



# 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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## FOLLOW JESUS *through Holy Week* (starting with Psalm Sunday)

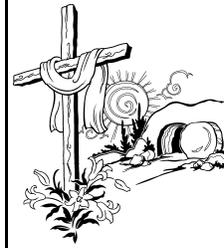
*Hosanna in the Highest!* Jesus enter Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday, we become a part of the parade of people trailing behind Jesus, who is mounted on a lowly donkey. We wave palm branches and shout "Hosanna!" on this day as a way to praise the one who has come to save us all—in great humility. Our joy is mingled with sorrow because we know Jesus is heading into his last days on earth.



*The Last Supper* Jesus goes to the Upper Room. On Maundy Thursday we climb the stairs to the upper room prepared for Jesus and his disciples, where they share a Last Supper together. In the bread and wine served here, Jesus gives his very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Today we partake of this special meal together as the family of believers—to remember his death until he comes, find grace to help in our time of need, and renew our Christian love.



*The Road to Golgotha* Jesus dies on the cross. On Good Friday, we stumble through the streets of Jerusalem to witness Jesus on his path to the cross to suffer and die. We recognize that we should be on this road ourselves, but understand that Jesus is the only one who can walk this way if we are truly to be saved from sin and death. We contemplate the cross, express grief over his suffering, and marvel at the sacrifice of the sinless Son of God.



Jesus rises from the dead. On Holy Saturday, we wait to walk with women to Christ's tomb on Easter morning. There we will see the stone rolled away. We will see Jesus alive again, beckoning us to come, follow him to life everlasting. As followers of Christ, we rejoice on this day that our house is in heaven.

## FOLLOW JESUS *through Scripture*

To get a better feel for the events that transpired during Holy Week, here is a Bible reading for you to follow:

- Palm Sunday .....Matt. 21:1-11
- Mon. of Holy Week.... Matt. 21:12-17
- Tues. of Holy Week... Luke 22:39-54
- Wed. of Holy Week ... Luke 22:66  
23:25
- Maundy Thursday.... Matt. 26:17-30
- Good Friday..... Luke 23:26-49
- Holy Saturday..... Matt 27:57-61
- Easter Sunday..... Matt 28:1-9

## FOLLOW JESUS *through Prayer*

Jesus said, "Not my will, but yours be done." - Luke 22:42..... As Christ reveals to us, we must always bow to the will of God in our prayers, even if His will is in conflict with our own.

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them." - Luke 23:34..... This prayer makes us realize that asking forgiveness for our sins and asking for help to forgive others should be first and foremost in our prayers.

Jesus said, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" - Mark 15:34.... Jesus shows us in this prayer that we do not need to shy away from expressing our deepest difficulties and frustrations with God in prayer.

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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..

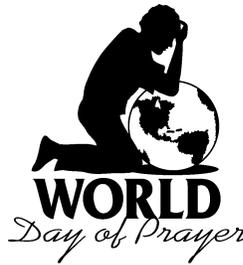
The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him 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 5, 2021**, we journey to Vanuatu 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  
Anna Loweery, President  
January 1, 2021 Council Minutes**



**Devotions:** Alice Vlaservich

Meeting called to order by President, Alice Vlaservich

**Members present:** Alice Vlaservich, Melinda White, Jeff White, Teri Trudnak

**Members Absent:** Becky Messick, Robbie Wooten, Joe Fin-ger, Denise Traveria, Anna Lowery

**Minutes:** December 21, 2020 minutes were reviewed.; Alice Vlaservich made the motion to approve the minutes and Teri Trudnak seconded the motion.

**Reception of Petitions and Communications:** Gordan-Cornwell requesting donation. The members of the Council agreed to support them in prayer at this time.

**Report of the Pastor:** None presented.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Report was reviewed, and a motion was made by Melinda White to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Alice Vlaservich.

**Report of the Ministries:**

- a. Property: Gutters need cleaning at the parsonage. Also, the Activity Building needs repairs and gutters cleaned. This request will be postponed until better weather;
- b. Stewardship and Finance: No report
- c. Worship & Music: Undecorated the church.
- 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 come to worship service.
- f. Christian Education Team: No report.

**Report of Auxiliaries:** No meeting scheduled until after January 2021.

**Old and/or Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- a. Ash Wednesday service scheduled for February 17 at 5:30 pm.
- b. The annual Chicken and Dumplings dinner to support the DCSM has been cancelled again this year, mainly due to Covid. Instead the committee has asked each church to donate \$200 to support the ministry. Jeff White made a motion we donate to support the Dallas Christian Social Ministry and Teri Trudnak seconded the motion.

**General Information:**

- a. Attendance: BRING A FRIEND!!
  - b. Laszlo Mission (Kids International) Report
  - c. New LCMC Service Coordinator, Mike Bradley
- The Council meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is February 15, 2021 at 7pm; Becky Messick will have devotions.

**MY ANSWER**

I am a Millennial and my children are considered Gen Z. I hear some politicians and churches say that our generations are lost to the knowledge of the U.S. Constitution. I resented it until I learned that the American Constitution really was founded upon Biblical laws. I was never taught that in school. What can we do to restore the authenticity of our history?

A:

*From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham*

The American Declaration of Independence and Constitution are based upon the precepts of God's Word. Without it there would have been no United States. One of the greatest tragedies today is that the Bible is available to nearly everyone, but to millions it is a closed book—either because they leave it unread or because they read it without applying its teaching to themselves. People somehow think that in an age of scientific achievement, this ancient book is out of date. But the Bible is as relevant today as it was in the first century.

Our culture is facing a moral crisis. We are adrift without answers; yet the answers to life are found in the book of all books—the Bible. Society must return to the truth of God's Word, and it should start in the homes of our nation. Only as we abandon secularism and embrace the Biblical concepts can people be saved from God's judgments. "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33).

A return to the Bible would give purpose and meaning to young people. Students in our universities are crying out for meaning in life. They want to know the truth. The Pilgrim families and Founding Fathers had a high view of what our nation should be under God. They believed that faith in God and reverence for Him gave man dignity and they sought the guidance of Almighty God. We should do the same. (This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.)

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**FOLLOW JESUS *through Service to Others.***

**"He touched the man's ear and healed him."** - Luke 22:52.....

We are called to do what we can to bring healing to others through such simple things as a kind word, a hospital visit, or a phone call.

**"Woman, behold your son."** **"Behold your mother."** - John 19:26,27.... Now is a perfect time for us to encourage people in their relationships and work to strengthen the bonds we share with family and friends.

**"He began to wash his disciples' feet."** - John 13:5..... Our task is to serve in love and humility and to consider the needs of others first when deciding how to schedule our days.



*Wednesdays at 6:30 pm*

NOT TO LATE TO JOIN US ON ZOOM

**This year we will study the book of Daniel and while we are challenged with the lingering threat of the COVID virus, we will meet in the spirit of safety and community via Zoom video conference on Wednesday nights. The meetings will start at 6:30pm and should go about an hour.**

Join Zoom Meeting

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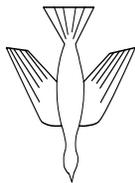
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The reaching out toward another country is matched by reaching out to ecumenical connections and understandings within one's own local and national context. When Romania led the worship in 2002 and Lebanon in 2003, women especially sought out the Orthodox 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.

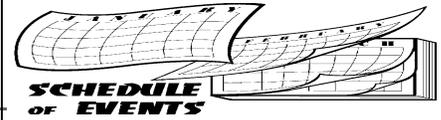
The ecumenical spirituality of WDP is dynamic because of our commitment to informed prayer. When we become informed in our prayer we open ourselves to the disturbing consequences that we are responsible for what we know and learn. Through informed prayer we seek out ways to act in solidarity with women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

The World Day of Prayer 2021 host country is Vanuatu (off the coast of Australia) and the theme is ***"Build on a Strong Foundation"***.

# March 2021



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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Team Mtg.	2	3 Zoom Lenten Service	4 Pastor Pete's 4th year celebration	5 	6 	
7 3rd Sun. in Lent	8	9	10 Zoom Lenten Service	11 CPC 27th Fund Raising Event	12	13 
14  4th Sun in Lent	15 Council Mtg	16 	17  Zoom Lenten Service	18	19	20
21 5th Sun. in Lent	22 CLW/Rachel	23	24 Zoom Lenten Service	25	26	27
	29	30	31			

- **March is Women's History Month**
- **Mar. 1:** Team Meeting: 7:00 pm
- **Mar. 3**— Lenten Service 6:30 pm
- **Mar. 4**— Pastor Pete's 4th Year Anniversary
- **Mar. 5**— World Day of Prayer (see p 2)
- **Mar. 6**— **LMIM 98th Gathering** (see p 13)
- **Mar. 7**— 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY
- **Mar. 10**— Zoom Lenten Service 6:30 pm
- **Mar. 11**— CPC 27th Annual Fundraising Event
- **Mar. 13**— **set your clock ahead one hour for March 14**
- **Mar. 14**— **Daylight Saving starts begins**
- **Mar. 14**— 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent
- **Mar. 15**— **Council Meeting 7:00 pm**
- **Mar. 16**— Prayer Group will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:30 pm
- **Mar. 17**— Zoom Lenten Service 6:30 pm
- **Mar. 17**— St. Patrick's Day (see p 4)
- **Mar. 20**— 1st Day of Spring
- **Mar. 21**— 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Len
- **Mar. 22**— CLW/Rachel Group TBA
- **Mar. 24**— Zoom Lenten Service 6:30 pm
- **Mar. 28**— PALM SUNDAY

**Holy Communion Schedule:**

Mar. 28th— Palm Sunday



**Worship Service Assistance:**

- Acolyte: OSLC Member
- Communion Asst: OSLC Member
- Lay Reader: Teri Trudnak
- Worship Asst: Teri Trudnak
- Greeters: OSLC Member
- Ushers: OSLC Member

Council Devotions: Denise Traveria

Collections: Melinda White



Food Collection

FOOD FOR THE MONTH:

**Pinto Beans, Canned Meat,**

**Corn**



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

## FLOWERS

**Flower Schedule:**

- Mar. 7 None during Lent
- Mar. 14 None during Lent
- Mar. 21 None during Lent
- Mar. 28 Palm Sunday

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

27 openings

Please sign up and help Decorate the altar of our Lord



### Birthdays

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



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 7<sup>th</sup> .....Andrew & Katie Sanderson
- 28<sup>th</sup> .....Carlos & Denise Traveria
- 31<sup>st</sup> .....Britt & 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.

**Jerri Presley**  
 Alexander Place, Gastonia, NC

(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

THE FINALLY COUNT WAS  
 12 BAGS OF FOOD



**Bring  
 a  
 Friend**

**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  
 Ministries

**Events For  
 Lutheridge -Lutherock-Lutherspring-  
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Web site: [www.NovusWay.com](http://www.NovusWay.com)  
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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 2021 calendar year are on the  
 wall in the Education wing.  
 THANK YOU!

## A Stewardship Minute

The head of a Neighborhood Association heard a knock on his door. When he opened it he saw four children from the neighborhood holding a coffee can. They handed the can to the man and told him that they had been selling lemonade and wanted to donate the money for the recreation area, which needed maintenance.

When the children left, he opened the can and counted out \$48.88. He was dumbfounded! The neighborhood had 99 homes with a common recreational area consisting of a swimming pool, soccer field, playground, etc.

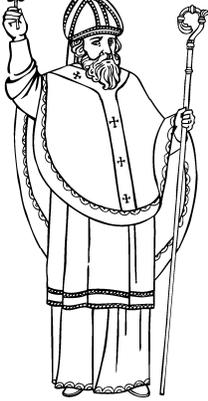
Each family living in the planned community had the responsibility of paying a certain fee to keep the common area in good shape, but the cost of the upkeep had gone up and this meant each family needed to pay more or else let the area deteriorate.

This caused controversy in that community. Some approved a fee increase and others fought it. It was not a happy time for any family there. The kids had heard about the need and wanted to do their bit to keep the recreational plot in good shape. So they sold lemonade and gave their profit to the project.

The children had contributed their time, talent, and money to the needed project and thus had been good stewards. Ultimately, their parents followed their example and the park was preserved!

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, help us to understand that the world becomes a better place when we each use our God-given gifts in service and love for the good of mankind. **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.



# 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 12 OPENINGS

### TEN THINGS GOD WON'T ASK ON THAT DAY.

- 1.... God won't ask what kind of car you drove. He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- 2... God won't ask the square footage of your house, He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- 3.... God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- 4... God won't ask what your highest salary was. He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- 5.... God won't ask what your job title was. He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- 6... God won't ask how many friends you had. He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- 7.... God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
- 8... God won't ask about the color of your skin, He'll ask about the content of your character.
- 9....God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation. He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell.
- 10... God won't have to ask how many people you will share this with, He already knows your decision.

PASTOR PETE FEIGE TELEPHONE:

704-516-2805



**CLW/RACHEL GROUP**

will meet at the home of TBA

March 22<sup>nd</sup>



**"Prayer Group"**

will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza

March 16<sup>th</sup> 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**—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, BETTY Clemmer (dislocated shoulder), 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), HARDY Feige (Pete's dad - chronic back pain), NANCY Friday, JAMES Goudelock (cancer), JASON Hames (friend of the White's), DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), MARINA Marazza (Shirlee Marazza's granddaughter-Covid19), SAM Marr (Heart), 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), SONDR A Phillips (friend of Melinda White), JERRIE Presley, TERI Trudnak, GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray),

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JOE White (stroke), NANCY Wilson.



Thanks to Lora Bailey

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COMING SOON TO A PLANET NEAR YOU



## 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.<sup>[1]</sup> 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 Psalm 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?



**MATTER!**

**Crisis Pregnancy Center  
27th Annual  
Celebration of Life**

**ALL LIVES**

Thursday, March 11, 2021

Dear Partner Hosts,

More than ever we need your participation in our Celebration of LIFE, given the unusual events of this past year affecting our future. Our God IS IN CONTROL! THIS IS NEW FOR US and FOR YOU.

Thank You for your support of Crisis Pregnancy Center and being a voice for the unborn!

- Our Celebration of Life WILL BE DIFFERENT!
- It WILL NOT be a public gathering this year!
- We WILL provide a FREE video to watch in the convenience of your home (or with a group if permitted) prior to the event!
- We want to give you a heads up. We will provide updates.
- PRAY for CPC, the fundraiser, and get the word out.

We will send a video to our last 2 years' Celebration of LIFE guests. Inform us of anyone new to add to our list by Jan. 28.

By the Lord's grace and mercy, in 2020 your Crisis Pregnancy Center was on the frontlines, saving 33 unborn babies that are documented and 316 lives for eternity! Praise Him with us!



Meg Koontz—Celebration of LIFE Coordinator

For more information, contact

**Meg Koontz**  
704.867.3706

or

[Meg.Koontz.CPC@gmail.com](mailto:Meg.Koontz.CPC@gmail.com)

or text 724.263.1709

**If you would like to donate to the Crisis Pregnancy Center. (See form enclosed)**

**Women's History Month**

## 2021 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 Castrovirreyña 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.*

*(Mission cont'd on page 12)*

*(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.

**2021 Mission Emphasis for March is *Lutheran World Relief*.**

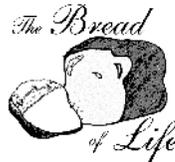
This information and these stories tell a small part of what *LWR* is responsible for through their missions. It is an opportunity for members of *Our Saviour Lutheran Church* to contribute toward easing the hunger and thirst, as well as the results of severe weather disasters. Give any Sunday in March 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



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MARCH 6, 2021**

**98<sup>TH</sup> "VIRTUAL" GATHERING**

**LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION**  
**First Lutheran Church, Lexington, NC**

Will host the Gathering "virtually" by Zoom  
11:45 am – 3:30 pm

**Theme: ANCHORED IN CHRIST**

**Keynote Speaker...Lavell "Coach" Hall**  
Teacher, Coach, Lay Leader

- There is NO CHARGE for the event.

To register for the gathering, go to [www.nclmm.org](http://www.nclmm.org)  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/254090019621952>

**Keynote Speaker: "Coach" Lavell Hall:**

Lavell "Coach" Hall is a retired Teacher, Coach and a Certified Lay Speaker in the United Methodist Church. Lavell is a graduate of East Lincoln High School (1975) Wingate College (1977) and Western Carolina University (1979).

Lavell's teaching and coaching career began at Lincolnton High School in 1979. He taught US History and Afro-American Studies. Lavell coached Junior Varsity Basketball from 1979 thru 1984 and Varsity Basketball from 1985 thru 1994. His overall record, 223 wins with 95 losses. His varsity program accomplished seven conference championships, four conference Tournament championships and one Gaston-Lincoln Tournament Championship. In 1993 his team was the NCHSAA 3A State Runner-up. He was named Coach of the Year four times. From 1994 to 2003, Lavell became Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Appalachian State University. When Lavell retired from coaching in 2003, he became Director of Athletics for the Watauga County School System.

Lavell has accomplished much in sports. One of his greatest accomplishments, he is a mentor to the young men he coached and has set a great Christian example for their life journey. Chris, a former player said, "As a former player over 35 years ago, I have had the opportunity to know Coach Hall as a basketball coach, a mentor, a Christian, and most importantly as a friend. In each of these categories, he's among the best I've ever experienced. His athletic record speaks for itself, but he cared more about developing relationships than wins and losses. To this day, he is one of the most important and influential people in not only my life, but the lives of countless others."

Lavell is a gentleman who is well regarded as a leader in his church and community. To his friends and former players, he is known simply as "Coach". Lavell resides in Lincolnton NC where he is a member of Boger City Methodist Church. He currently serves as Executive Secretary of the Northwestern 3A/4A High School Athletic Conference. His hobbies and interests include classic cars, The Andy Griffith Show and following his favorite sports teams.



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 725 Gastonia Technology Parkway  
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2021  
 WORSHIP SERVICES

Palm  
 Sunday

**March 28, 11:00 am**



**March 13**  
**For**



700 Robinson Road, Gastonia, NC 28056  
 East: 399 Belmont Mt. Holly Road, Belmont, NC 28012  
 North: 717 Gastonia Technology Parkway, Dallas, NC 28034  
 West & Northwest: Served by Mobile Hallelujah RV Ministry

Phone 704-867-3706, Fax 704-868-4656  
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 Website: www.cpcgaston.com  
 724-263-1709 text to Meg

February 23, 2021

Nick & Alice Vlaservich  
 306 W Wilkins St  
 Dallas, NC 28034

Dear Nick & Alice:

## Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc.

Cordially invites You to Our **VIRTUAL 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser**

# Celebration of Life: ALL LIVES MATTER!

**"The God who made the world and everything that is in it, ... since He Himself gives to all *people* life and breath and all things; ... for in Him we live and move and exist, ..." Acts 17:24, 28 NASB**

**FOR YOUR SAFETY THE FUNDRAISER WILL NOT BE A PUBLIC EVENT THIS YEAR!**

**Here are the details:**

- Program:** You Decide: Video Link or DVD  
Here is your program Video Link: www.cpcgaston.com  
 (Please test this video link before you schedule a viewing then share the video link)  
**If the link doesn't work call for assistance or pick up a DVD from the office.**  
 (Call 704-867-3706 for assistance or to get a DVD when you arrive at 700 Robinson Road)
- Date:** You Decide: View or show the Video Link or DVD between...  
**Thursday, March 4, through Thursday, March 11, 2021**
- Time:** You Decide: View or show at your convenience by Thursday, March 11, 2021
- Location:** You Decide - your home, business, church, car, porch...
- Guests:** You Decide - if you watch it alone or invite people to watch with you
- Ways to Donate:** Fill out the enclosed Commitment Form and postmark or deliver by Friday, March 12, to: 700 Robinson Road, Gastonia, NC 28056 (100% of your donation will be received by CPC)  
**OR click on the "Donate" Button accompanying the Video Link or on...**  
**www.cpcgaston.com** (Credit cards all deduct their service fee from your donation)

Donate



**YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS FUNDRAISER IS CRUCIAL to our ministry!** This "Virtual Fundraiser" is replacing our Annual Fundraising Banquet out of concern for your safety. **Please fill out and mail the Enclosed Commitment Form's "2 Giving Options" OR click the "Donate" Button after listening to Dr. Ancil Overbey give the appeal on the "Fundraiser Video". Prayerfully allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in your giving. PLEASE postmark, deliver, or click your donation on the "Donate" Button to CPC by Friday, March 12.**

You are such a blessing to us in assisting the cause of LIFE! The current climate in America concerning the Sanctity of Life affecting all crisis pregnancy centers demands your prayer and support. The enclosed inserts tell about how your Crisis Pregnancy Center is serving our clients and your community.

We pray with GRATEFUL HEARTS for your willingness to Partner with us for the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County's CELEBRATION of LIFE. It *will be* a week of **celebration!** We know that God is going to honor your decision to play such an integral part in the ministry here at CPC! Our prayer is that God will be glorified and that you will know how much you are appreciated! If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call.

Grace and Peace to you in Jesus Christ our Lord,

Meg Koontz

Event Coordinator

Serving Greater Gaston Area and A Greater God Since 1984



700 Robinson Road  
Gastonia, NC 28056  
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# ALL LIVES MATTER!

**"Celebration of LIFE" Annual Fundraiser – March 4-11, 2021**

**Giving Goal: \$236,316.22 (Annual Budget: \$472,632.43)**

*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)

<b>My Total Annual Gift:</b>	<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 <sup>th</sup> of the month until you contact us. Please include a cancelled/voided check.
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