responsible for through their missions. It is an opportunity for members of *Our Saviour Lutheran Church* to contribute toward easing the hunger and thirst, as well as the results of severe weather disasters. Give any Sunday in March by check or cash for *LWR*. Pray for those in active service in other countries through *LWR* and also pray for those who receive the benefits of these temporal and spiritual blessings.



Help fill the pantry
at the
Dallas-High Shoals Christian Ministry.

Check and see what food item they need for the month (on page 5—our calendar) and let us over fill that basket in the hallway. This is a great outreach program.

God will bless you in your generosity.



When we receive the bread offered during Holy Communion,
it's the spiritual equivalent of receiving free bread.

No matter how you slice it the terms of your own denominational tradition,
the “real” bread and “real drink connect us deeply and spiritually with God through Christ.

We are nourished by the grace we receive,
encouraged by the diverse crowd around us
and strengthened to the live life to the full.

There's no substitute for the love
and life we experience when we break the ***Bread of Life***.

Like Peter we cry out,
“Lord, to who [else] shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life”

(John 6:68, NIV)

Homiletics

Daily Bible reading guide from NALC, LCMS and LCC

Reading the Word of God, a daily Bible reading guide, has been prepared for Lutherans to use over the next three years.

The North American Lutheran Church has joined with the Lutheran Church-Canada and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to compile a three-year plan of *daily* Bible readings and a year-long series of *weekly* readings on Martin Luther's approach to the Scriptures.

Daily readings

The daily readings are listed on calendars for **2018**, **2019** and **2020**. The plan provides a guide that will take the reader through the entire Old Testament one time in three years, with the exception of Psalms, which are read twice each year. The New Testament will be read twice in the three years.

A reading from the Old Testament, a psalm (or portion of a psalm) and a reading from the New Testament are assigned for each day. Certain church festivals - Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and so forth - have readings appointed for the specific occasion.

Each month of the Daily Bible Reading Guide will be in the monthly newsletter.

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> <i>Gen. 42</i> <i>Ps. 56</i> <i>Matt. 26:1-16</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Gen. 43</i> <i>Ps. 57</i> <i>Matt. 26:17-35</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Gen. 44</i> <i>Ps. 58</i> <i>Matt. 26:36-56</i>
<i>4</i> <i>Gen. 45</i> <i>Ps. 59</i> <i>Matt. 26:57-75</i>	<i>5</i> <i>Gen. 46:1-25</i> <i>Ps. 60</i> <i>Matt. 27:1-14</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Gen. 46:26-47:12</i> <i>Ps. 61</i> <i>Matt. 27:15-31</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Gen. 47:12-31</i> <i>Ps. 62</i> <i>Matt. 27:32-56</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Gen. 48</i> <i>Ps. 63</i> <i>Matt. 27:57-66</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Gen. 49:1-28</i> <i>Ps. 64</i> <i>Matt. 28:1-20</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Gen. 49:29-50:26</i> <i>Ps. 65</i> <i>Rom. 1:1-17</i>
<i>11</i> <i>Ex. 1</i> <i>Ps. 66</i> <i>Rom. 1:18-32</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Ex. 2</i> <i>Ps. 67</i> <i>Rom. 2:1-29</i>	<i>13</i> <i>Ex. 3</i> <i>Ps. 68</i> <i>Rom. 3:1-20</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Ex. 4:1-17</i> <i>Ps. 69</i> <i>Rom. 3:21-4:12</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Ex. 4:18-5:21</i> <i>Ps. 70</i> <i>Rom. 4:13-25</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Ex. 5:22-6:27</i> <i>Ps. 71</i> <i>Rom. 5:1-21</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Ex. 6:28-7:24</i> <i>Ps. 72</i> <i>Rom. 6:1-14</i>
<i>18</i> <i>Ex. 8:1-19</i> <i>Ps. 73</i> <i>Rom. 6:15-23</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Ex. 8:20-9:7</i> <i>Ps. 74</i> <i>Rom. 7:1-6</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Ex. 9:8-35</i> <i>Ps. 75</i> <i>Rom. 7:7-25</i>	<i>21</i> <i>Ex. 10:1-18</i> <i>Ps. 76</i> <i>Rom. 8:1-17</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Ex. 10:19-11:10</i> <i>Ps. 77</i> <i>Rom. 8:18-39</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Ex. 12:1-30</i> <i>Ps. 78:1-35</i> <i>Rom. 9:1-26</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Ex. 12:31-51</i> <i>Ps. 78:36-72</i> <i>Rom. 9:27-10:4</i>
<i>25</i> <i>Passion Sunday</i> <i>Zech. 9:9-12</i> <i>Ps. 31</i> <i>Phil. 2:5-11</i> <i>John 12:12-19</i>	<i>26</i> <i>Ex. 13</i> <i>Ps. 79</i> <i>Rom. 10:5-21</i>	<i>27</i> <i>Ex. 14</i> <i>Ps. 80</i> <i>Rom. 11:1-10</i>	<i>28</i> <i>Ex. 15:1-21</i> <i>Ps. 81</i> <i>Rom. 11:1-24</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Maundy Thurs.</i> <i>Ex. 24:3-11</i> <i>Ps. 116</i> <i>1 Cor. 10:16-17</i> <i>Mark 14:12-26</i>	<i>30</i> <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Is. 56</i> <i>Ps. 22</i> <i>Heb. 4:14-16, 5:7-9</i> <i>John 19:17-30</i>	<i>31</i> <i>Ex. 15:22-16:16</i> <i>Ps. 82</i> <i>Rom. 11:25-36</i>



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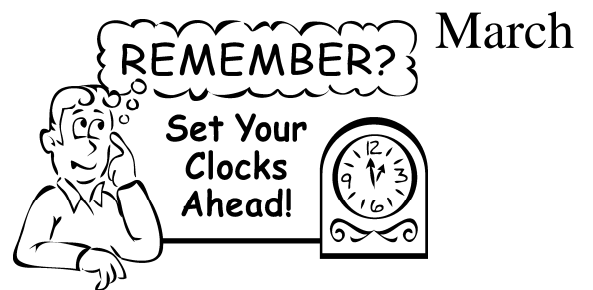
Maundy
 Thursday

March 25, 11:00 am



Good
 Friday

March 29, 7:00 pm



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