

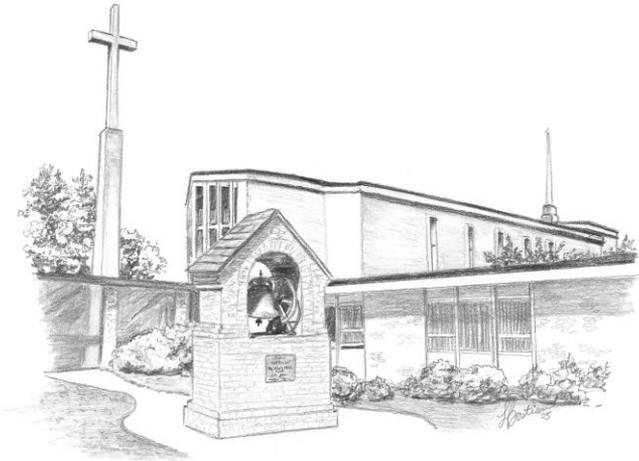
The Beacon



“I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

✝ WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL ✝
NEVER WALK IN DARKNESS

BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE” (NRSV)

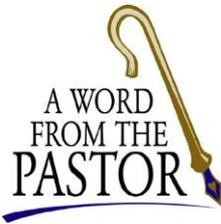


BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH • HICKORY, NC

MARCH ✝ 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lenten journey has now begun, and we are quickly progressing through the weeks towards Holy Week and the highest Feast Day of the Church year, the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord. We have established a worship pattern for these weeks with Sunday meals and evening at Mt. Hebron in Hildebran and with our continued Wednesday evening Eucharist and Fellowship meal at Bethany. What is important in these weeks of Lent is that we continue to focus



on relationship building between those in the Mt. Hebron and Bethany communities. As I have noted in other places, on the last day of the "Bold Like Jesus Conference" that I attended in Salisbury in February, I listed as a major goal, "working to build relationships through our various ministries." For me, this means that as Mt. Hebron and Bethany consider possibilities for "yoking" we need to take the time for those who attend services in both communities to get to know each other. Working on relationships draws us closer together, so that relationship in "godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love" (2 Peter 1:7, *NRSV*) may increase. Relationship building increases the love and the empathy that is shared between parities. Whatever the future of the type of ministerial relationship between Bethany and Mt. Hebron may be, that relationship will be shaped by the power of the Holy Spirit as the people of God are drawn into closer connections as members of the body of Christ, to the glory of God the Father. All the Baptized are members of Christ's body drawn together by the work of the Spirit according to the will of the Father. This is part of the ongoing mission of God in and for the world. The exact shape of what God's mission will look like with respect to the two congregations ultimately is up to God. We are challenged by God's Word through the prophets to be alert, aware, and moved from complacency to the Spirit's calling that is constantly conforming us into what God is revealing to us in our world.

Lent, which gets its name from the word **lengthen**, referring to the lengthening of days in the spring of the northern hemisphere, began ironically this year on Valentine's Day. God has so loved us that he sent his Son. By the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, we have been forever bought back from alienation from God and one another. The price for our salvation has been paid. In the waters of Baptism, we have been

joined to Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Our lives are changed forever. Lent therefore calls us to remember and to live out our Christian vocation (*vocatio* in Latin) or calling through our Baptism. For those who are preparing for Baptism, Lent is a time of final intensification of rejecting sin and turning around, as well as a turning from the ways of the world and a turning to God. But this is true as well for those of us who are already Baptized. In remembering our Baptism and the promises God has made in our Baptismal covenant, we are being strengthened in our Baptismal lives have our Baptismal living affirmed. Baptism is a way of life. It is not just a once for all rite. It is a life transformational Sacrament, which we are called to affirm and to remember. Through Christ's death, as I tell my students, God has stormed the very gates of hell. God through Christ has freed us from the bonds of the evil one. God has done this not so much by paying a ransom as it is that God has thwarted the powers of evil as a SWAT team rushes in and breaks down the doors thwarting a hostage situation.

I would submit, relying upon a "ransom theology" alone becomes problematic. It would seem to make God a conspirator with the devil. It also presents God and the devil as forces in a duality, which I would suggest is not Biblical. Instead, God defeats the devil not so much by paying a ransom but by freeing us from being held in bondage and as hostage to the sin of Adam. In this way, God presents the devil with a willingness to pay what in the Hebrew Scriptures has called the "bride price." The reality is that we as the bride of Christ have played the harlot. We are in reality like Gomer, the wife of Hosea. Like Gomer we have been far from faithful. Yet despite our harlotry, God is prepared to buy us back. This is what the Hebrew term *Goel* from the term *Go'el HaDahm* meant. This word comes from the Hebrew term *lig'ol* ("to redeem"). Contrary to the way in which sports commentators may use the term "redeem," we cannot redeem ourselves. Instead, God is willing to pay the "bride price." God desires our liberation, but God frees us without conspiring with the devil.

To illustrate what I am saying consider an account from ancient times. Plutarch of Chaeronea (46 – 120 C.E.) tells us of a Roman general who was taken hostage by Cilician pirates. In the years prior to the birth of Christ or the Common Era (C.E.) the Cilician pirates caused havoc, even for Rome on the Mediterranean as they infested those waters. The general after being taken captive boldly asked what ransom was being demanded for his return. When told the price that had been set for the ransom, the prisoner scoffed at the paltry sum. The prisoner began to

insist that the hostage takers needed to demand more because he was worth more. In the end the prisoner convinced his captors to demand an outrageous price for the ransom. He quickly built up a repour with his captors, while at the same time secretly sending messengers to work to raise the sum of the demanded ransom. Soon, he became more like his captors than their prisoner. Then, when the ransom was paid the general returned to his army and immediately set sail for Meletus where the pirates were living lavishly with their new-found wealth. The Romans attacked them and had them cast into prison.

In the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, it is not so much a ransom that has been paid as it is that we have been freed from captivity to sin and brought into a new relationship with God. Certainly, the analogy I am drawing between this story and God's work of redemption and salvation is not perfect. In the story, the Roman general again became commander of his army after being freed. In the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, or the three days making up the paschal event, we have been made servants of one another. We are joined to Christ. Of course, another major complication is that sin and evil still exist. The ultimate defeat of sin and wickedness is not yet complete. This is precisely why in Lent we are reminded that as the Baptized people of God, we are called to continue to resist the lures of sin and temptation. We can only do this with God's help. Those preparing for Baptism themselves are preparing to renounce sin and the works of the devil and all his pomps. These are the things which we or our sponsors on our behalf already rejected when we were Baptized. Having rejected these things, we turn instead to God who enables us to reject servanthood to sin and instead embrace the one who has become our servant. In so doing, we become servant ministers to each other. As sin still prevails in our world, we experience the heartbreak and hurt of becoming like the lost son in the Parable of the son who left his father for a far-off country. Remembering our Baptism as Lent compels us to do, we remember that in the waters of Baptism we are greeted with loving embrace of God who receives us at his banquet table, offering us "garment, calf and ring." We are received at the Eucharist. We are reminded that we are covered and clothed with Christ in our Baptism. We are reminded that we are fellow heirs of the kingdom as if we have received the signet ring symbolizing our inheritance.

Still we long for the peace and the final consummation of the Kingdom when we will all receive our inheritance and the Promised Land of final victory. We long for the end to the evil that surrounds us. We long for that day when all of sins' pain and sorrow, alienation, and death will be no

more. Here again the story of the Roman general has something to say to us. When Junius, the Governor of the Roman Province of Asia realized what a sum of money the pirates had amassed, he saw opportunity for some financial gain of his own, so he put off the freed Roman general and simply told him that as governor he had yet to decide the ultimate fate of the pirates. But the general and his army managed to turn the tables on the former captors. Thwarting the governor's secret plans for financial gain, the Roman general, left nothing to chance. The general recovered the ransom money that had been paid for his release, plundered the riches of the now incarcerated pirates, and ordered the Cilician pirate prisoners taken from their cells and crucified. The Roman general was none other than Julius Caesar.

The story of Julius Cesar among the Cilician pirates is an illustration that certainly breaks down in some ways when comparing it to the way God in Christ has freed us. Yet, the story illustrates that God has won the victory against the captive that enslaves us to sin. The second half of the story may serve to remind us that while in the present sin and death is real and remains with us, robbing and luring us of life, God has lured the devil into thinking that a ransom is being paid. In the end, God has already overpowered the ancient foe, winning our freedom that we might serve as disciples who have been freed from sin's bonds. God has freed us, not by paying an unrecovered ransom, but ultimately by himself paying the price for our redemption and by defeating the devil. At the same time, God will bring in time the kingdom to come, when sin and death are ultimately no more. This is the great comfort of the Apocalyptic (unveiling of hidden things) Literature in the Bible found in Daniel, Ezekiel, parts of Isaiah, parts of Matthew, and in the Book of Revelation. God will bring ultimate victory over sin and death that in the present seeks to hold us captive and rob us.

God's victory through the cross, death, burial and resurrection is no unrecovered ransom. Instead, the victory of God in Christ in what we call the paschal victory of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ is a great victory. God's victory through the paschal events to which we have been joined in the great paschal mystery of Baptism is as the hymn "Guide me, O Thou Great Redeemer" proclaims, "death of death and hells destruction." This great hymn, written in Welsh by a Methodist Pastor William Williams (1719-91) was later translated by another Williams, unrelated to the composer, into English.

The English translator, Peter Williams' title was originally "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah." Yet nowhere in the Bible is the name Jehovah used. The name is a German mis-transliteration of the Hebrew letters that correctly transliterate to YHWH. These letters form what is called in Greek the *Tetragrammaton* or the "four letters." We often translate these letters as *Yahweh*. YHWH is the name that is revealed in the Bible for the first time when God delivers this name to Moses. Moses is the first person to receive the divine name at the "burning bush." God's name *Yahweh* means, "I am who I am, I am who I was, I am who I will be." In the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, God in Christ reveals himself to be the "Great I am" who is truly our redeemer, breaking in on ancient sin and death, in much the same way as the Romans stormed in and defeated the Cilician pirates. The devil like Julius Caesar's captors believed they had the upper hand and that they had won ultimate victory. The joke however was on them.

Easter Sunday, the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, ironically falls on April 1 (April Fool's Day). God in Christ has played the greatest joke on the devil. Sin is overcome, death ultimately is dead, and hell is destroyed. The trap is laid for the captor and the joke is on Satan. It is for us who are Baptized to live as people who are the Baptized servants and disciples of God. We are called as the Baptized people of God to see the world differently with new eyes than before. We see the new age that has dawned. As Easter people, who have been called into the Church of Christ, and who point to the good news of God we live and proclaim the good news. The gospel (*Ευαγγέλιον του θεού* or the *Euangélion tou theou*) from *Euangélion* gives us the word that is the first word in our denomination's name. We are Evangelical. Thus, to be Evangelical is to proclaim and live the Gospel of God in the world as the Baptized people of God. Be the Church, therefore strengthening the bonds of affection through developing and emerging relationships as you proclaim the Gospel of God as an Evangelical, Baptized people of God.

Grace and Peace,

C. Percie Shaw



WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Scheduled as needed. Notices will be included in your weekly bulletin and via your email.



COME SING WITH US! We need you!
Choir practice is held each Wednesday at 7:00 pm.
Now is the time to think about giving God your glory by joining our choir here at Bethany. We pray that you will consider joining us.



GOLDEN AGERS ~ Come celebrate with us.
What's a better way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day than to meet with our friends and share a meal together on **Thursday, March 8 at 11:30 am** at Bethany Lutheran. Invite others to attend with you. Find your pot of gold!



KNITTING & CROCHETING MINISTRY meets each **Monday at 2 pm**, no experience necessary. Working on projects for our church as well as for outside our congregation. Bring your needles, hooks and yarn and join us. We will meet in "Fox Den" in the Peeler Bldg. Call Karen Shaw with any questions at 828-328-8665.



QUILTERS meets each **Wednesday at 4 pm**. We need your help in putting together some quilts. Please come and join us in the Quilters Room located in the Peeler Building.



These dates are open for placing flowers on the altar during 2018, please feel free to contact church office at 322-5002. *March 18, April 1, April 8, April 22, June 10, July 8, August 12, August 26, September 2, September 30, October 7, October 14, November 11, November 25, December 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16*

WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER MINISTRY

Many thanks to our cooks, serving & clean up teams and our dessert makers each week for their faithful service here at Bethany on Wednesday evenings. We need everyone's help in order for Wednesdays Together to continue.

We need a few more folks to help clean up after the meal time. Would you please consider helping? Contact Carol in the church office.

We would like to see our Mid-Week Celebration begin with worship, then a meal, followed by a great time to be together in other ministry opportunities.

Please invite others to come out with you and be a part of this great fellowship and ministry here at Bethany each Wednesday evening.

5:15 pm	Mid-Week Service
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Choir

VILLANOVA STUDENTS - We are pleased to announce that a group of approx. 16 young college students from Villanova **will be joining us Wednesday, March 7.** They will be volunteering with Habitat in Hickory for the week. They enjoy interaction with the community so we will open our doors to them again for a meal. An invitation to attend our 5:15 pm Mid-week Service was also extended to the group.

It would great to see Bethany Congregation come out that night also to visit with our guest ...let's give them a warm and friendly welcome to North Carolina and our church.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD ~ Check it out! Please stop by and see what's going on in your area. This bulletin board is located across from the church office. Lots of important information and events that you can take advantage of.



Our food drive for CCM is an ongoing service project. Please keep bringing items for the needy. Food supplies are running low and the need is great. Place in the BLUE collection bin in hallway.



God has asked that we study his word and especially bring the little children unto Him and to bring them up in the word of God.

Sunday School is not just for kids.
Getting into God's Word is awesome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ~ We encourage everyone to find a class to attend and grow together in God's Word.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Classes

Held each Sunday morning at 9:30 am.

We encourage everyone to find a class to attend and grow together in God's Word.

Ladies & Men's Class ~ meets in the Margaret Pauline Deaton SS Classroom

Children's Class ~ meets in the Peeler Bldg – 2nd room on right



For ages from Birth to 3rd Grade

Children's Church for age's birth to 3rd grade.

Children's Church will follow the Children's Time message which is held in sanctuary until communion.

Our "Little Faith Builders" leaders are very excited to start this ministry and will be available to assist in taking your child over to Children's Church.



SHARE THE JOY

LUTHERIDGE SUMMER CAMP

Calling all kids...forms are in the narthex now for you to pick up. If you need to see the camp schedules stop by the office. Please get your Scholarship Application in now. Early bird rates end 3/15 – and scholarships need to be approved and returned to your parents prior to this date if all possible. This helps the church.



OPPORTUNITIES ~ *Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day.*

THE SPIRIT'S HAND will continue to move the patients to the chapel. Need volunteers each third Sunday of each month (**March 18**) to help move residents at Trinity Ridge to and from Sunday Worship. Helpers need to be there by 3:45 pm; chapel begins at 4:30 pm. We have been asked to recruit at least one more helper. Keep up the faith and prayers!

EVANGELISM/SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE ~ Our March meeting will be held this month on **Sunday, March 11 after the late worship service. (Please note the date change)** Please consider joining this most important Committee, as it reaches out into the community and spreads Bethany's mission to **BE THE CHURCH!!!!** Thank you.
Beth Brittain & Linda Lutz, Co-chairs

FROM THE EVANGELISM/SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE:

Thanks to Beth Brittain, Pam Connelly, Cindy Johnson and Tommie Johnson who volunteered (were BEING the Church) at the Hickory Soup Kitchen in February as Bethany's representatives. We are now taking names **for March 20, 2018**, if you are available on to spend a two hour time period at the Soup Kitchen between 7 am and 1 pm, please let Linda Lutz know.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY provides to our shut-in members with means of visits and communion. Our shut-in members are very important to us and they love the visits.

If you wish to go with Roger and Gene to visit our shut-in members please contact Roger at 310-7120 so they can plan with you a date and time. We would love more people being involved in this ministry with our shut-in's. It's very rewarding!

"MINISTRY OF THE MONTH"

Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee has decided that each month they will choose a ministry in our area to sponsor by collecting donations at our Wednesday's Together. The month of March we have chosen to adopt **"Salvation Army."** *Thanks for helping in this ministry.*



MONTH OF MARCH

Meeting at Bethany this month:

Group Mary – Meeting on **Monday, March 5** at 6 pm. Tina Hart, hostess
Patsy Nikbakht, Chair

Group Ruth – Meeting on **Sunday, March 4** at 2:30 pm
Becky Buchanan, Chair

SAVING TABS FROM CANS~ Group Mary is now collecting tabs from drink cans for Ronald McDonald House service project. Every tab means money to help. A collection basket has been placed near the CCM food bin for your convenience in the hallway. Please start saving and bring each Sunday. Thanks, Patsy



We encourage **all men of Bethany** to come out and be a part of Bethany's Men in Mission. This month's breakfast meeting is on **Sunday, March 11 at 7:30 am at Snack Bar**. Looking forward to seeing you then.



COMING SOON IN YOUR AREA

Let's shake up the neighborhood!

Mark your calendar now for
Saturday, March 24 ~ 1pm -3 pm

Invite young families with their kids to join us.

Lots to enjoy (crafts, bible stories, egg hunt and snacks).

Will need donations for plastic eggs to be filled with candy and small toys and items for refreshments.

If you would like to help with this project see Tammy Locke.

<p>COUNCIL MEETING ~ Tuesday, March 13 at 6:00 pm.</p>

SPECIAL NOTE TO COUNCIL MEMBERS: Please check your mailbox weekly to see if you need to sign off on purchase orders and if by chance other important items might have been placed in your mailbox during the week that needs your immediate attention. *Make sure your council reports are turned in to the office one week prior to that month's council meeting so packets can be ready to be picked up and read prior to the meeting.*

ANNUAL FINANCE AUDIT – Monday, March 5 – 1pm

It is that time of year again! **LMM, WELCA, Golden Agers and Adult Sunday School Class**, please turn in your checkbooks and/or records to **Carol Alley in the church office by February 28**. The Finance Committee will be coordinating their annual audit on Monday, March 5 at 1pm. Thank you,
Brenda Fox, Finance Committee Chair

THRIVENT MEMBERS: A reminder that NOW is the time, if you have not done so already, to direct all **2017 Choice Dollars**. You have until March 31 to do so. Call or go online to Thrivent.com to direct your dollars.

STEPHEN MINISTRIES CORNER

Applications have been received and in process of reviewing and setting up the training sessions beginning in April. More information will be forthcoming later in March. Thanks for all who signed up, *Roger Webb*

DEAR MEMBERS....YOU'VE GOT MAIL ~ Do you check your mailbox each Sunday? Hopefully the answer is "yes." Don't want you to miss out if something important has been placed there. Thanks from your friendly mail carrier.



JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins

March 11

Don't forget to set your clock forward one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed.



March Birthdays

3/2 Paul Johnson
3/7 Larry Powell
3/8 Patsy Nikbakht
3/15 Heather Powell
3/15 Madison Reese
3/19 Brenda Manning
3/27 Lucy Frye
3/27 Mary Moretz
3/27 Ricky Scott
3/30 Jackie Childers
3/31 Harriet Fulbright

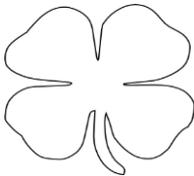
*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24*

March Anniversaries

3/25 Patsy & Kave Nikbakht

*May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and
for everyone else, just as ours does for you.' 1 Thessalonians 3:12*

(Please call the church office with additions or corrections to this list)



*Each petal on the shamrock
represents:*

*Faith, hope, love and luck.
for today and every day.*

THE WESTMONT/WEST HICKORY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION will gather on **Thursday, March 8 at 6:00 PM** in **Bethany's Parish Center**. John Marshall jmarshall@hickorync.gov, Liaison to the Westmont / West Hickory Community Association from the City of Hickory will convene the meeting. All members of Bethany are invited to attend.

LIGHTWEIGHT TABLES ~ All have been purchased!

Thanks to everyone who helped purchase these. A big thank you to the crew who helped clean out the storage closet and then helped to unload and unpack the new 32 new lightweight tables for the Parish Center.



LENT SERVICES will be held at Mt. Hebron during Lent on Sunday evenings on the following Sundays: March 4, March 11 and March 18. Schedule will be as follows: Meal at 6 pm – Worship at 7 pm

LENT MEALS~ Mt. Hebron has asked if we would share in a rotation for the evening meals during Lent on Sundays evenings at 6 pm. The meals would consist of soup and sandwiches each week and we would be providing soup one week and sandwiches the next week. Below is the schedule for what we are to provide for that Sundays Meal. **If anyone could help provide an item for these dates please sign up in the narthex or let church office know what you can bring.** Thanks, *Terri Childers, Congregational Life Chair*

February 25 – Bethany (Sandwiches)

March 4 – Girl Scout Troop providing meal

March 11 – Bethany (Soup)

March 18 – Bethany (Sandwiches)

Passion/Palm Sunday – April 9 – 10:30 am
Procession of Palms – Holy Communion

Community Procession – 9:45 am



April 12 WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
7:00 pm Service of Healing & Communion

April 13 MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY
7:00 pm Footwashing & Communion

April 14 GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY
7:00 pm Procession of the Cross

April 15 GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
8:00 pm Grace Chapel - LRU

April 16 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
7:00 am Sunrise Service
8:00 am Easter Breakfast
9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Easter Service



Please join us for our annual Easter Breakfast, April 1 at 8:00 am in the Parish Center. A love offering will be collected.

RESERVATIONS FOR EASTER LILIES

If you would like to reserve an Easter Lily to place in honor or memory of someone, please complete the order form

below and return it in the offering plate or turn into the church office. The cost of the potted lily is \$11.00. Quantities are limited, so order early!

I would like to order _____ pot(s) of **Easter Lilies** at \$11.00 each for Easter Sunday.

In honor of:

In memory of:

Given By:

Payment due with order ~ Total Enclosed \$_____

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS SUNDAY, MARCH 18.

The Prayers of Intercession

WE PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE IN THEIR DAILY LIFE AND WORK;
FOR OUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS, AND FOR
THOSE WHO ARE ALONE.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SHUT-IN:

Gene & Lucy Alexander • Dean Compton • Lucy Frye • Mary Ellen Glass •
Ruby McCray • Lucille Marshall • Calvin Mull • Gail Reese •
Frances Reinhardt • Ray Ritchie • Virginia Whisnant • Martha Witherspoon

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING, ESPECIALLY:
MEMBERS OF BETHANY

Helen Barger • Bill Buchanan • Jackie Childers • Terri Childers •
Pam Connelly • Brenda & Richard Fox • Lucy Frye • Mary Ellen Glass •
Melonie Harmon • Wynda Howerton • Theda Isenhour • Max Johnson •
Kathleen Plemons • Gene Rector • Nancy Seagle • Glenn & Novella
Shoaf • Ray & Sherry Stilwell • Roger Webb • Virginia Whisnant

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gennie Katherine Blanton • Willie Blanton • Arthur Brittain •
Pat & Richard Correll • Cathy Gibson • Alice Godbey •
Jessie Harmon • Debbie Hayes • Amy Huffman • Curtis Kiziah •
Rader Kiziah • Dickie Locke • Mike McRee • Mary Norris •
Leon & Rozelle Owen • Ricky Powell • Jean Proffitt • Elizabeth Roberts •
Lisa Robinson • C.P. Shaw Sr. • Erin Sipe • Dot Sisk • Ethel Smith •
George Watson



Family of Russell Pope
Family of Danny Price

Spring

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a message about Spring.

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PARISH DIRECTORY

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March 2018

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 8:30a Early Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Late Worship 2:30p Group Ruth 6:00p Lent Service- Mt. Hebron 6 pm Meal 7 pm Service	5 1:00p Finance Audit 6:00p Group Mary <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Pastor Shaw/Karen - STS Lent Retreat </div>	6	7 4:00p Quilters 5:15p Mid-Week Service 6:00p Dinner - Guest: Villanova Students 7:00p Choir	8 11:30a Golden Agers 6:00p PC - Westmont/West Hickory Community Mtg - John Marshall	9	10 <i>Daylight Saving Time starts tomorrow. Set clocks forward 1 hr. before you go to bed.</i>
11 7:30a LMIM Breakfast Mtg 8:30a Early Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Late Worship 12:00p Evang.Mtg 6:00p Lent Service- Mt. Hebron 6 pm Meal 7 pm Service	12 2:00p Knitting/Crocheting	13 6:00p Council	14 4:00p Quilters 5:15p Mid-Week Service 6:00p Dinner 7:00p Choir	15	16	17 <i>PC - Locke Family</i>
18 8:30a Early Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Late Worship 3:45p Spirit's Hand-Trinity Ridge 6:00p Lent Service- Mt. Hebron 6 pm Meal 7 pm Service	19 2:00p Knitting/Crocheting	20 <i>Hickory Soup Kitchen Volunteers</i>	21 4:00p Quilters 5:15p Mid-Week Service 6:00p Dinner 7:00p Choir	22	23 3:00p Stations of Cross	24 1:00p - 3:00 pm Neighborhood Block Party
25 <i>PALM SUNDAY</i> 9:30a Sunday School 9:45a Procession of Palms 10:30a Late Worship	26 2:00p Knitting/Crocheting	27	28 4:00p Quilters 7:00p Service of Healing	29 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service	30 7:00p Good Friday Service	31



MARCH 2018 RESPONSIBILITIES

NOTE: If you are unable to fill your assignment, please contact another person to serve in your place.

RESPONSIBILITY	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
Assisting Minister(8:30)	Tommie Johnson	Tammy Locke	Tammy Locke	PALM SUNDAY
Assisting Minister(10:30)	Linda Lutz	Cindy Elder	Patsy Nikbakht	Melonie Harmon
Children's Church(10:30)	Denise Powell	Tammy Locke	Denise Powell	Tammy Locke
Communion Assist.(10:30)	Cindy Elder	Jordan Pendry	Wynda Howerton	Denise Powell
Crucifer (10:30)	Gene Rector	Haley Sabey	Gene Rector	Jordan Pendry
Sound Board	David Elder	Ken Harmon	David Elder	Ken Harmon
Greeter (8:30)	Tammy Locke	Mary Emma Smith	Terri Childers	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Greeter (10:30)	Cindy Johnson	Mary Helton	Larry & Denise Powell	Linda Lutz
Bell Ringer (8:30)	Marcus Johnson	Tammy Locke	Nathan Childers	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Bell Ringer (10:30)	Larry Powell	Larry Powell	Larry Powell	Larry Powell
Altar Flowers	Denise Powell	Linda Lutz	OPEN	Debbie Frye
Care Givers	Cindy & David Elder Nancy Brittain	Ken & Melonie Harmon Nancy Seagle	Cindy Johnson Mary Emma Smith	Becky Buchanan Theda Isenhour Roger Webb
Teller Duty	Robbie Mozeley	Terri & Jackie Childers	Cindy & David Elder	Melonie & Ken Harmon
Ushers (10:30)	Beth Brittain's Team			
Sacristan's	Cindy Elder, Tommie Johnson, Gene Rector			
Wed. Together Desserts	3/7: Dot Alexander Jackie Childers Karen Shaw Mary Emma Smith	3/14: Cindy Elder Mary Helton Tammy Locke Mary Moretz	3/21: Nancy Brittain Theda Isenhour Tommie Johnson Denise Powell	3/28: NO MEAL
Serve & Clean Up Teams	3/7: David & Cindy Elder Tommie Johnson Larry Powell	3/14: Larry Powell Patsy Nikbakht Donna Bush Gene Rector	3/21: Jackie Childers Beth Brittain Tammy Locke Larry Powell	3/28: NO MEAL
Holy Week:	Cindy Elder - Assisting Minister Gene Rector - Communion Assistant			
Healing Service 3/28 (7pm)	Tammy Locke - Soundboard			
Mauudy Thursday 3/29 (7pm)	Karen Shaw - Assist.Minister Gene Rector -Communion Assist. David Elder - Soundboard			
Good Friday - 3/30 (7pm)	Linda Lutz- Assisting Minister Ken Harmon-Soundboard			

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Purpose Statement

“Gathered to worship, sent out to serve, and continually
enlightened by the Word.”

Mission Statement

As Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church we are:
“devoting ourselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

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