



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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Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the onset of the Lent, the 40-day period of fasting and abstinence. It is also known as the 'Day of Ashes'. So called because on that day at church the faithful have their foreheads marked with ashes in the shape of a cross.

The name 'Day of Ashes' comes from "**Dies Cinerum**" in the Roman Missal and is found in the earliest existing copies of the Gregorian Sacramentary. The concept originated by the Roman Catholics somewhere in the 6th century. Though the exact origin of the day is not clear, the custom of marking the head with ashes on this Day is said to have originated during the papacy of Gregory the Great (590-604).

In the Old Testament ashes were found to have used for two purposes: as a sign of humility and mortality; and as a sign of sorrow and repentance for sin. The Christian connotation for ashes in the liturgy of Ash Wednesday has also been taken from this Old Testament biblical custom.

Receiving ashes on the head as a reminder of mortality and a sign of sorrow for sin was a practice of the Anglo-Saxon church in the 10th century. It was made universal throughout the Western church at the Synod of Benevento in 1091.

Originally the use of ashes to betoken penance was a matter of private devotion. Later it became part of the official rite for reconciling public penitents. In this context, ashes on the penitent served as a motive for fellow Christians to pray for the returning sinner and to feel sympathy for him. Still later, the use of ashes passed into its present rite of beginning the penitential season of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

There can be no doubt that the custom of distributing the ashes to all the faithful arose from a devotional imitation of the practice observed in the case of public penitents. But this devotional usage, the reception of a sacramental which is full of the symbolism of penance (cf. the *cor contritum quasi cinis* of the "Dies Irae") is of earlier date than was formerly supposed. It is mentioned as of general observance for both clerics and faithful in the Synod of Benevento, 1091 (Mansi, XX, 739), but nearly a hundred years earlier than this the Anglo-Saxon homilist Ælfric assumes that it applies to all classes of men.

Putting a 'cross' mark on the forehead was in imitation of the spiritual mark or seal that is put on a Christian in baptism. This is when the newly born Christian is delivered from slavery to sin and the devil, and made a slave of righteousness and Christ (Rom. 6:3-18).

This can also be held as an adoption of the way 'righteousness' are described in the book of Revelation, where we come to know about the servants of God. The reference to the sealing of the servants of God for their protection in Revelation is an allusion to a parallel passage in Ezekiel, where Ezekiel also sees a sealing of the servants of God for their protection:

"And the LORD said to him [one of the four cherubim], 'Go through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark [literally, "a tav"] upon the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it.' And to the others he said in my hearing, 'Pass through the city after him, and smite; your eye shall not spare, and you shall show no pity; slay old men outright, young men and maidens, little children and women, but touch no one upon whom is the mark. And begin at my sanctuary.' So they began with the elders who were before the house." (Ezekiel 9:4-6)

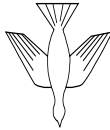
Unfortunately, like most modern translations the one quoted above (the Revised

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Standard Version, which we have been quoting thus far), is not sufficiently literal. What it actually says is to place a tav on the foreheads of the righteous inhabitants of Jerusalem. Tav is one of the letters of the Hebrew alphabet, and in ancient script it looked like the Greek letter chi, which happens to be two crossed lines (like an "x") and which happens to be the first letter in the word "Christ" in Greek Christos). The Jewish rabbis commented on the connection between tav and chi and this is undoubtedly the mark Revelation has in mind when the servants of God are sealed in it.

The early Church Fathers seized on this tav-chi-cross-christos connection and expounded it in their homilies, seeing in Ezekiel a prophetic foreshadowing of the sealing of Christians as servants of Christ. It is also part of the background to the Lutheran practice of making the sign of the cross, which in the early centuries (as can be documented from the second century [Catholics] on) was practiced by using one's thumb to furrow one's brow with a small sign of the cross, like Lutherans do today.



28th Celebration of Life

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022

Location: First Assembly of God,
777 S. Myrtle School Road, Gastonia

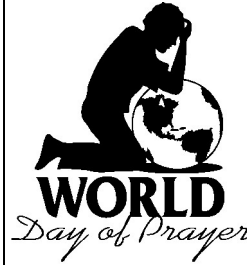
Time/Program: **It is Different...**
There will **NOT** be a meal!
Invitations won't be sent.
6:15 to 7:00 pm—Musical Worship in the Sanctuary.
7:00 pm—Program in the sanctuary.

Speaker: Lt. Governor Mark Robinson

Seating: On a First Come, First Serve basis
There will be reserved seating for those
unable to climb steps.



See insert for donation



Friday, March 4, 2022, we journey to England, Wales, and North Ireland.

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. The theme this year is:

I Know the Plans I Have for You

Program written by the
World Day of Prayer Committee of
England, Wales & Northern Ireland for WDP 2022
Jeremiah 29:1-14



In the midst of all the uncertainties we are living under due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the WDP 2022 theme emerges like a balm of confidence. It is an invitation to place our trust in God in times of suffering.

The program is based on the letter that the prophet Jeremiah wrote to the exiles in Babylonia. The exiles were in a context of suffering, uncertainty, and opposing views on how to respond to the moment. Today, we come together to hear the stories of women who feel excluded, listen to the fear of a child refugee and learn to see the context of a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, and multi-faith society in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (EWNI).

For Jeremiah, God's plan was clear, and we share this assurance by singing it. What is your WDP hope? Let the children and the youth guide your response. Then, come to celebrate hope by lighting a candle on behalf of the seven regions of the world, knowing that our prayerful action can bring to life the promises of God who, like a Mother and Father, cares for us all.

We are given a seed of hope to ponder where it needs to be planted in our lives and in our communities. Take this opportunity, to raise awareness on the needs of your community and offer the gifts of prayers and commitment. A seed, nourished by prayers of intercession and actions of love, bind us together around the world.

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**Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Anna Lowery, President
December 20, 2021 Council Minutes**

Devotions: Alice Vlaservich led in prayer

Meeting called to order by President, Anna Lowery

Members present: Alice Vlaservich, Melinda White, Anna Lowery, Robbie Wooten

Members Absent: Becky Messick, Joe Finger, Jeff White, Denise Traveria, Teri Trudnak

Minutes: November 2021 minutes were reviewed.; Robbie Wooten made the motion to approve the minutes and Alice Vlaservich seconded the motion.

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

- a, Pastor's Conference on February 15-17. Pastor Feige will be asked regarding attendance

Report of the Pastor: None

Report of the Treasurer: Report was reviewed, and a motion was made by Melinda White to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Robbie Wooten

Report of the Ministries:

- a. Property: None
- b. Stewardship and Finance: Presented 2022 budget and Council sent for congregational approval
- c. Worship & Music: Decorated sanctuary for the Christmas season
- d. Youth Team: No report this month
- e. Witness: Cards and prayers continue to be sent to shut ins. Alice is also sending bulletins to those unable to attend worship service.
- f. Christian Education Team: Twenty-two shoe boxes were delivered to support Operation Christmas Child

Report of Auxiliaries: Prayer Group to meet at the home of Shirley Marazza on 12/21/2021.

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

- a. Amending NALC Constitution, Article 11 was discussed. We as Council had questions/concerns and will also speak with Pastor Feige for guidance. No decision was made at this time. Still under review.

New Business:

- a. New Devotion schedule for 2022 to be created
- b. 2022 Installation of new Council member, Steve Digh will be 1/9/2022
- c. 2022 budget, present and vote by congregation on 12/26/2021

General Information:

- a. Attendance: BRING A FRIEND!!
- b. Laszlo Mission (Kids International) Report
- c. Tragedy in Hauna!
- d. New Parish Directory (change Robbie Wooten's address)
- e. Letter from LCMC

- f. Save the Date: 3/5/2022; 99th Gathering LMIM Grace Lutheran Church, Hendersonville, NC

The Council meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is January 17, 2022 at 7pm
(Changed to 2/22/22)

Anna Lowery -Devotions



Disaster Response

NALC Disaster Response is a **vital and active part of our church**. In 2010 the North American Lutheran Church determined a need for a disaster response coordinator to support congregations in their response when disasters strike. They provide disaster preparedness training, early response coordination and long-term recovery training.

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

NALC Disaster Response has resources and capabilities to assist in early response and longer term recovery. We can open the gates to material resources, networking, counseling, training, and volunteers. Remember, the key is early communication!

When disaster strikes the NALC Disaster Response has to have supplies and resources to help those in need. That is where our congregation and others come into the picture by either donating supplies or monetary donations. Even after (as stated above) the dust has settled, they need to have supplies on hand after a disaster has struck.

If you would like to provide supplies and other items, see **page 10** in the newsletter. Or if you would like to make a monetary donation please see the below.

Donate online or mail checks payable to:
North American Lutheran Church
PO Box 860565
Minneapolis, MN 55486-0565
(Check Memo Line: "Disaster Response Fund")

MARK THIS DATE

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

RUN FOR THE MONEY

APRIL 9, 2022

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

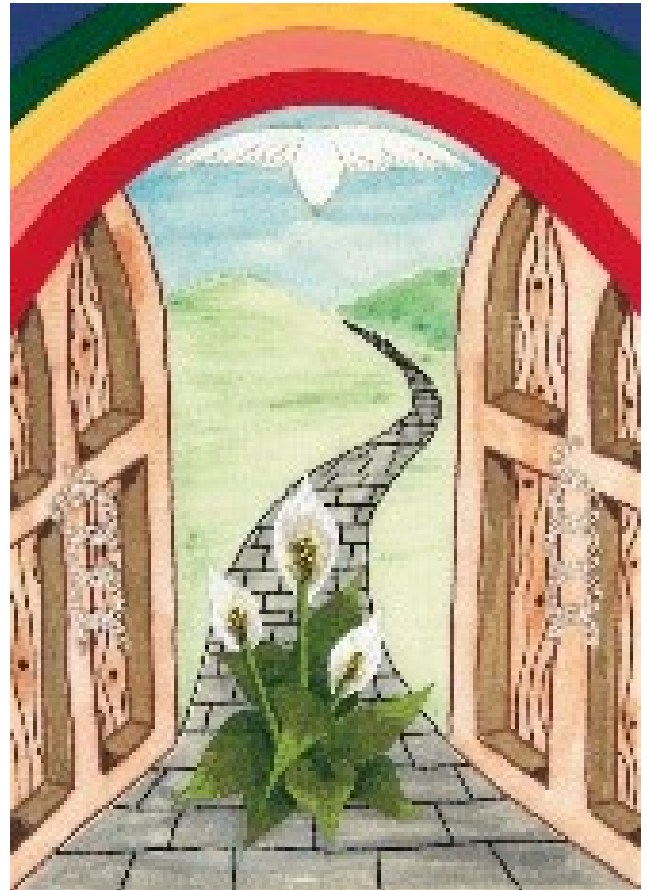
During World War II, many young Japanese girls were confined in internment camps with their families. Girl Scout troops were formed, even in these camps. These girls participated in many activities, including dramatic presentations, such as the one pictured at left, which took place in the Crystal City 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.^[7] 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

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The artwork, created by Angie Fox using a combination of embroidery, appliqué and metalwork, depicts key words such as, **Freedom**, represented as an open door to a pathway across an endless open vista; **Justice**, represented by broken chains; **God's Peace and Forgiveness**, represented by the dove of peace and a peace lily breaking through the pavement.

Over all, a rainbow which has come to represent all these things from the story of Noah through to the modern day. It is a symbol of the overreaching love of God.

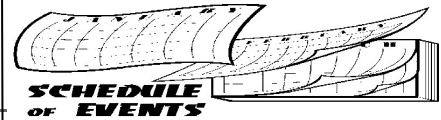
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March 2022



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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	..	1	2	3	4	5
6 1st Sun. in Lent	7 Team Mtg.	8	9 Lenten Service w/very light supper	10 CPC 28th Fund Raising Event	11	12
13 2nd Sun in Lent	14	15	16 Lenten Service w/very light supper	17	18	19
20 3th Sun. in Lent	21 Council Meetings	22	23 Lenten Service w/very light supper	24	25	26
27 4th Sun. in Lent	28 Rachel Group	29	30 Lenten Service w/very light supper	31		

- **March is Women's History Month**
- **Mar. 2**— Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm
- **Mar. 3**— Pastor Pete's 5th Year Anniversary
- **Mar. 4**— World Day of Prayer (see p 2)
- **Mar. 5**— **LMIM 99th Gathering** (see p 13)
- **Mar. 6**— 1st Sunday in Lent
- **Mar. 7**— Team Meeting: 7:00 pm
- **Mar. 9**— Lenten Service with a very light supper 6:00 pm
- **Mar. 11**—CPC 28th Annual Fundraising Event
- **Mar. 12**—**set your clock ahead one hour for March 13**
- **Mar. 13**— **Daylight Saving starts begins**
- **Mar. 13**— 2nd Sunday in Lent
GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY
- **Mar. 15**— Prayer Group will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:30 pm
- **Mar. 16**— Lenten Service with a very light supper 6:00 pm
- **Mar. 17**— St. Patrick's Day (see p 4)
- **Mar. 20**— 1st Day of Spring
- **Mar. 20**— 3th Sunday in Lent
- **Mar. 21**— Council Meeting
- **Mar. 23**— Lenten Service with a very light supper 6:00 pm
- **Mar. 27**— 4th Sunday in Lent
- **Mar. 28**—Rachel Group TBA
- **Mar. 30**— Lenten Service with a very light supper 6:00 pm

Holy Communion Schedule:

All Sundays



Worship Service Assistance:

- Acolyte: Nora Cole
Communion Asst: Nora Cole
Lay Reader: Denise Traveria
Worship Asst: Denise Traveria
Greeters: Denise Traveria
Ushers: OSLC Member

Council Devotions: Becky Messick
Collections: Melinda White



Birthdays



- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 4 Jack Clemmer | Christian Clemmer |
| 19 Bailey Messick | Mariel Finger |
| | Ben Finger |
| 22 Steve Digh | |
| 30 Emma Dease | |



FOOD FOR THE MONTH:

Pinto Beans, Canned Meat, Corn



Choir practice each Wednesday at 4:00 pm unless otherwise announced the bulletin

FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

- Mar. 6 None during Lent
- Mar. 13 None during Lent
- Mar. 20 None during Lent
- Mar. 27 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.

22 openings
Please sign up and help
Decorate the altar of our Lord



ANNIVERSARIES

- 7th Andrew & Katie Sanderson
- 28th Carlos & Denise Traveria
- 31stBritt & Anna Lowery



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 Website: oslc-nc.org



OUTREACH MISSION

SHUT-INS
NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Please remember our church members who are shut-ins or reside in a nursing home* or senior living and visit them or send a card to them

Marilyn Finger

2701 Jackson Square, Andersin, SC 29625

Jill Petzold

Brookdale Senior Living, Rm 44,
 1680 S. New Hope Rd., Gastonia, NC 28054

(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.

FOOD FOR THE MONTH:

Pinto Beans, Canned Meat, Corn

Souper Bowl Sunday



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
 UPDATE AND FINAL
 \$250.00 IN DONATIONS

HAIRCUT

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided, he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it. After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

(You're going to love the Dad's reply below)

"Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went!"

**Events For
 Lutheridge -Lutherock-Lutherspring-
 Lutheranch**

Web site: www.NovusWay.com

and

Kure/Agape Beach

E-mail: kurebeach@agapekurebeach.org

Web site: www.agapekurebeach.org

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 2021 calendar year are on the
 wall in the Education wing.
 THANK YOU!

WE ARE SMALL AND NEED YOUR HELP



ENCLOSED FOR MARCH

A Stewardship Minute

“You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land.”

Deuteronomy 15:11

Using what God has given you to help another person in need, or to enable the church to minister to the “least and the lost,” is a fundamental tenet of stewardship. Once a pastor of a church that helped support those people needing help asked another pastor who worked daily with poor people, how his ministry was going. The pastor who served in the poorest section of his city replied: “It is a hand

to mouth existence.” He concluded his answer by saying “It is God’s hand giving to our mouths.”

Most of us are able to give to others and the work of the church because God’s hand has been opened generously toward us. And what some of us, perhaps many of us, have learned is that the more we live in grace and gratitude, the more resources we have to engage in whatever ministry the Lord has for us to do. And, amazingly, that is when we learn that good stewardship brings forth great joy and gladness in life!

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over...”

Luke 6:38

Prayer: Our loving Creator, you have given lovingly and generously to us. Keep us from ignoring our opportunities to serve you as good stewards of all that we are and all that we have. **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



Altar Flowers

NEW FLOWERS CALENDER FOR THE CHURCH is posted on the first door in the hallway of the Education 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 23 OPENINGS



Begins March 9
Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

With a Very Light Supper

Lenten Program begins at 6:30 pm



TREE TRIMMING AND OTHER WORK
LOOK FOR UPCOMING DATE.

PASTOR PETE FEIGE TELEPHONE:

704-516-2805



RACHEL GROUP

will meet at the home of TBA

March 28th



"Prayer Group"

will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza

March 15th at 1:00 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, SUSAN Aderholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, WHITNEY Auten (breast cancer), KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), BRAXTON Bearden (friend of the Locketts), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), KAREN Brady, JACKIE Carpenter (friend of Alice Vlaservich-liver cancer), SYLVIA Cloninger (friend of Nick Vlaservich), MIKE Coffey (Robbie Wooten's uncle), STEVE Cloninger (friend of Brady Ratchford-cancer), BEVERLY Copeland (friend of Robbie's-cancer), STEVE Digh (cancer), RENEE Falkenberg (shoulder), HARDY Feige (Pete's dad - chronic back pain), GLEEN Fraizer (friend of Steve & Julie Digh [cancer]), NANCY Friday, BECKY Goodwin (friend of Brady's - cancer), JAMES Goudelock (cancer), JASON Hames (friend of the White's), GRACE Harbin (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), JEAN Huffstetler (two broken wrist), JEFF Lineberger (stroke), JOYCE in Morganton (Nick & Alice Vlaservich's acquaintance-cancer), DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), JACK Lonon (Kasey Digh's step-father-cancer), MARINA Marazza (Shirlee Marazza's granddaughter-Covid19), BO Messick (foot), FRANCIS McAllister (broken hip), CHRIS Messick (recovering back surgery), JASON, ALLISON & LEX Murray, ELLEN & ED Pfeiffer (Keenan Gordy's Parents - Heart issues), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), SON-DRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White), TERI Trudnak, TONY Trudnak (cancer reoccurring), GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), HAL White, JOE White (stroke), NANCY Wilson, REESE Wilson (blood cancer).



ALICE VLASERVICH SELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT

BY MEMBERS OF CHURCH COUNCIL



2022 PARISH DIRECTORY OF OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH OFFICE 704-922-4648 --- EMAIL oslcdallas@aol.com --- Website oslc-nc.org

LEADERSHIP BOARD

Term Expiring 2022

Teri Trudnak
922-4485

Melinda White*
922-7056

Term Expiring 2023

Alice Vlaservich*

922-3052
Robbie Wooten*

691-8967

Term Expiring 2024

Anna Lowery

616-8850
Becky Messick

460-8664
Steve Digh
718-6430

*2nd Term

OFFICERS OF THE LEADERSHIP BOARD AND OTHER OFFICIALS

President	Anna Lowery
Vice President	
Secretary	Melinda White
General Treasurer	Joe Finger
Delegates	Undesignated (appointed by Board)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Peter (Pete) Feige
Parish Administrator	Nick Vlaservich
Choir Director	Marie Robinson, Interim
Archivist	
Organist.....	Nancy Wilson, Interim

BOARD MEMBERS ON MINISTRIES AND OTHERS

Property Team.....	Alice Vlaservich
Ministry of Christian Education	Melinda White, Becky Messick
Ministry of Worship	Anna Lowery, Teri Trudnak, Robbie Wooten
Ministry of Finance & Stewardship .	Steve Digh
Ministry of Witness	Becky Messick, Alice Vlaservich
Ministry of Youth	Melinda White
Nominating Ministry Team	(appoint in Oct.)**
Fellowship/Facility Ministry Team .	

MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE

Dallas-High Shoals Christian..... Julie Digh

Term of Office for Board Officers and Board Members on Ministries starts January 1 of each year and ends December 31 of the same year.

** Made up of two outgoing board members and the executive officers of the Board (Pres., V-P, & Sec.). This team will compile a slate of eligible candidates (up to 5) for the ballot to the Leadership Board to voted upon by the congregation.



Disaster Response

KIT PACKING LIST

UPDATED FEBRUARY 2021

Bibles

- new or used (highlighted & underlined text is acceptable)
- children's, teens
- Spanish
- large print
- prayer books

*We encourage you to
write messages of
hope in the front pages
of donated Bibles*

Flood Bucket

- 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- 1 jug bleach
- 2 large trash bags
- 1 roll paper towels
- Comet or scouring cleanser
- Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- scrub brush
- gloves, 1 pair each, size L preferred
 - rubber (reusable, i.e. Platex, dishwashing type)
 - leather
 - cotton

Health Care Kit

(Pack in 2-gallon Ziplock bag or tote bag)

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 shampoo (regular size or 2 travel size)
- 1 bar of soap (regular size or 2 travel size)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 pack of floss
- 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- 1 comb
- 1 deodorant
- 1 nail clippers

Quilts and Blankets

- any size
- any fabric including religious, patriotic/military theme, seasonal

School Kit – Elementary

- 1 backpack or duffel bag
- 4 notebooks
- 4 pocket folders
- 1 blunt scissors
- 1 ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 4 pencils
- 2 pens
- 1 eraser
- 1 box of crayons

School Kit – High School

- 1 backpack or duffel bag
- 4 notebooks
- 4 pocket folders
- 4 pencils, 1 pencil sharpener & 1 eraser -or-
- 4 mechanical pencils
- 4 pens
- 1 high school calculator

Miscellaneous (pack like items together)

- masks (bundle/pack each type separately)
 - painting
 - sanding
 - N95
- baby diapers (disposable, assorted sizes)
- high school calculators
- any school supply can be donated in bulk quantities.
- mops, brooms & dustpans
- rakes, shovels, etc.

Gift Cards

- Home Depot
- Lowes
- Walmart



HOW TO PACK YOUR DISASTER KITS:

- Pack completed kits, in sturdy boxes (not overly large).
- Label contents and quantity in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS and place labels on at least one end and one side of the box so the contents will be visible regardless of how box is stacked.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box with a label that says: *A GIFT FROM [church/group name and address]*

FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Your monetary donations are always appreciated. Please note that, effective 12/14/2020, the address to which all monetary donations should be sent has changed to:

North American Lutheran Church
PO BOX 860565
Minneapolis, MN 55486-0565

For more information, please email Mary Bates, disasterresponse@thenalc.org or visit thenalc.org/nalc-disaster-response/

“Serve one another humbly in love”

GALATIANS 5:13b

THE BEST USES FOR BAKING SODA

Clean, freshen, and more with baking soda!

Baking soda is amazing! This versatile substance can be used to remove stains, keep your sneakers smelling fresh, and even get rid of your sweet tooth. Here are some of the best use for baking soda.

Bicarbonate of soda--commonly known as "baking soda" – us a wonderful household product used in baking, cleaning, and many more household activities.

Best Uses for Baking Soda.

FOR HEALTH:

- Adding baking soda to your bathwater to relieve sunburn and itchy skin.
- Make a past of baking soda and water and apply to a burn or an insect bite for relief.
- If you crave sweets, rinse your mouth with 1 teaspoon baking soda dissolved in a glass of warm water. Don't swallow the mixture, spit it out. Your craving should disappear instantly.
- To remove pesticide, dirt, and wax from fresh fruit, and vegetables, wash them in a large bowl of cool water to which you've added 2 to 3 tablespoons of baking soda.

IN THE KITCHEN

- Clean your refrigerator with a solution of 1 teaspoon baking soda to 1 quart of warm water.
- Pour a cup of baking soda into the opening of your clogged drain and then add a cup of hot vinegar. After a few minutes, flush the drain with a quart of boiling water.
- To remove stains from your coffee and tea cups, wipe them a damp sponge dipped in baking soda paste.
- Boil 2 inches of water in a pan with a burned bottom, turn off the heat, then add half a cup of baking soda. Let it sit overnight. In the morning, it will be easy to clean.
- Sprinkle a teaspoon of baking soda on the bottom of your toaster oven to eliminate the burned smell from drippings and crumbs.

IN THE BATHROOM:

- Soak toothbrush in baking soda and warm water overnight t clean bristles.
- Keep your rubber gloves dry and smelling good by sprinkling king soda inside them. They will slip on more easily, too.

ON CLOTHING

- To remove perspiration stains, make a thick paste of baking soda and water. Rub paste into the stain, let it sit for an hour and then launder as usual.
- Gasoline and oil odors can be reoved by putting clothes in a trash bag with baking soda for a few days before washing them.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Add a pinch of baking soda to boiled syrup to prevent it from crystallizing.
- Lay down a barrier of baking soda under sink-pipe openings and along basement windows to keep carpenter ants, silverfish, and roached from invading. Roaches eat the baking soda, dehydrate and die.
- A light baking soda paste on a dap cloth will remove bugs and tar from cars without damaging the paint. Let paste sit for a few minutes before wiping and rinsing clean.
- Sprinkling baking soda on your front steps will provide traction and melt the ice. Unlike rock salt, kitty litter, or sand, it won't damage outdoor or indoor surfaces of shoes.
- A paste of baking soda removes red sauce stains from plastic.

2022 MARCH MISSION EMPHASIS

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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(Mission cont'd from page 11)

– 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.

2022 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.

Women's History Month

Women's History Month has been celebrated annually in the month of March since 1987 and serves to pay "...tribute to the generations of women whose commitment to nature and the planet have proved invaluable to society."

3 Reasons Why We Celebrate Women's History Month

1. **So little girls can feel empowered.** In my opinion, learning about the accomplishments of women before them is extremely important in helping young girls gain confidence and feel empowered. Girls need to hear empowering messages throughout their life because as we all probably know, raising girls in this society is still a struggle. Consuming media (both print and digital) with strong female characters and that celebrate the beauty of being a woman goes a long way to establishing a sense of pride for girl.
2. **So little boys can appreciate.** It's not just little girls that need to celebrate Women's History Month. Boys also need to learn about the variety of women in history and consume media with strong female characters. This will help them appreciate past and present struggles of women, so they in turn can help make a change for future generations.
3. **So women's history is not erased.** It can be easy to forget about the past, but as I often tell my children, it's important to know our history and learn from it. Celebrating Women's History Month ensures these stories are not forgotten or erased. The legacy of many important women needs to live on so future generations of women can continue to create history.

NORTH CAROLINA
LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION



99TH GATHERING

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Grace Lutheran Church, Hendersonville, NC

MARCH 4, 2022

Theme: **“God is with Us”**

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Sean Forde
Pastor of Christ Church in Coral Spring, Fl.

- There is NO CHARGE for the event.

To register for the gathering, go to NC LMM Facebook page using the ticket link or use the following link to register with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/99th-gathering-north-carolina-lutheran-men-in-mission-live-or-zoom-event-tickets-257272387637>

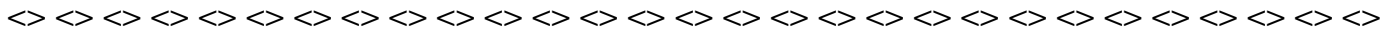
If you are traveling to Hendersonville for the event, select MEAL on your ticket information. We will serve a box lunch prior to the program beginning at noon.

Not able to attend the meeting live, consider the Zoom option. We will do the traditional Passing of the Churches to support the Home Mission Foundation. You may go to the HMF website: <https://www.homemissionfoundation.com/> and use the Donate How button to support their mission.

The theme, **“God be with Us”** is based on Joshua 1:9; “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

10 Spring Fun Facts You May Not Know!

1. The first Spring flowers to bloom are typically lilacs, irises, lilies, tulips, daffodils, and dandelions.
2. The word "season" is from the Latin root meaning "sowing" or "seed time."
3. Spring Fever is real! When the temperature rises during the warm weather, your blood vessels dilate so blood can be carried to the body's surface where heat can be lost quickly. You feel energetic when this happens.
4. Benjamin Franklin first proposed daylight savings in 1784. It wasn't implemented until after World War II.
5. Every year, allergies are involved in over 17 million outpatient doctor's visits, mostly in the spring and fall.
6. Before the 14th century, Spring was simply called Lent. It was renamed because plants were beginning to "spring" up from the ground.
7. In the literary world, Spring is often used to represent a revival, or the start of happier/better times.
8. Baby birds are born with the ability to sing, but usually do not discover this until the Spring when they are looking for a mate.
9. The Easter Bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania.
10. In locations such as Australia and New Zealand, Spring does not begin until September 1st.



Home Remedies for Repelling Mosquitoes and Soothing Bug Bites

Use these natural mosquitoes repellents and mosquitoes bites remedies to keep the mosquitoes away and get relief from itchy bug bites!

Topical Mosquito repellents:

- Many people claim that rubbing apple cider vinegar on your skin helps to repel bug insects. If you take in enough apple cider vinegar by putting it on foods you eat, you'll develop a body odor that will reel insects, including black flies. Once great and refreshing summer drink for this purposes is switched, made from apple cider vinegar.
- Lemon eucalyptus oil is recommended by the CDC to repel mosquitoes, as is picaridin.
- Some people swear that garlic works and swallow slivered garlic to ward off these summer pests. Others take garlic tablets or rub garlic juice directly on their skin.
- If you are going to use a DEET repellent, do not use one with more than 25% DEET. Unlike the SPF rating in sunscreens, higher concentrates of DEET doesn't mean more protection.

Mosquito Bite Relief Home Remedies for Bug and Bites and Itching.


- It helps to ice the area of the bite to constrict the capillaries near the skin's surface and reduce swelling.
- If you are going to use a topical cream, stay away from caladryl and calamine lotions for mosquito bites; it's better to apply a low-potency hydrocortisone and simple patience.
- Remember not to scratch the bite; this will only make it worse. For itchy bites, rub on meat tenderizer or lemon juice. A paste of mashed garlic can also help to make bug bites stop itching.
- White vinegar is another remedy for relieving the itch of insect bites. Apply it in full strength. Don't use vinegar if the area is raw.
- A paste of baking soda and water can provide much-needed relief to bug bites.
- Oatmeal can also help to provide itch relief – not only for bug bites.
- Some people have luck with high doses of Vitamin B (100 milligrams two or three times a day), but this does not work for everybody.
- **If you have an intense reaction to mosquito bites, consult your doctor.**

Hope these natural mosquito repellents and bug bite remedies help you to beat the bugs this season!

LENTEN SERVICE

GUILTY OR INNOCENT?

Beginning March 9, we are going to examine the truths and lies, the good and the bad, the innocent and the guilty. Yes, we are going to do a Lenten Bible study on the book

Here Comes  the Judge

Ok, well actually it will be on the book of Judges. March 9 (and the other Wednesdays in Lent) we will meet in Morgan's Room in the Educational section of the Church beginning at 6:00 pm with a very light supper. Lenten service will be begin at 6:30 pm. So join us and bring a friend....or two.



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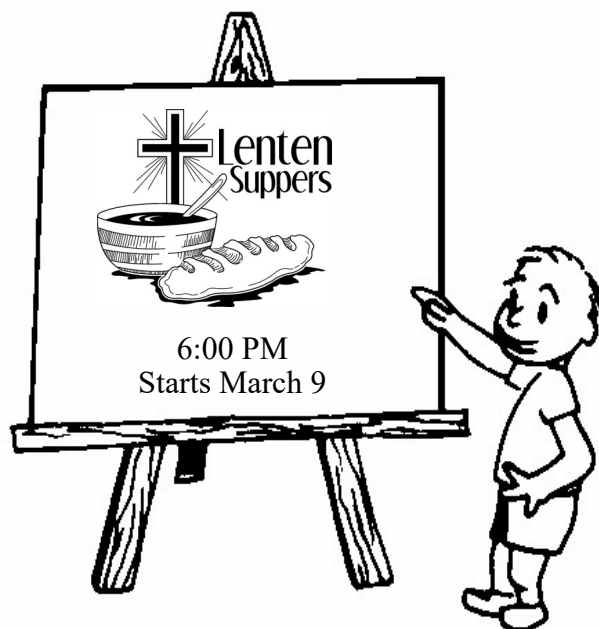
March 2022

WORSHIP SERVICES

March 2, 6:30 pm



**March 12
For
March 13**





700 Robinson Road
 Gastonia, NC 28056
 704-867-3706

God can save babies John 3:16 and save Souls! Ephesians 3:20
I can do all things through Him Who strengthens Me. Phillippians 4:13

“Celebration of LIFE” Annual Fundraiser – March 10, 2022

Giving Goal: \$230,096.00 Annual Budget: \$499,096.00

Please fill out the “2 Giving Options” after listening to Dr. Ancil Overbey give the appeal on the Fundraiser video. Please allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in your giving. Please deliver or postmark this form by March 12, in the envelope provided to: 700 Robinson Road, Gastonia, NC 28056

My Personal Information:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Church/Business: _____

Opportunities:

- Contact me about: Hosting a pew or table in 2022 Baby Bottle Blessings Walk for Life
 Sexual Risk Avoidance Presentations Monthly praying at a CPC office
- I would like to: Daily/weekly prayise for CPC Be a driver for the RV Ministry
 Volunteer at the Center Receive the monthly newsletter via email (Include email above)

2 GIVING OPTIONS:

1. SINGLE GIFT

- I would like to make a single gift of \$ _____
- My business/employer/church will MATCH my donation. Company Name: _____
- I'll give through Community Foundation Run: \$ _____ Make check to Gaston Community Foundation by April 17

2. MONTHLY GIFT/PARTNER

- \$1,000 per month = \$12,000 annually
- \$ 500 per month = \$6,000 annually
- \$ 250 per month = \$3,000 annually
- \$ 200 per month = \$2,400 annually
- \$ 150 per month = \$1,800 annually
- \$ 100 per month = \$1200 annually. I would like to become (continue as) a SPONSOR A DAY at the Center.
- \$ 30 per month = \$360 annually. I would like to become (continue as) a PARTNER PLUS!
- \$ 20 per month = \$240 annually. I would like to become (continue as) a PARTNER!
- \$ 15 per month = \$180 annually
- Other \$ _____
- With God's help I will give what I gave last year. \$ _____

OFFICE USE: _____ Amount Received:

In the box below, please write in your intended giving for the coming year (combine 1 + 2)

My Total Annual Gift:	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Me	<input type="checkbox"/> Check # <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> PayPal	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Draft
		(Enclosed) Make checks out to: CPC of Gaston County	(at cpcgaston.com)	Bank Draft will continue on the 10 th of the month until you contact us. Please include a cancelled/voided check.
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