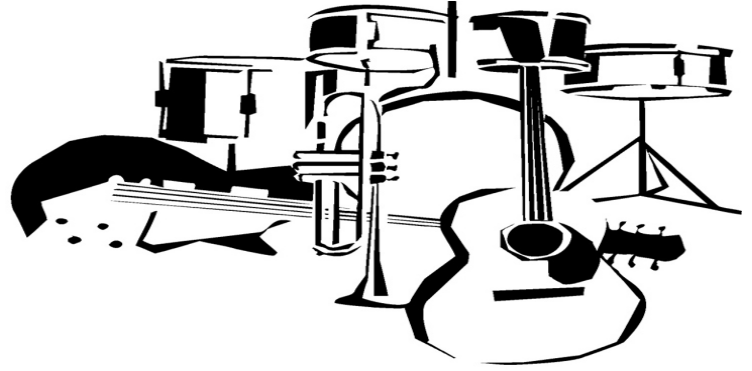


Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church

Praise and Worship
8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
January 29, 2012



Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

BEFORE WE BEGIN

Welcome

We're glad you're here! We hope you will feel God's presence and grace among us as we worship together.

Share with us

The Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, is celebrated every Sunday and you are invited to participate. Food for your Spirit and your faith.

Sing with us

Your voice will join with ours and become one, even if you think you can't sing. You can! So, join in whenever you feel comfortable.

Welcome!

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE: *The Prayer* - Reformation Ringers - arr. Sandra Eithun

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A few things you need to know in the life of Macedonia.

GOOD MORNING

Welcome those around you, those across the aisle, those you know and those you don't. Make sure someone knows you're happy they're here!

OPENING SONG: *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* - ELW 886

OPENING RESPONSE: *We gather here in your presence, God,*
IN OUR NEED, AND BRINGING WITH US THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD.
We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,
AND YOU KNOW BY EXPERIENCE WHAT HUMAN LIFE IS LIKE.
We come with our faith and doubts;
WE COME WITH OUR HOPES AND FEARS.
We come as we are able, because you invite us to come;
AND YOU HAVE PROMISED NEVER TO TURN US AWAY.

THE WORD

God's Word

We gather to hear God speaking to us, and as we listen the Word is made flesh in us-incarnate-Jesus Christ. We stand in reverence to Jesus as he speaks to us truth for our lives.

Mark 1:21-28

The story has barely begun, and already the battle is joined. Jesus sides with humanity against every force that would bring death and disease. These forces recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. This, however, is only the first fight. The war will go on much longer.

²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

ANTHEM: (10:30) *Amazing Grace* - Chancel Choir - arr. Craig Courtney

CHILDRENS MESSAGE: "Love is the strongest", based on Mark 1:21-28

Hymn *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People* - ELW 519

MESSAGE: "A Wild Place to Be on Sunday Morning!", based on Mark 1:21-28

THE SHARING

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Joys and Concerns

The Offering - *God gives to us generously, we give back to God in our tithes and offerings - gifts of thanksgiving and blessing, not obligation.*

The Offertory: (10:30) *Lamb of God* - Reformation Ringers - Arr. Lloyd Larson

Offering Song: *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*- ELW 531

SHARING OUR PRAYERS

We pray for the world, the church, for those in need, and for all God's creation.

SHARING OUR REPENTANCE

Prayer of Forgiveness

P: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

ALL: Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a heavy burden and judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

THE MEAL

The bread and cup combined with God's Word, a Sacrament to fill you with grace.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We hear the words of Jesus as he speaks to his followers, and we share in his meal. In this mystery of faith we can't fully explain, we receive Jesus' body and blood, and God's unconditional love and forgiveness.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our table blessing is the prayer Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Macedonia practices the open hospitality of Christ. All believers in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's Supper. Please come forward as the ushers direct.

SONG

We sing continuously as we receive Christ together. Please feel comfortable to come forward in either line, to pray, to join in singing.

COMMUNION SONGS: *You Aare Holy - ELW 525*

Healer of Our Every Ill - ELW 612

Soli Deo Gloria - ELW 878

THE SENDING

We are sent to be Christ in the world.

SENDING SONG

Singing praise to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

SONG: *This Little Light of Mine - ELW 677*

BLESSING

P: The real presence of Christ is in you, to bring you renewal and strength, to give you grace and hope.

C: Amen.

SENT TO SERVE

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

All: Thanks be to God!

FEBRUARY



Youth Sunday, February 12.

Boy Scout Sunday, February 12.

Hearts on Fire "Lock-In", February 17th. Youth will gather at MLC at 6:30 p.m., pick – up is at 8:00 a.m.

Little Luther League "Almost Sleep Over", February 24th. This event will start at 6:00 p.m., the youth should be picked up by 10:30 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 21, 5:45 p.m. Bury the Alleluias worship at 6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, February 22. Ashes & Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.

WELCA Sunday, February 26.

Welcome! Welcome to worship. It's a privilege to "give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation" (Psalm 111:1, NSRV).

Visitors! We are delighted you are with us. Please give us your name, address and phone number on a Welcome Card in the pew pocket or in the Friendship Register.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God. And in honor of Sylvia Crews for her years of dedicated service here at Macedonia, by members of the Macedonia choirs.

Please remember in your prayers: Shari Vassello, *Patty Misenheimer, *Bill Myers, *Pat DeBoard, , Ruby Winn, Terri & Carl Masters, *Sadie Hatley, Keith Gaedtke, *Sylvia Wells, *Violet Patton, David Riesselman, Betty Hardt, Grace Roth. *(Requests are to be renewed weekly by contacting the church office.)*

Loaves and Fishes – For the month of February they are asking for peanut butter, jelly, rice, macaroni & cheese.

MUSICAL MOMENTS AT MACEDONIA: Today at 4:00 p.m. the Queen City Ringers (adult handbell choir from Charlotte) will share a Christmas concert to celebrate Epiphany. A reception will follow the concert. Invite your friends and neighbors - we want to fill the sanctuary!

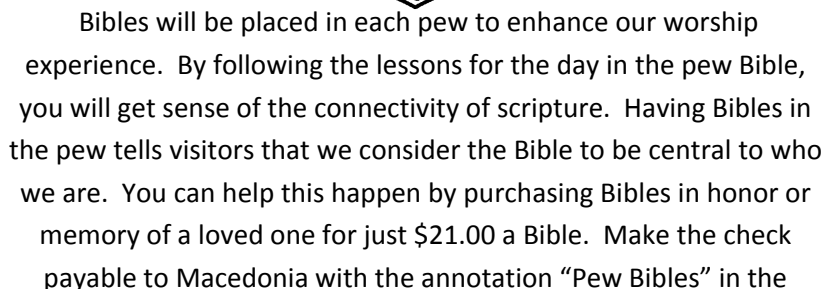
Winter Jam Concert! February 4. Youth will depart from MLC at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 and will be purchased at the door. Drivers will be needed for this event, if you are able to help please let Brian Grimes know (639-9790).

New Members are joining on Sunday, February 19 at the 10:30 service. If you are looking for a new church home contact Pastor Rust soon.

PIANO CDs recorded by Joy Rust are still available for \$20 each. All proceeds benefit the youth's trip to the National Youth Gathering. You may purchase them from Joy, or from one of the youth signed up to attend, or from the church office. There are 3 different CDs available.



PEW BIBLES ARE HERE



Bibles will be placed in each pew to enhance our worship experience. By following the lessons for the day in the pew Bible, you will get sense of the connectivity of scripture. Having Bibles in the pew tells visitors that we consider the Bible to be central to who we are. You can help this happen by purchasing Bibles in honor or memory of a loved one for just \$21.00 a Bible. Make the check payable to Macedonia with the annotation "Pew Bibles" in the

The next Red Cross Blood Drive here @ Macedonia will be on Tuesday, March 20, 2012. Remember, even if you are unable to donate blood, there are many other ways you can help this life-giving activity. If you would like to help and want to know more, please call Leah Bass (584-0266) or Kristin Spencer (684-2602).



Vera Barker, Kristin Spencer and Diane Robinson could use your help! This wonderful group of ladies have been breaking down, and delivering altar flowers left after Sunday worship services. Schedule changes and time constraints have unfortunately made this effort a little difficult for just three volunteers. If you have some time to spare we are looking for you! Please contact Cindi in the church office for more details (227-5554)

ALSO SCHEDULED THIS WEEK

- Sunday (1/29)**
 - 8:15 Worship/Communion
 - 9:30 Sunday School
 - 10:30 Worship/Communion
 - 4:00 Musical Moment Concert
Queen City Ringers
- Monday**
 - 7:00 Boy Scouts
 - 7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Tuesday**
 - 4:30 Macedonia Ringers
 - 5:30 Cherub Choir
 - 7:30 Confirmation Class (Grades 8 & 9)
- Wednesday**
 - 9:30 Circle #3
 - 10:30 Crossways Bible Class (#15)
 - 6:30 Social Ministry
 - 7:30 Chancel Choir
 - 7:45 Christian Education
- Thursday**
 - 6:15 Girl Scouts/Brownies
 - 6:00 Men of Macedonia
- Sunday (2/5)**
 - 8:15 Worship/Communion
 - 9:30 Sunday School
 - 10:30 Worship/Communion
 - 5:00 Hearts on Fire (Grades 4-6)
 - 6:00 Luther League (Grades 7-12)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
JANUARY 29, 2012**

- Monday** Psalm 35:1-10
Numbers 22:1-21
Acts 21:17-26
- Tuesday** Psalm 35:1-10
Numbers 22:22-28
1 Corinthians 7:32-40
- Wednesday** Psalm 35:1-10
Jeremiah 29:1-14
Mark 5:1-20
- Thursday** Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
Proverbs 12:10-21
Galatians 5:2-15
- Friday** Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
Job 36:1-23
1 Corinthians 9:1-16
- Saturday** Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
Isaiah 46:1-13
Matthew 12:9-14
- Sunday** *Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*
Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

**Director of Youth and Family Ministry
Brian Grimes**

Office Hours: Tuesday: 1:00 - 4:00
Wednesday: 1:00 - 4:00
Thursday: 9:00 - 12:00

L.L.L. = Little Luther League (K-3rd grade)
Meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday.

H.O.F. = Hearts On Fire (4-6 grades)
Meets every Sunday.

L.L. = Luther League (7-12 grades)
Meets every Sunday.

YOUTH SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Luther League (7-12 grades) Meets every Sunday.

- 2/4 **Winter Jam Concert!** Depart from MLC at 2:00 p.m.
- 2/5 **Super Bowl Subs:** 8am the Youth will put together sub orders.
- 2/10 **Luther League Lock-In:** 6:30pm at Macedonia.
- 2/12 **Youth Sunday**
- 2/25 **Fundraiser: O'Charley's Pancake Breakfast:** Youth will be serving.
- 3/12 **Picture Scavenger Hunt**
- 3/15 **Yo Zone Fundraiser**
- 3/16 **Lutherock Retreat**

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Hearts on Fire (4-6 grades) Meets every Sunday.

- 2/17 **Lock-IN at Macedonia:** 6:30pm-8am
- 3/10 **Asheboro NC Zoo-** Animals! 10am departure from MLC, Cost \$8 (child), \$12 (adult). Drivers needed.

Youth Fundraiser SUPERBOWL SUBS

The Youth will be preselling, for donations only, Superbowl Subs **today** after both services. The Subs will be prepared and ready for pickup on the day of the Superbowl, February 5, after both services.



Little Luther League (K-3rd grade) Meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday

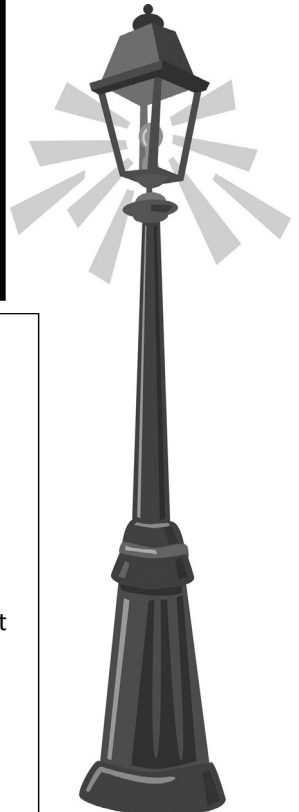
- 2/24 **Almost Sleepover at Macedonia:** 6:00pm-10:30pm
- 3/10 **Asheboro NC Zoo-** Animals! 10am departure from MLC, Cost \$8 (child), \$12 (adult). Drivers needed.

YOUTH CORNER



**Like Pancakes?
Would you like to
help the
Macedonia
Youth?**

Our next pancake breakfast fundraiser will be on February 25 at O'Charley's on Huffman Mill Rd. Our youth will be serving! Hope to see you there!



Keep your eyes "peeled" for more information on our **Hearts on Fire** and **Little Luther League Trip** to the Zoo.

MARCH 16, 2012

Lutherock, a retreat amidst the mountains! Our youth will enjoy a weekend of fun, mountain climbing, devotions, and music. To be included in this experience you will need to register, and submit the \$10.00 fee by February 7. Please call Brian Grimes (639-9790) for further information and registration.

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**FEBRUARY
10th**

Youth will work on Youth Sunday skits. We will also have games and movies. Dinner and breakfast will be served.
6 pm. - 8 am.

Authority and Grace

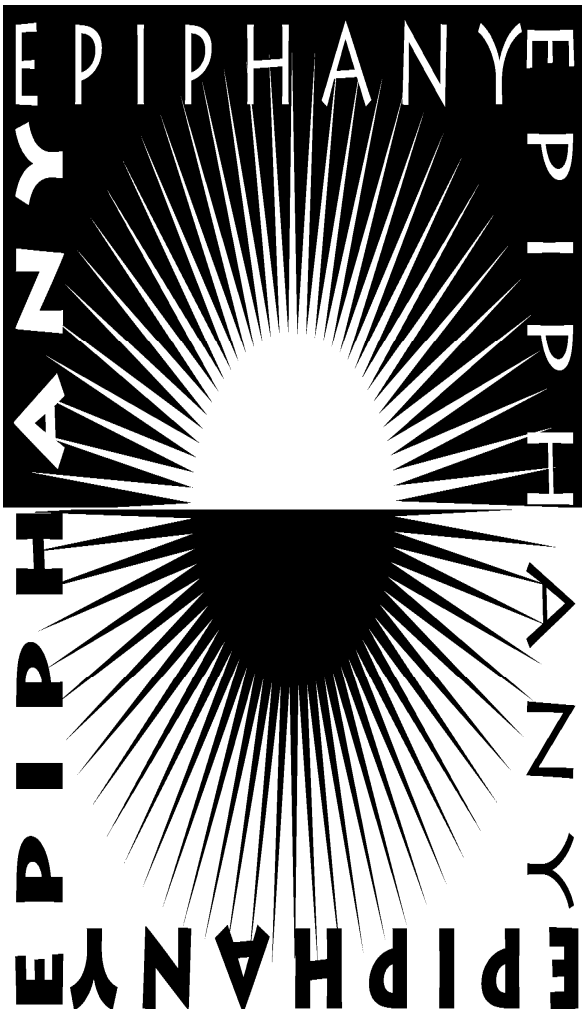
What is this outburst that interrupts Jesus' teaching in the synagogue? "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" the man rages. "Have you come to destroy us?" And who, exactly, does this man mean by "us"? Mark makes it clear that this is not the senseless raving of a madman but rather the perceptive observation of someone who is demon-possessed. The man's language tells Jesus precisely who he is dealing with. This is spiritual warfare, and "us" is none other than the devil and his angels (Matt. 25:41; Rev. 12:9). Here, in Mark's first chapter, Satan has wasted little time in getting back to work after his failure to defeat Jesus in the wilderness.

Jesus does not answer the question directly, but his authoritative response to God's enemies speaks for itself and proclaims the reality we encounter throughout the New Testament: Yes! Jesus *has* come to destroy you!

The gospel message takes us one step further. Being cured of demons does not just free persons who were possessed; it frees them to *be with Jesus*. This is beautifully articulated in the story of the Gerasene demoniac later in Mark. As Jesus prepares to leave after sending the unclean spirits (again plural) into the herd of swine, the man who had been possessed "begged [Jesus] that he might be with him" (Mark 5:18).

We all wrestle with demons of various sizes, shapes, and degrees. They manifest themselves as harmful habits, obsessive attachments, and destructive addictions. They sap our yearning for God, that most poignant quality of our humanity, and keep us chained to the myth of self-sufficiency.

Our first task is to name these addictions for what they are. Then we may call upon God's transformative power and, with the grace that is ours through the love of Christ available to us in full measure in every circumstance of life, walk freely into Jesus' arms.



Pew Bible Donation

I wish to purchase ____ pew Bible(s) at \$21.00 a piece. I am enclosing \$ ____ to cover the total cost.

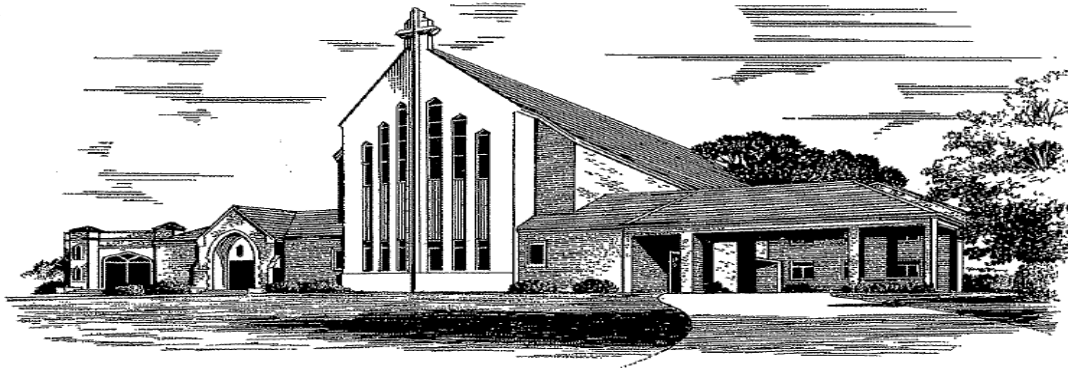
I wish to dedicate the Bible(s) as follows

In Memory Of

In Honor Of

Your Name _____

Place in offering plate with donation or turn into church office.



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Senior Pastor (585-0666).....	Rev. Stephen C. Rust
Director of Youth and Family Ministry (639-9790).....	Mr. Brian Grimes
Director of Church Music.....	Mrs. Joy H. Rust
Director, Chancel Choir and Reformation Ringers.....	Sylvia R. Crews
Organist (8:15).....	Mary Anne Dettman
Organist (10:30).....	Joy H. Rust
Organist Emeritus.....	Terry G. Woodings
Director, Cherub Choir.....	Joy H. Rust
Director, Macedonia Ringers and Melody Choir.....	Sylvia R. Crews
Sunday School Superintendent.....	Ruth W. Matkins
Crucifer.....	Kari Spencer
Acolytes.....	Max Menz, Kyler Peter
Communion Preparer.....	Frank Rhue
Communion Assistant.....	(8:15) Roger Meisenbach... (10:30) Janet Meisenbach
Greeters.....	Bobby Gregoris, Wanda Moore; Xylde & John Gee
Nursery Attendants.....	Kim Black, Hannah Black
Ushers.....	<i>Chief</i> , Dale Greeson - <i>Assistant</i> , Brett Bass, Harold Fogleman, Charlie Harris, Frank Rhue, Danny Van Fleet, Brant Adkins, Randy Hunley, Ray Turner
Sound System.....	Dennis White
Dust Covers.....	Heilig Barnwell, Millie Miller

Lutheran Retirement Ministries/Twin Lakes Community

NEEDED EACH WEEK FOR OUR GENERAL FUND MINISTRY: \$6,749.94

1/22/12 Offerings : General: \$8,954.05 Capital: \$160.00
 Youth Fund: \$168.00 Bible Donations: \$504.00 Celebration Singers: \$815.65
 Attendance : (8:15) 34 SS: 81 (10:30) 179

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