



Our Saviour's Good News

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Pentecost

What is Pentecost?

For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Thus, from an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. Thus Pentecost is the church's birthday.

What does the word "Pentecost" mean?

The English word "Pentecost" is a transliteration of the Greek word *pentekostos*, which means "fifty." It comes from the ancient Christian expression *pentekoste hemera*, which means "fiftieth day."

But Christians did not invent the phrase "fiftieth day." Rather, they borrowed it from Greek-speaking Jews who used the phrase to refer to a Jewish holiday. This holiday was known as the Festival of Weeks, or, more simply, Weeks (*Shavuot* in Hebrew). This name comes from an expression in Leviticus 23:16, which instructs people to count seven weeks or "fifty days" from the end of Passover to the beginning of the next holiday (*pentekonta hemeras* in the ancient Greek translation of the Hebrew Scripture).

Shavuot was the second great feast in Israel's yearly cycle of holy days. It was originally a harvest festival (Exod 23:16), but, in time, turned into a day to commemorate the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. This day became especially significant for Christians because, seven weeks after the resurrection of Jesus, during the Jewish celebration of *Shavuot*/Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon his first followers, thus empowering them for their mission and gathering them together as a church.

What is the Spiritual Significance of Pentecost?

1. The Presence and Power of the Spirit

On the day of Pentecost, seven weeks after the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon those followers of Jesus who had gathered together in Jerusalem. What happened on the first Pentecost continues to happen to Christians throughout the world today, though usually not in such a dramatic fashion. We rarely get a heavenly wind and tongues of fire anymore. Nevertheless, God pours out the Spirit upon all who put their faith in Jesus Christ and become his disciples (see Romans 8:1-11).

Christians are meant to live in the presence and power of the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit helps us to confess Jesus as Lord (1 Cor 12:3), empowers us to serve God with supernatural power (1 Cor 12:4-11), binds us together as the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:12-13), helps us to pray (Rom 8:26), and even intercedes for us with God the Father (Rom 8:27). The Spirit guides us (Gal 5:25), helping us to live like Jesus (Gal 5:22-23).

Personal Implications: Pentecost presents us with an opportunity to consider how we are living each day. Are we relying on the power of God's Spirit? Are we an open channel for the Spirit's gifts? Are we attentive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Is the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.) growing in our lives? Most Christians I know, including me, live in the presence and power of the Spirit, but only to an extent. We are limited by our fear, our sin, our low expectations, not to mention our tendency to be distracted from God's work in us. Pentecost offers a chance to confess our failure to live by the Spirit and to ask the Lord to fill us afresh with his power.

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2. The Central Role of the Church in God's Work in the World

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on individual followers of Jesus as they were gathered together in Jerusalem. This gathering became the first Christian church. New believers in Jesus were baptized as they joined this church. They, along with the first followers of Jesus, shared life together, focusing on teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer. They shared their belongings so that no one was hungry or needy. As these first Christians lived out their new faith together, "the Lord added to their number those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). Thus we speak of Pentecost as the birthday of the church.

In theory, the Spirit could have been poured out on the followers of Jesus when they were not gathered together. There are surely times when the Holy Spirit touches an individual who is alone in prayer, worship, or ministry to others. But the fact that the Spirit was given to a gathering of believers is not incidental. It underscores the centrality of the church in God's work in the world. The actions of the earliest Christians put all of this in boldface. The Holy Spirit is not only given to individuals, but also, in a sense to the gathered people of God. Thus, in 1 Corinthians 3, the Apostle Paul observes that the church is God's temple and that the Spirit dwells in the midst of the church (3:16-17; in 1 Cor 6:19-20 we find a complementary emphasis on the dwelling of the Spirit in individual Christians).

Personal Implications: Many Christians, especially those of us who have been influenced by the individualism of American culture, live as if the church is useful but unnecessary. We seem to believe that as long as we have a personal relationship with God, everything else is secondary. But Pentecost is a vivid illustration of the truth that is found throughout Scripture: the community of God's people is central to God's work in the world. Thus, Pentecost invites us to consider our own participation in the fellowship, worship, and mission of the church. It is a time to renew our commitment to live as an essential member of the body of Christ, using our gifts to build the church and share the love and justice of Christ with the world.

3. The Multilingual Nature and Mission of the Church

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit empowered believers in Jesus to praise God in many languages that they had not learned in the ordinary manner (Acts 2:5-13). Symbolically, this miracle reinforces the multilingual, multicultural, multiracial mission of the church. We are to be a community in which all people are drawn together by God's love in Christ. As Paul writes in Galatians 3:28: "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

Personal Implications: Although there are some glorious exceptions, it seems that the church has not, in general, lived out its multilingual mission. We are often divided according to language, race, and ethnicity. Pentecost challenges all of us to examine our own attitudes in the regard, to reject and repent of any prejudice that lurks within us, and to open our hearts to all people, even and especially those who do not share our language and culture. Yes, I know this is not easy. But it is central to our calling. And it is something that the Spirit of God will help us to do if we are available.

4. The Inclusive Ministry of the Church

After the Holy Spirit fell upon the first followers of Jesus, Peter preached a sermon to help folks understand what had just happened. In this sermon he cited a portion of a prophecy from Joel:

'In the last days,' God says,
I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.
In those days I will pour out my Spirit
even on my servants—men and women alike—
and they will prophesy. (Acts 2:17-18; Joel 2:28-29)

Later, Peter explained that the Spirit would be given to all who turned from their sin and turned to God through Jesus (Acts 2:38).

This was a momentous, watershed event. For the first time in history, God began to do what he had promised through Joel, empowering all different sorts of people for ministry. Whereas in the era of the Old Testament, the Spirit was poured out almost exclusively on prophets, priests, and kings, in the age of the New Testament, the Spirit would be given to "all people." All would be empowered to minister regardless of their gender, age, or social position.

Although this truth would not mean that every Christian would be gifted for every kind of ministry, it did imply that all believers would be empowered by the Spirit. The church of Jesus Christ would be a place where every single person matters, where every member contributes to the health and mission of the church (see Eph 4:11-16).

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Personal Implications: Each Christian needs to ask: Am I serving God through the power of the Spirit? Am I exercising the gifts of the Spirit in my life, both in the gathered church and as I live for God in the world? Pentecost is a time to ask God to fill us afresh with the Spirit so that we might join in the ministry of Christ with gusto. And it is a time to renew our commitment to fulfilling our crucial role in the ministry of God's people in the world.

Moreover, those of us who hold positions of power in the church should examine our attitudes and actions. Are we encouraging all of God's people to minister through the power of the Spirit? Are we open to what the Spirit of God wants to do in our churches and communities through his empowered people? Or are we gatekeepers of the church who would even keep the Holy Spirit out of our carefully tended and controlled communities? As a pastor, my role is to equip God's people for doing the ministry of Christ in the church and the world (Eph 4:11-12). Sometimes, however, we pastors are so concerned about our own position and power that we fall short of this central pastoral calling. Pentecost is a day for pastors and other church leaders to recommit to equipping and encouraging all Christians for their ministry. When we do this, the Holy Spirit will be free to use the church of Jesus Christ for God's purposes in the world.



Pentecost



is celebrated to honor all mothers and express gratitude for the hardships they bear in bringing up a child. Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May. Mothers Day came into being due to the efforts made by Ms Julia Ward Howe and Ms Anna Jarvis. The Resolution for having a dedicated Mother's Day was signed by US President Woodrow Wilson on May 8, 1914. Since then people across the world have been celebrating Mothers Day with joy and devotion.

The country's greatest proponent of motherhood, Anna Jarvis ironically never had children of her own. Yet that didn't stop her from making the celebration of Mother's Day her lifelong mission. In fact, as the holiday took on a life of its own, Jarvis expressed frequent dismay over its growing commercialization. "I wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit," she is quoted as saying.

**Quotes
for Mother**

Mothers are the most precious gifts from God to us. They help us solve our problems and courageously face our tough life. Mother's Day is our opportunity to honor our mothers for their love, affection, care, hard-work and sacrifice.

- Kaveri Manoharan

Mothers are angels just like those above. We should thank them for the patience, protection and love. No other person could be so caring and warm. Truly mothers are angels in human form. Love you mom.

- Damarly Rodriguez

If there was a day for everything you have given to me as a mother, it would be Mother's Day, every day. Thanks for always helping me to remember what is important in life and today it is you! You're the best! Thanks for all you do.

-Iyanna Lonon

There is no velvet so soft as a mother's lap, no rose as lovely as her smile, no path so flowery as that imprinted with her footsteps.

- Archibald Thompson

A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.

- Tenneva Jordan

Mother's Day Poems

A Mother's Love

There are times when only
a mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only
a mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed
about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only
a mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and
a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.

--Author Unknown



God's Helpers

God could not be in every place
With loving hands to help erase
The teardrops from each baby's face,
And so He thought of mother.

He could not send us here alone
And leave us to a fate unknown;
Without providing for His own,
The outstretched arms of mother.

God could not watch us night and day
And kneel beside our crib to pray,
Or kiss our little aches away;
And so He sent us mother.

And when our childhood days began,
He simply could not take command.
That's why He placed our tiny hand
Securely into mother's.

The days of youth slipped quickly by,
Life's sun rose higher in the sky.
Full grown were we, yet ever nigh
To love us still, was mother.

And when life's span of years shall
end,
I know that God will gladly send,
To welcome home her child again,

Our Saviour Lutheran Church William Trudnak, President March 19, 2018 Council Minutes

Devotions: Robbie Wooten

Meeting called to order by President Bill Trudnak.

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

Minutes for February 19, 2018 will be approved in April along with March's. Vote passed

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

Motion by Steve Digh to continue praying for Sola Publishing. Seconded by Bud Penley and carried.

Report of the Pastor: Motion by Robbie Wooten to accept the Pastor's Report. Second by Alice Vlaservich and carried.

Report of the Treasurer: Motion by Steve Digh to accept the Treasurer Report. Seconded by Bud Penley and carried.

Report of the Ministries:

- a. **Property:** Hallway was painted and church campus was cleaned up on Church Workday. Light blubs to be replaced in the activity building.
- b. **Stewardship and Finance:** No report this month.
- c. **Worship & Music:** Planning Easter breakfast.
- d. **Youth Team:** No report.
- e. **Witness:** Sent cards to members who are sick and shut-in.
- f. **Christian Education Team:** Planning Bible School coming in July.

Report of Auxiliaries:

- a. CLW/Rachel Circle met at Betty Clemmer's home with Bible Study and refreshments.

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

- a. Motion by Alice Vlaservich to give \$50/month to L.C.M.C. Seconded by Steve Digh and carried.

New Business:

- a. Motion by Robbie Wooten to purchase new mulch on the playground using Memorial Fund of Eleanor Cloninger, Wilburn Witherspoon and Margaret Neal Ratchford, if needed. Seconded by and carried,

General Information: Accepted

- a. Kids Alive Report
- b. Attendance
- c.

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer
Next Meeting: April 16, 2018
Devotions: Steve Digh



Armed Forces Day "United in Strength" Saturday, May 19, 2018

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense. On May 20, 2017, we honor all our men and women who are servicing in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy and Marines. Below are some quotes from some of our notable leaders:

"It is fitting and proper that we devote one day each year to paying special tribute to those whose constancy and courage constitute one of the bulwarks guarding the freedom of this nation and the peace of the free world."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower

"Our Armed Forces and our national defense system represent a judicious investment of the nation's resources in the cause of peace. The return on this investment, in terms of national strength, shows the determination of the American people to preserve our way of life and to give hope to all who seek peace with freedom and justice."

The Honorable Neil McElroy
Former Secretary of Defense

"...Word to the Nation: Guard zealously your right to serve in the Armed Forces, for without them, there will be no other rights to guard."

President John F. Kennedy



Take a look at the calendar on your wall. You may find something on Thursday, May 10, 2018, that says "Ascension Day." And just maybe you're wondering, "What on earth is that?"



Ascension OF THE LORD

Ascension Day marks the day when Jesus Christ ascended up into Heaven. It was 40 days after his resurrection from the dead, which was on Easter Sunday (in A.D. 30). If you begin with Easter Sunday (April 1, 2018) and count 40 days, you end up on Thursday, May 10.

The Biblical account of the Ascension appears in the book of Acts, chapter one: After his suffering, he (Jesus) showed himself to these men (the apostles) and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command:

"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." *Acts 1:3-11, NIV*

The most *awesome* thing about this account is not that he ascended up into heaven (which was certainly amazing), but that he *will come back* in the same way! We who know Jesus as our Lord and Savior will meet him in the clouds (1 Thessalonians 4:17). And that day is coming soon... possibly much sooner than we think, considering that 2,018 years have already passed since His Ascension!



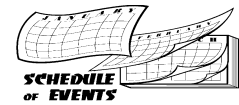
Ascension Day is one of the earliest Christian festivals dating back to the year 68. According to the New Testament in the Bible, Jesus Christ met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. It is believed that on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven.

Ascension Day marks the end of the Easter season and occurs ten days before **Pentecost**. Depending upon the phases of the moon in a particular year, Ascension Day is celebrated on a Thursday. However, some churches, particularly in the United States, celebrate it on the following Sunday.

May 2018



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



- **May 1**— CLW/Rachel Group will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:30 pm (see p 9)
- **May 3**— National Day of Prayer (p13)
- **May 4**— Friendship Day
- **May 5**—94th Annual Lutheran Men in Mission—Grace Lutheran, Hendersonville
- **May 6**—6th Sunday of Easter
- **May 6-12**— National Family Week
- **May 7**—Youth Team Meeting 6:30 pm. Other Team Meetings 7:00 PM
- **May 8**— Gaston Together (p 9)
- **May 10**—Ascension of our Lord (p 5)
- **May 12**—Mayfair on the Square (p 8)
- **May 13**—Mother's Day 7th Sunday of Easter
- **May 15**— "Prayer Group" will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:00 p
- **May 18-19**—Carolinas Mission District (p 11)
- **May 19**— **Armed Forces Day**
- **May 20**— Pentecost Sunday (p 1)
- **May 21**— Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- **May 27**— Trinity Sunday (p 14)
- **May 28**— Memorial Day (see p 11)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 CLW/ Rachael	2	3 National Day of Prayer	4 Friendship Day 	5 94th Ann. LCMC Meeting
6 6th Sunday of Easter 	7 Team Meeting	8 Gaston Together	9	10 	11	12 Dallas Mayfair on the Square
13 Mother's Day 	14	15 "Prayer Group"	16	17	18 CMD Convocation	19 Armed Forces Day CMD Conv.
20 Pentecost Sunday	21 Council Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27 Trinity Sunday	28 MEMORIAL DAY 	29	30			

Holy Communion Schedule:

May 6: 6th Sunday of Easter
Pentecost Sunday



FOOD FOR THE MONTH: **Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Blackeyes Peas.**



Birth-



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

- 12 Garrett Lowery
- 15 Marie Robinson
- 18 Bo Messick
- Nancy Wilson
- 20 Marilyn Finger
- 24 Jack Lowery
- 28 Caleb Dease

- Emma Dease
- Jean Huffstetler
- Jeff White
- Allison Wooten
- Carson Dease
- Bailey Messick

Worship Service Assistance:

Altar Guild: Betty Clemmer
Shirlee Marazza

Acolyte:
Crucifer:

Communion
Asst: Nick Vlaservich
Lay Reader: Teri Trudnak

Worship Asst: Teri Trudnak
Greeters: Members of OSLC
Ushers: Bill Trudnak,
Jeff White

Devotions: Betty Ratchford
Collections: Steve Digh



Choir practice each
Wednesday at 5:00 pm un-
less otherwise announced the
bulletin

FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

- May 6 Melinda White
- May 13 Wayne Ann Penley
- May 20 Becky Messick
- May 27 Denise Traveria



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2nd**Joe & Yvonne Finger**
- 5th**Scott & Ashley Finger**
- 9th**Christian & Kara Clemmer**

Thank you for signing up to place
flowers on the altar to the glory of God
and in honor or memory of your love
ones.

**THREE (3) OPEN DATES
REMAIN**



725 Gastonia Technology Parkway
Post Office Box 475
Dallas, North Carolina 28034
Phone: 705-922-4648
Email: oslcdallas@aol.com
Website: oslc-nc.org



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.

I asked the Lord to bless you. As I prayed for you today. To guide you and protect you. As you go along your way....His love is always with you, His promises are true, And when we give Him all our cares, You know He will see us through.



Author unknown



OUTREACH MISSION

SHUT-INS
NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Please remember our church members who are shut-ins and visit them.

Marilyn Finger
1150 Meadow Way Dr.
Dallas, NC

Jerri Presley
2604 Ole Home Trail, Dallas



GO OUT ON A LIMB
GET INVOLVED
BE A WORSHIP ASSISTANT

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

Sign up sheets for the 2018 calendar year are in BLUE BOOK in holder on

the church's office door. THANK YOU!



Bring a Friend

EVENTS for Agrape/Kure Beach

Contact Camp Agapé:
Telephone: 919-552-9421
e-mail: agape@agapekurebeach.org

Contact Kure Beach Lutheran:
Telephone 910-458-0783
e-mail: kurebreach@agapekurebeach.org

Web site: www.agapekurebeach.org

Directions to Camp Agapé are on the web site.

Please go on-line for information or pull up the Church's website and use our link.

Events For Lutheridge - Lutherock- Lutherspring- Lutheranch

Web site: www.NovusWay.com



MEN-IN-MISSION AT WORK

MARK YOUR CALENDAR LUTHERIDGE

Area Church's Men-in-Mission will join together on Saturday, May 10 ; to do work at LURTHE RIDGE. You can drive up early Saturday morning. If you are interested please contact Nick Vlaservich.

A Stewardship Minute

The word "tithe" is used 23 times in the Bible. Add an "s" to the word and you will find the word "tithes" also mentioned 23 times. The word "tithing" is found twice. Altogether then, you will find the concept of the tithe mentioned 48 times in the Bible.

Obviously, the writers of the Bible felt that it was a practice that was important as a way of honoring God. Tithing is the practice of giving one-tenth of one's possessions back to our Creator. The tithe is recognition that our lives and our talents and all that we have are blessings that have

come from our loving God.

Every Christian denomination teaches the concept of tithing. Indeed, one large denomination even requires its members to tithe. Most denominations prefer that church members tithe, but tithing is not a rigid rule. The bottom line, however, is that those who do not tithe may be missing the joys that can come from the practice. Tithers generally handle their money and possessions with greater care than others. Because they want their lives to glorify God, they use their brain power, their talents, their physical strength, their time and service as best they can. Ultimately, they find that tithing is not painful, but

joyous because seriously serving God brings a flood of blessings in return. The May issue of *Stewardship* tells of one man's discovery of joys gained when he decided to tithe.

Prayer: Dear Lord, you but open your hand and all of our needs are met. May we never fail to remember the source of all that we have. **Amen**



2018 Court Square Summer Concert and Cruise-In Series

(presented by the Town of Dallas)

Held on the Dallas Historic Court Square, from 6:00—8:30 pm, each FREE concert will feature amazing talent (rain or shine). Enjoy the car show along Main Street and the concert

- ◆ **Saturday, May 12 — Almost Vintage**
Morganton based, classic-rock groove-maters **Almost Vintage** begins the feeling of a carefree Woodstock afternoon to any venue they play! Steeped in the sound of the 60s, 70s and 80s, they transport listeners to a simpler time when music spoke for a generation.
Car Show and Music (see Dallas Mayfair on the Square below)
- ◆ **Saturday, June 9— Coming Up Brass**
Cruise-in and Music
- ◆ **Wednesday, July 4—Image**
NO Cruise-In this Month / Band Performing 6pm-9pm before the Fireworks at Cloninger Park
- ◆ **Saturday, August 11—Ocean Boulevard Band**
Cruise-in and Music
- ◆ **Saturday, September 8—The Catalinas**
Since its creation in 1957, over 60 accomplished guitarists, keyboardists, trumpet players, drummers, bass players and singers have been part of **The Catalinas**. The bad owner, Gary Barker of Statesville, has performed with the band since 1965 and attributes its long success to the ongoing popularity of beach music and the tunes the band has composed, particularly "*Summertime's Calling Me*" in the 70s.
Cruise-in and Music



DALLAS MAYFAIR ON THE SQUARE

SATURDAY, May 14, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

The Town of Dallas, in partnership with the Dallas Ambassadors (formerly known as the Optimist' Club) presents Mayfair on the Square festival . This is fun for the whole family. Car show, live music, food trucks and more to bring the historic court square alive!

Church News



Altar Flowers

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. Three (3) Openings

GASTON TOGETHER'S CLERGY & CITIZENS COALITION
 May 8, 2018
 8:30 to Noon
 Clinton Room, Gaston Memorial Hospital
 Breakfast before meeting , if you wish.



PASTOR PETE'S TELEPHONE:

Cell Phone: 704-516-2805

CLW/RACHEL GROUP

At the home of Shirlee Marazza on

May 1 at 1:30 pm

Alice Vlaservich will be program leader.

"Group will not meet in June or July"

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)



MARGARET Addington (friends of the community), SUSAN Aderholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), KAREN Braddy, ANN Digh (Steve Digh's mother-colon cancer) HUNTER Digh (Steve and Julie Digh's nephew -cancer), MARILYN Finger, LEVI Friday (Joan Scarborough's nephew), ROBERT Gentile (friend of Shirlee Marazza-heart attack), ANNA Harbour (CDIFF-Shirlee Marazza's granddaughter), JEAN Huffstetler, LESLIE Hunsucker, JOHNNY Lineberger (friend of the community), MARY Johnson (Pastor Feige's mother-in-law), ELAINE Kanupp (friend of the Digh's—colon cancer), ROBERT L. McCanless, Jr. (Charles McCanless' father), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), NANCY Parker (friend of Marie Lingle-ALS), EDITH Paysour, LAWRENCE Paysour (friend of Ratchford's), RIVER Peedin (Ursela Peedin's great-grandson- leukemia), SONDRAL Phillips (friend of Melinda White) JERRIE Presley, BERNICE—Leon Rawlinson's mother, MARY Brown Robinson (aunt of Brady Ratchford), LEIGH Sellers (college friend's daughter of Libby Bickley), RALPH Summey, KIM Tucker (friend of Joann Scarborough-heart surgery) GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), SHERREE B Turner (mother of Jason Turner), KELLY Walters (mother of Brie Murray) ANNE White (niece of Betty Ratchford-breast cancer), LORI Wood (Steve Digh's cousin -colon cancer).





MEANING OF FLAG DRAPED OVER COFFIN

All Americans should be given this lesson. Those who think that America is an arrogant nation should really reconsider that thought. Our founding fathers used GOD's word and teachings to establish our Great Nation and I think it's time Americans get re-educated about this Nation's history.

Pass it along and be proud of the country we live in and even more proud of those who serve to protect our 'GOD GIVEN' rights and freedoms.

I hope you take the time to read this ... To understand what the flag draped coffin really means ... Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers.

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their Nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning.

In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

Share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to, the symbol of 'Liberty and Freedom.'



was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of American's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11.) Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Also, it is customary for the president or vice-president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.



General John A. Logan

The North American Lutheran Church

2018 Convocation

August 13-17

Crowne Plaza Denver Airport Convention Center
Denver, Colorado

The NALC Constitution states: A Convocation of the NALC shall be held annually.

Delegates with voting privileges at a Convocation shall be the ordained ministers of the NALC and at least an equal number of laypersons. Each congregation of the NALC shall elect one lay delegate to the Convocation for every 750 baptized members, or fraction thereof, of such congregation. In the event that the total number of lay delegates elected pursuant to the preceding sentence is less than the total number of ordained clergy, the Executive Council shall apportion additional lay delegates based on the relative size of the congregations of the NALC.

All members of the Convocation are delegates and as such represent their congregations.

The responsibilities of the annual Convocation shall include:

- election of the Bishop, the Executive Council and any other position requiring election;
 - adoption of a budget for the subsequent calendar year;
 - consideration of teaching statements;
 - reception of reports;
- and other items of business as may be determined by the Executive Council or by the Convocation.

Teaching statements must be endorsed by the Bishop prior to being submitted to the Convocation, and shall require for approval at least two-thirds of the votes cast. Teaching statements so approved shall not become effective until ratified by at least two-thirds of the congregations of the NALC pursuant to the ratification procedures in section 17.03 of the Constitution.

Special Convocations may be called for specified purposes by the Bishop or by the Executive Council.

Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern the business of a Convocation absent the approval by the Convocation of alternative rules of procedure by at least two-thirds of the votes cast.



The Carolinas Mission District
of the
North American Lutheran Church

2018 Convocation

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 3, 2018

The 67th Annual National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 3, 2018. Millions will unite in prayer as thousands of events will take place from coast to coast. Observance of National Day of Prayer will take place in front of the Gaston County Courthouse on May 3th at 12:00 noon.

Why We Pray

As American troops stormed the beaches of Normandy, President Franklin Roosevelt called for our nation to unite in prayer. He also offered a prayer to prepare each citizen for the road ahead. "Let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail, to bear sorrows that may come, to impart our courage unto our sons where so ever they may be. And, O Lord, give us faith. Give us faith in Thee." The victory that followed on June 6, 1944-also known as D-Day-began the march to Berlin. Eighteen months later, WWII was over and one of the world's greatest evils had been defeated. The prayers of a nation had been a powerful force

Prayer has always been used in this country for guidance, protection and strength-even before we were a nation or a handful of colonies. The Pilgrims at Plymouth relied on prayer during their first and darkest winter. Our founding fathers also called for prayer during the Constitutional Congress. In their eyes, our recently created nation and freedoms were a direct gift from God. And being a gift from God, there was only one way to insure protection-through prayer.

President Abraham Lincoln knew this well. It was his belief that, "it is the duty of nations as well as men, to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God." When it came to the fate of the nation, he practiced what he preached. Before the battle of Gettysburg, he turned to God in prayer. "I went to my room one day and I locked the door and got down on my knees before Almighty God and prayed to him mightily for victory at Gettysburg." Won by the Union, Gettysburg was one of the turning points in the war that ended slavery and kept the states united. Today the need for prayer is as great as ever. Our nation again faces battlefields, along with an epidemic of broken homes, violence, sexual immorality and social strife. As the heroes of our nation did in the past, we must again bow our heads in prayer. We must ask the Lord to bless our leaders with wisdom and protection, and that we will have the fortitude to overcome the challenges at hand. If Roosevelt, the Pilgrims and Lincoln never underestimated the power of prayer, neither should we.

Our theme this year is **For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us... Forgive Us...Heal Us!** Taken from Daniel 9:19, which says, "*O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O My God...*". As the 2017 **National Day of Prayer on May 3th** approaches, thousands of individuals, churches, and communities will be working to rally millions of Christian's to once again heed this call!

Scripture tells us again and again that our fervent prayer is effective. That our loving God responds to His children's earnest pleas in mighty ways that avail much, and ultimately determine the course of history.

At this crucial time for our nation, we can do nothing more important than pray. Thank you in advance for making this spiritual discipline a personal priority and for standing with us as we encourage others to incorporate prayer in their lives. The Lord has graciously anointed our efforts, empowering them to touch and change many hearts and lives. We look forward to seeing His hand move across our land in exciting ways each May in response to our petitions!

It is our goal that you, your family and friends would participate in the National Day of Prayer. We pray that the event impacts your life, and that praying for our nation moves from a one-day event to a lifetime endeavor. So join us on the first Thursday in May and pray with conviction that God would continue to shed His grace on thee.

Again, observance of National Day of Prayer will take place in front of the Gaston County Courthouse on May 3rd at 12:00 noon.



National Day of Prayer

2018 Mission Emphasis for May

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - GASTON

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat For Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope

HABITAT GASTON VISION

A world where everyone has a decent place to live

HABITAT GASTON GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ

Focus on shelter

Advocate for affordable housing

Promote dignity and hope

Support sustainable and transformational development

HABITAT INTERNATIONAL VISION

A world where everyone has a decent place to live

HABITAT INTERNATIONAL MISSION

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope

ALL ARE WELCOME

Habitat for Humanity Gaston County has an open-door policy: All who believe that everyone needs a decent, affordable place to live are welcome to help with the work, regardless of race, religion, age, gender, political views or any of the other distinctions that too often divide people. In short, Habitat welcomes volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds and also serves people in need of decent housing regardless of race or religion. As a matter of policy, Habitat for Humanity International and its affiliated organizations do not proselytize. This means that Habitat will not offer assistance on the expressed or implied condition that people must either adhere to or convert to a particular faith, or listen and respond to messaging designed to induce conversion to a particular faith.

Habitat of Humanity of Gaston County was affiliated in 1988 and built its first home in 1989. Since its founding, Habitat-Gaston has steadily increased its building capacity. The organization has moved from building individual homes to building blocks and has developed plans for an entire Habitat neighborhood. Habitat's work on McArver Street and in the Parkdale Community exemplifies the impact that the organization wants to make all over the county. Working with faith, corporate and community partners.

For twenty-seven years, we have been working with the faith community, and with corporate and community partners to complete 110 homes in Gaston County: 70 in Gastonia, 19 in Belmont, 8 in Mt. Holly, 3 in Cherryville, 2 in Bessemer City, 6 in Dallas, and 2 in Lowell. Through the Habitat of Humanity International tithing program, Habitat Gaston has built over 400 houses in Honduras. We encourage you to become involved in our mission to provide decent, affordable housing. Getting involved can happen in many ways. Which way is right for you? Here are a few examples:

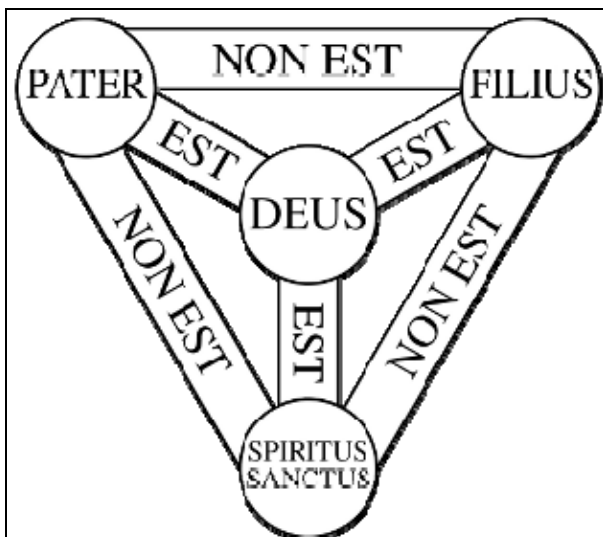
- Donate property.
- Donate a home for renovation.
- Shop and donate at our ReStore on Franklin Boulevard

As **Mission Emphasis for May** at Our Saviour, you are encouraged to pray for Habitat organization, its staff, volunteers, and those who receive a home. There are some of our members who have volunteered with Habitat to help in the construction of homes. We encourage you to consider volunteering. Also donations will be received in our offerings during the month of May. Give cash in an envelope marked Habitat, or by check to Our Saviour Lutheran Church with Habitat written on the memo line. Thanks to all who give generously to the ongoing work of the Lord in our community and around the world in addition to your weekly tithe. God loves a cheerful giver.

Habitat for Humanity – Gaston County, 30th Anniversary

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The Shield of the Trinity, a visual representation of the doctrine of the Trinity, derived from the Athanasian Creed. The Latin reads: "The Father is God, The Son is God, The Holy Spirit is God; God is the Father, God is the Son, God is the Holy Spirit; The Father is not the Son, The Son is not the Father, The Father is not the Holy Spirit, The Holy Spirit is not the Father, The Son is not the Holy Spirit, The Holy Spirit is not the Son."

Trinity Sunday is celebrated a week after Pentecost Sunday in honor of the most fundamental of Christian beliefs—belief in the Holy Trinity. We can never fully understand the mystery of the Trinity, but we can sum it up in the following formula: God is three Persons in one Nature. The three Persons of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—are all equally God, and They cannot be divided.

History:

The origins of the celebration of Trinity Sunday go all the way back to the Arian heresy of the fourth century. Arius believed that Christ was a created being, and in denying the divinity of Christ, he denied that there are three Persons in God. Arius' chief opponent, Athanasius, upheld the orthodox doctrine that there are three Persons in one God, and the orthodox view prevailed at the Council of Nicaea, from which we get the Nicene Creed, recited in most Christian churches every Sunday. (The Council of Nicaea also gives us a wonderful example of how a real bishop deals with a heretic)

For many centuries, the Athanasian Creed, traditionally ascribed to Saint Athanasius, was recited on Trinity Sunday. While seldom read today, this beautiful and theologically rich exposition of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity can be read privately or with your family as a good way to bring the celebration of Trinity Sunday home and to gain a deeper understanding of the mystery of the Blessed Trinity.

The Athanasian Creed, or *Quicumque Vult*: The Latin name of the creed, *Quicumque vult*, is taken from the opening words, "Whosoever wishes"

The Athanasian Creed is usually divided into two sections: lines 1–28 addressing the doctrine of the Trinity, and lines 29–44 addressing the doctrine of Christology. Enumerating the three persons of the Trinity (i.e., Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit), the first section of the creed ascribes the divine attributes to each individually. Thus, each person of the Trinity is described as uncreated (*increated*), limitless (*Immensus*), eternal (*æternus*), and omnipotent (*omnipotens*). While ascribing the divine attributes and divinity to each person of the Trinity, thus avoiding subordinationism, the first half of the Athanasian Creed also stresses the unity of the three persons in the one Godhead, thus avoiding a theology of tritheism. Furthermore, although one God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct from each other. For the Father is neither made nor begotten; the Son is not made but is begotten from the Father; the Holy Spirit is neither made nor begotten but proceeds from the Father and the Son (*filioque*).

Billy Graham's Prayer For Our Nation A GOOD VIEW OF WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR COUNTRY!

'Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done.

- ◆ We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.
- ◆ We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.
- ◆ We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.
- ◆ We have killed our unborn and called it choice.
- ◆ We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.
- ◆ We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem.
- ◆ We have abused power and called it politics.
- ◆ We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.
- ◆ We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.
- ◆ We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlight-enment.
- ◆ Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from sin and set us free.

Amen!"

With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we once again can be called 'One nation under God!'

Daily Bible reading guide from NALC, LCMS and LCC

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

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

Daily readings

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

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

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



The Holy Spirit Descends on Pentecost

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Ex. 38:21-39:1</i> <i>Ps. 112</i> <i>Mark 9:1-29</i>	2 <i>Ex. 39:2-21</i> <i>Ps. 113</i> <i>Mark 9:30-41</i>	3 <i>Ex. 39:22-31</i> <i>Ps. 114</i> <i>Mark 9:42-10:12</i>	4 <i>Ex. 39:32-40:16</i> <i>Ps. 115</i> <i>Mark 10:13-31</i>	5 <i>Ex. 40:17-38</i> <i>Ps. 116</i> <i>Mark 10:32-45</i>
6 <i>Lev 1</i> <i>Ps. 117</i> <i>Mark 10:46-11:11</i>	7 <i>Lev 2</i> <i>Ps. 118</i> <i>Mark 11:12-26</i>	8 <i>Lev 3</i> <i>Ps. 119:1-8</i> <i>Mark 11:27-12:12</i>	9 <i>Lev 4:1-13</i> <i>Ps. 119:9-16</i> <i>Mark 12:13-27</i>	10 <u>Ascension Day</u> <i>Acts 1:1-11</i> <i>Ps. 47</i> <i>Eph 1:15-23</i> <i>Luke 24:44-53</i>	11 <i>Lev 4:14-35</i> <i>Ps. 119:17-24</i> <i>Mark 12:28-44</i>	12 <i>Lev 5:1-13</i> <i>Ps. 119:25-32</i> <i>Mark 13:1-23</i>
13 <i>Lev 5:14-6:13</i> <i>Ps. 119:33-40</i> <i>Mark 13:24-14:2</i>	14 <i>Lev 6:14-7:10</i> <i>Ps. 119:41-48</i> <i>Mark 14:3-21</i>	15 <i>Lev 7:11-38</i> <i>Ps. 119:49-56</i> <i>Mark 14:22-42</i>	16 <i>Lev 8:1-21</i> <i>Ps. 119:57-64</i> <i>Mark 14:43-72</i>	17 <i>Lev 8:22-36</i> <i>Ps. 119:65-80</i> <i>Mark 15:1-20</i>	18 <i>Lev 9</i> <i>Ps. 119:81-88</i> <i>Mark 15:21-47</i>	19 <i>Lev 10</i> <i>Ps. 119:89-96</i> <i>Mark 16:1-20</i>
20 <u>Pentecost</u> <i>Ezek 37:1-14</i> <i>Ps. 139</i> <i>Acts 2:1-21</i> <i>John 16:4-15</i>	21 <i>Lev 11:1-28</i> <i>Ps. 119:97-104</i> <i>1 Cor 1:1-17</i>	22 <i>Lev 11:29-47</i> <i>Ps. 119:105-112</i> <i>1 Cor 1:18-31</i>	23 <i>Lev 12</i> <i>Ps. 119:113-120</i> <i>1 Cor 2</i>	24 <i>Lev 13:1-28</i> <i>Ps. 119:121-128</i> <i>1 Cor 3</i>	25 <i>Lev 13:29-59</i> <i>Ps. 119:129-136</i> <i>1 Cor 4</i>	26 <i>Lev 14:1-32</i> <i>Ps. 119:137-144</i> <i>1 Cor 5</i>
27 <i>Lev 14:33-57</i> <i>Ps. 119:145-152</i> <i>1 Cor 6</i>	28 <i>Lev 15:1-18</i> <i>Ps. 119:153-160</i> <i>1 Cor 7:1-16</i>	29 <i>Lev 15:19-33</i> <i>Ps. 119:161-168</i> <i>1 Cor 7:17-24</i>	30 <i>Lev 16:1-19</i> <i>Ps. 119:169-176</i> <i>1 Cor 7:25-40</i>	31 <i>Lev 16:20-34</i> <i>Ps. 120</i> <i>1 Cor 8</i>		

The Gospel Alphabet

An easy and fun way to memorize Scripture

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. *-Romans 3:23*

Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. *-John 1:29b*

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *-Matthew 11:28*

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. *-James 4:8a*

Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones shall perish.
-Matthew 18:

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.
-Ephesians 2:8

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should
Not perish but have everlasting life. *-John 3:16*

Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out. *-John 6:37b KIV*

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. *-John 14:6b*

Jesus answered and said to him, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."
-John 6:29

Knock, and it will be opened to you. *-Matthew 7:7c*

Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! *-Isaiah 45:22a*

My grace is sufficient for you. *-2 Corinthians 12:9b*

Now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of salvation. *-2 Corinthians 6:2b*

Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law. *-Psalm 119:18*

Pace I leave you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your
heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. *-John 3:16*

Quicken me according to Thy Word. *-Psalm 119:154b KJV*

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. *-Psalm 37:7a*

Seek, and you will find. *-Matthew 7:7b*

The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. *-1 John 1:7b*

Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. *-Luke 2: 11 KJV*

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life. *-John 6:47 KJV*

What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? *-Mark 8:36*

eXcept a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. *-John 3:3b KJV*

You are not your own...For you were bought at a price. *-1 Corinthians 6:19b-20a*

Zealous for good works. *-Titus 2:14c*

Keep studying God's Word!

NALC Disaster Relief

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.

To help those during disaster material resources is very important. Advent Lutheran Church in Kings Mountain, NC is building a 30'x30' NALC Disaster Relief Warehouse. This warehouse will house Disaster Supply Kits for initial response to disasters. Such kits will consist of Health Kits, Layette Kits, School Kits, and Flood Buckets. Also, they will be collecting blowup mattresses, blankets and Bibles.

In order to fill this warehouse, members of our and other congregations need to help. At our church council meeting of April 16, 2018, they are asking each member provide one or more "Disaster Supply Kit" during the month of May.

Please see below examples of what is included in each kit.

What's in a Health Kit?

- * One (1) bath towel (dark color)
- * One (1) wash cloth (dark color)
- * Two (2) bars of soap, in original wrapping
- * One (1) toothbrush
- * One (1) pack of dental floss
- * One (1) tube of toothpaste (2 if sample size)
- * One (1) comb
- * Deodorant

What's in a Layette Kit?

- * Two (2) shirts or "onesies" (or similar)
- * Two (2) gowns or sleepers (with or without feet)
- * Two (2) receiving blankets
- * One (1) sweater or sweatshirt
- * Four (4) cloth diapers, flat-fold preferred
- * Two (2) washcloths (full size preferred)
- * Two (2) diaper pins
- * One (1) comb

What's in a School Kit?

- * Four (4) notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper (no loose-leaf paper)
- * One (1) blunt scissors
- * One (1) ruler with inch and centimeter/millimeter markings
- * Six (6) new pencils
- * One (1) pencil sharpener
- * One (1) eraser
- * 12 sheets of assorted construction paper
- * One (1) box of 16 or 24 crayons
- * One (1) cloth bag or backpack
- * Calculators for high school age — mark kit as "high school" if it contains a calculator

What's in a Flood Bucket?

- * One (1) 5-gallon or 3-gallon bucket
- * Two (2) large trash bags
- * One (1) gallon of bleach
- * Comet or scouring cleanser
- * Pine-Sol or liquid floor cleaner,
- * Scrub brush
- * Rubber gloves
- * Dust Mask (N-95 recommended)

If you feel that you can not do a Disaster Supply Kit, you may consider making a donation to the "***Disaster Respond Fund.***"

The Disaster Response Fund provides resources to:

- respond rapidly when domestic natural disasters occur,
- alleviate human suffering,
- provide transitional assistance, and enable those affected to begin the rebuilding process.

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