

LENT IS A TIME FOR A NEW START WITH CHRIST

Many of us have the practice of making New Year's resolutions beginning on January 1st. So how are they working for you so far? I suppose this practice is based on the idea that all of us like to take the opportunity for a new start—to begin again—with the hope that we will improve ourselves during the new year. All of this should remind us that we should never despair, no matter what our mistakes in the past have been. We can always begin again with Jesus!

I challenge you to search Holy Scripture and find a person who came seeking a second chance and left with a stern lecture. Search, but you won't find. David the psalmist becomes David the voyeur, but by God's saving grace becomes David the psalmist again. Peter denied Jesus before he preached Jesus. Zacchaeus was a crook and the cleanest part of his life was the money he laundered. But Jesus still had time for him. The thief on the cross: hell-bent and hung out to die one minute, heaven-bound and smiling the next. Story after story. Prayer after prayer. Surprise after surprise. It seems that God is looking for more ways to get us home than for ways to keep us out.

I believe that is what our Holy Baptism is all about. Each Sunday morning we begin our worship near the baptismal font., acknowledging our sinfulness and accepting God's forgiveness for our sins. We are given new life and another chance!

During the season of Lent we see and realize that in our baptism we are joined with Jesus who endured all the temptations and trials of human life. As we follow Jesus more faithfully during Lent, we pray that He will instill in us the love for all our neighbors, especially those without enough to eat. Many Christians give up some favorite food. Others participate in special fasts as a way to remember those who are hungry. You may prefer to fast for just one day—or simply skip one meal. Contribute the money you save to Macedonia or to the Lutheran World Hunger Appeal.

If you are the kind of person who makes New Year's resolutions, you can probably look back these past two months and see that you did not keep your resolutions very well. And maybe that is the story for all of us: failure despite all the good intentions. Despite our shortcomings let us never despair because our God is a good God, who gives us His Son so that we may be given another chance.

May God bless you and yours with prosperity, good health, and another chance. See you in worship this coming Sunday morning!

In His Love and Peace,

Pastor Stephen C. Rust





WE'RE BACK

Well, after a month away, we will be starting back with our every other week schedule. We have missed all of you, and are very excited to see the wonderful changes to our "new" kitchen!

On March 8th, the Men of Macedonia will be hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper. The menu will be: Flapjacks, Sausages, Apples, Juice, Coffee, and Sweet Tea. After our meal we will worship together and "Bury the Alleluias".

Next on our schedule is March 29th with dinner and Captive Free! The evening meal will consist of: Subs, Chips, Dessert, and drinks. Captive Free is a group of young adults dedicated to youth ministry. The group travels the globe visiting youth groups and churches. You will not want to miss this energy charged evening!

Remember: Dinner starts at 5:45 and the program starts at 6:30 every other Tuesday night. Everyone is welcome, just RSVP either by the offering plate or voicemail each week by Monday morning so we can make sure there is enough food. We can't wait to see you there.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with planning activities, driving those who are not able, providing meals and finding speakers. If you are interested, contact Beth Van Fleet at ebvanfleet@hotmail.com.

Tuesdays Together Menus

- March 8 - Pancakes, Sausage, Apples, Coffee, Juice, Sweet Tea
- March 29 - Subs, Chips, Dessert, Drinks



We need you! The Fellowship Committee is looking for a few good women *and men*! If you've been a part of this terrific committee before, come back. If you've got great ideas to share, show up. If you want to be part of an excited group of people dedicated to having fun and fellowship at MLC, attend our next meeting. We will meet the first Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 pm. If you have any questions, please call Stephanie Braxton at 584-8951 or ismseswb@bellsouth.net.

The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive

at Macedonia on Tuesday, March 22 from 2:00-6:30pm. All blood types are needed! Delicious refreshments will be provided. Please call Leah Bass at 584-0266 to schedule an appointment.



For more information contact your American Red Cross at 226-4906.

The Lutheran Magazine

If you would like to subscribe to or renew your subscription to this monthly magazine, please submit name & address along with your check made payable to Macedonia Lutheran Church for \$12.00. This is due to church office by March 27.

**Lenoir - Rhyne University
A Cappella Choir
&
Brass Ensemble
In Concert**

**Under the direction of
Dr. Paul D. Weber**

Celebrating 75 Years of Excellence

**7:30 p.m.
March 3, 2011**

**Macedonia Lutheran Church
421 West Front Street
Burlington**

**Free-will Offering
For more information: 227-5554**



Have you heard?
There's a new youth group in town!!!
Yep, that's right, and it is right here at Macedonia!!
 We have formed, "Hearts on Fire" a group to include
 4th - 6th graders
New Youth Group Sunday Schedules
 (starting on March 13, 2011)

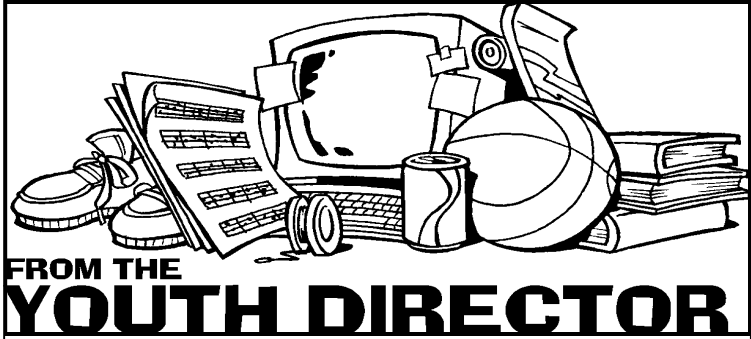
- Luther League** - 7th - 12th Graders 6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m.
- Hearts on Fire** - 4th - 6th Graders 5:00p.m. - 6:30p.m.
- Little Luther League** - K - 3rd Graders 3:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.

Sunday, February 13th was Youth Sunday here at Macedonia.

Our congregation was treated to worship services prepared, and presented to them by our young children and teens. The skits, songs and hymns were beautifully done. What an enjoyable day!

Our thanks go out to all of those that made the day run smoothly.

Macedonia Ringers at Youth Service



February 18th through the 21st the Youth and I traveled up to Lutherock for a weekend of worship and fun. Melinda Menz and Tom Meisenbach were chaperones and were a blessing to have on the weekend. On Friday night we arrived, unpacked, and immediately began games to get to know the other group with us on the weekend. Soon, we went to bed because we knew we had a big day ahead of us. In the morning, we had a spectacular breakfast and got ready for a day filled with worship and a hike some of us will never forget. I rallied a group to take what I had known to be a moderately difficult hike up to Pinnacle Rock. Well, turns out there was still 3 feet of snow on the top of the mountain which turned our hike into a truly faith building experience. We said our goodbyes on Sunday after a morning worship and set off for home. We made a quick stop for lunch at the double decker Wendy's in Boone because the kids really, really had to eat there. My favorite moment from the weekend was definitely when we were headed back down the mountain from our hike and I had a profound sense of accomplishment. I felt like Jesus was really there with us pushing us, forward even though we wanted to turn back.

Thank You all for your continued support of our Youth Ministry.

Brian Grimes
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 and Family Ministries
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Important Upcoming Youth Dates

- March 6** - Indoor rock climbing at Tumblebee's in Greensboro. This activity is for anyone 5 yrs old or older. Any 5 - 10 yr old children participating will need to be accompanied by an adult. Children over 10yrs old, attending without a parent will need a waiver signed by their parent. We will meet in the church parking lot at 1:30. The cost is \$7. Adults who are attending will need to learn to "belay" and that will cost \$5. We will be back around 5pm. If you are planning to attend, please let Brian know.
- March 11th-12th** - Lock In @ Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Chapel Hill, for all middle and high school youth. We are invited to stay for a night of fun and games after the dance, so please bring a sleeping bag, air mattress, pillow, if you wish to stay the night. If not there will be a chaperone returning to Burlington after the Dance.
- March 13th** - New schedule begins.
- March 20th** - Youth meet at new times.
- March 26th** - Dinner and a movie at Frieden's with Captive Free. More information to follow.
- March 27th** - Meet at the church (4:45) to go to Frieden's for dinner and worship service with Captive Free. Each family is to bring a 2 liter drink and a dessert. We will return at 8:00 p.m.

Accept one of God's gifts by engaging in daily Bible reading. What an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to touch us as individuals! How is God speaking to us today? Let's find out!

Here are some ideas for daily Bible reading.

Daily Bible Readings that coordinate with the Sunday readings can be found each week in Macedonia's **Sunday Bulletins**, in your ELW hymnal beginning on page 1121 where all three years of appointed readings are listed, and on the ELCA website at <http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/The-Bible/Todays-Bible-Reading.aspx> where you can subscribe for the text in your email each day.

God Pause e-mail devotions are short, meaningful reflections on the following Sunday's lessons and gospel delivered directly to your e-mail box. Go to: http://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/daily_view.aspx

ELOGOS is written by Pastor Deb Grant, a Lutheran pastor in Texas, and is posted Monday through Friday. To subscribe, visit the site. www.elogosdailydevotions.com

Lutheran Study Bible and many other Bibles have suggestions for Daily Bible Reading.

In our narthex, Macedonia offers several copies of daily scripture reading/devotionals from Augsburg Fortress, our ELCA publishing house. **Christ in Our Home, Light for Today**, The Lutheran Prayer Book, and Our Daily Bread.

Read Bible stories with your kids each night using the Spark Story Bible [Augsburg Fortress, ISBN: 9780806670492]. The colorful illustrations will bring these 150 Bible stories to life. Your kids will learn the stories and know them well. And an added bonus, so will you!

CALLING ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has an exciting new way to support congregations and organizations that are important to you. Let me explain.

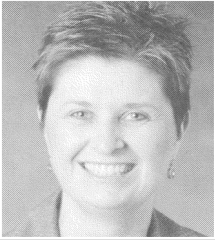
This program is called **Thrivent Choice**. Under this program, benefit members can direct funds to a variety of Lutheran congregations or charitable organizations. If you are a qualified benefit member you have already received mailings telling you about what funds you have at your disposal. If you have been notified but have not designated your funds or you are not sure about your status go to www.thrivent.com and log in. This will take you to your personal page where your **Thrivent Choice** status will be shown. Follow the links to designate your funds. Or if you prefer dealing with a person, you can call **800-847-4836** and a friendly rep will talk you through the process.

Thrivent Choice began in 2010. If you have not already designated your available funds for 2010, you have until **March 31, 2011** to do so or they will be gone.

There are many organizations that you can choose to receive your **Thrivent Choice** funds. You can find one that fits your priorities and passions. You can even supplement your contributions to Macedonia by directing your Thrivent Choice dollars here. During our current financial crisis, the Thrivent Choice dollars could be a big help.

If you have any questions about **Thrivent Choice** or any other Thrivent programs you can contact your Congregational Advocate, Dan Voelkert at 336-227-5676 or danvoelkert@hotmail.com

Love the present



Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in Love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

—Ephesians 5:1,2

In commercials, greeting cards and store front windows, valentine hearts and cupids announce that love is in the air. But one store's advertisement stood out from the rest: "Love the present." What a deep and multifaceted message.

It tells us to love the present moment, live in the now. Our past experiences and our hopes for the future define us but they don't need to confine us. Living in the past or future robs us of being present.

The message also reminds us to love the gift. We have been gifted through the waters of baptism, given gifts to share with the world. When we share our gifts, the body of Christ becomes whole. Some of you may not want to claim our gift. We may leave it unwrapped or long for a different gift. Discovering how to love and share our gift will help us fulfill God's design for us.

And lastly, the message reminds us to love the present, our Savior. During this Lenten season, we will walk with Christ to the cross, knowing we are forgiven of our brokenness and our inability to love ourselves or one another. Let us be imitators of Christ who lives and walks among us and is ever present with us.

That it may be well with you!
Tammy Devine, Diaconal Minister
and ELCA Wellness Manager
livewell@elcabop.org

RUMMAGE SALE

HELP SEND DYLAN MCGUIRE TO EUROPE



Our sale will begin at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, March 12th in Luther Hall and go until 3:00 p.m.



The money raised will be to help Dylan McGuire go to England and Scotland this summer with People to People International.

Get there early for the best picks!!!!

Thanks to all that donated items for this sale. If anyone has something they would like to donate, we will gladly come get your treasures. Call Beth McGuire at 227-6267 or email her at bmcguire13@triad.rr.com.

Did You Know?

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 2:00 am. And it's Daylight Saving Time, not Savings! Remember to "Spring Forward".

On February 4 2011, President Barack Obama announced his intention to appoint the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the ELCA, to the President's Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. The advisory council brings together religious and secular leaders, as well as scholars and experts in fields related to the work of faith-based and neighborhood organizations, to make recommendations to the government on how to improve partnerships, according to a White House news release.

You can become a fan of the ELCA Youth Gathering on facebook. There are several lively discussion threads on this page. It is a great way for you to be involved in shaping what happens in New Orleans in 2012 and for obtaining up-to-date information!
<http://www.facebook.com/youthgathering>

The altar paraments will be white the first Sunday of March to celebrate "Transfiguration of our Lord". On Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2011, the paraments will be purple and will remain purple through March as we celebrate 40 Days of Lent.

Have you noticed the full page ads for Lenoir-Rhyne University in **Our State** magazine over the last couple of years? You can't miss them since they are on the first page as you open the cover. Many items of interest have been featured there promoting L-R's new motto: **RISE UP!** One month's issue contained an announcement of lacrosse being added to L-R's athletic program, and asked students who played lacrosse to contact the new coach! Watch for the next one. Twin Lakes Center also has ads in **Our State**. In the new March issue with Biltmore Estate on the cover, it is on page 87. If you have any ideas for this section of the newsletter, please contact the following members of the "Learn to Communicate Better" committee, Vern Misenheimer, Joan Tolley, Pastor Rust, and Yvonne White.

L.E.A.F. Meals

We need an individual, family, or group to provide a meal for the L.E.A.F. group on April 17. Let Yvonne White or Joy Rust know if you can help.

MARCH IS SOUTHERN SEMINARY AUXILIARY MONTH

During March, Macedonia will turn the spotlight on our Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC, and the role that **The Auxiliary** plays in supporting the school, its students and staff. This volunteer group raises money each year to fund a variety of grants and projects not covered in the annual budget of the Seminary itself, but which enhance the "seminary experience."

The Auxiliary budget for 2010-2011 lists grants for the library (books and binding), the Chapel (flowers, linens, vestments and paraments, worship graphics software, licensing fees). a hospitality fund for the seminary president, discretionary fund for the seminary pastor, work aid for students, and camp scholarships for students' children, among other things. The projects support students and faculty directly. Our own Laura Voelkert and her husband, Jonathan Weant, as well as Vince locona, our seminarian last year, have been impacted by Auxiliary projects.

How can you be a part of this great organization? Contributions of any amount make you a member of The Auxiliary, from one dollar on up. Gifts of \$100 enable you to honor someone with a Life Membership. *Checks should be made out to LTSS -- Auxiliary.* Questions: Contact Ruth Matkins at 584-9370.

Be a part of this great organization and help our students, faculty, and staff at Southern Seminary---
OUR seminary in Columbia, SC.

Memorials

Below are listed gifts received since December 2010.

Designated for the Fogleman Aid Fund:

*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Adolphous Fogleman by
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Fogleman*

Designated for the General Fund:

*In memory of Jodie Cook by
Carolyn Llewellyn
Carrington & Diane Wright
Genevieve Street
Thomas & Susan Skeen
Tom & Toni Meredith
John & Zylde Gee*

*In memory of Jay Shepherd by
John & Zylde Gee*

Designated for the Youth Fund

*In memory of Jodie Cook by
Mr. & Mrs. James Copland*

Designated for the Prayer Shawl Fund:

*In memory of Ernest Lewis by
Circle #2 - MLC*

Designated for the Flower Fund:

*In memory of George Settlemyer by
Circle #2 - MLC*

Designated for the Piano Fund:

*In memory of Jodie Cook by
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Fogleman*

A Report From Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory:

In a recent January letter to alumni and friends of Lenoir-Rhyne University, President Wayne B. Powell shared the following information:

"Last year, we reported to you that 2009-2010 had been a year of unparalleled success, and due to the work of many, we can make that statement for 2010-2011 as well. We have set a new record for enrollment at 1,842 students, 170 students more than last year. We will have another balanced budget, the eighth consecutive year. We have initiated a most unique partnership with Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary exploring avenues where we can work together to benefit both institutions, and we are continually exploring new academic programming to benefit our community and western North Carolina." He also said that over 90% of L-R students receive financial aid.

Submitted by Ruth Matkins

MACEDONIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

January 31, 2011

	Current Month	Year To Date	Annual Budget	(Over) Under Budget
BEGINNING BALANCE	(1,888.95)	\$ (1,888.95)		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	28,705.66	28,705.66	370,327.00	(341,621.34)
DISBURSEMENTS:				
Benovelence	2,797.67	2,797.67	25,200.00	22,402.33
Total Staff Salaries	16,645.71	16,645.71	194,306.00	177,660.29
Total Property & Managing	10,103.56	10,103.56	75,578.00	65,474.44
Total Social ministry	-	-	697.00	697.00
Total Worship and Music	-	-	7,056.00	7,056.00
Christian Education	-	-	5,580.00	5,580.00
Fellowship	-	-	-	-
Stewardship	-	-	383.00	383.00
Youth and Recreation	-	-	1,656.00	1,656.00
Evangelism	-	-	540.00	540.00
Total Unbudgeted Disbursements	441.94	441.94		
Total Disbursements	29,988.88	29,988.88	310,996.00	281,449.06
ENDING BALANCE	(3,172.17)	(3,172.17)		

Resolutions



Did you make resolutions for 2011? And how is that working out for you so far? The Stewardship Committee hopes that one of your resolutions was to give faithfully, consistently, and cheerfully ALL year! Statistics indicate that only 12% of us will meet the commitments we made to ourselves 1/1/2011. Usually it is because the commitment was not measurable or definite. We hope that you made a measurable and definite commitment to Christ and your church.

If you are off track, take time to think about why. Do not give up. It's probably your own fault and no one else's. Galatians 6:5 says "For all must carry their own loads". Search your heart, ask God for help, and regroup. Take it slow and easy. Remember Aesop's fable about the Hare and the Tortoise? Slow and steady wins the race.

Just like a diet, your commitment to the church through your regular offering is not a race; it is a way of life.



The Evangelism Committee asks Macedonia members to remember the following people and their care-givers in their prayers.

Nursing or Assisted Living Facilities Members:

<i>Charlotte Bivens</i>	Room 214	Twin Lakes Health Care
<i>Margaret Foster</i>	Room 308A	Twin Lakes Health Care
<i>Nancy Fowler</i>		Edgewood Place
<i>Helen Hollingsworth</i>	Room 276	Twin Lakes Health Care
<i>Lib Jones</i>	Room 228	Cedar Ridge Senior Living
<i>Virginia Simpson</i>	Apt. 308	Twin Lakes Assisted Living
<i>Mary Waters</i>		Twin Lakes Memory Care
<i>Ola Moore</i>		Liberty Commons
<i>Louise Dodson</i>		Twin Lakes Memory Care
<i>Jane Ferrell</i>		Liberty Commons

Visits would be enjoyed by many of these, but please check before visiting.

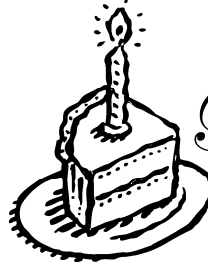
If you know of those whose names should be added to this list, please call the church office at 227-5554. Your help would be appreciated.

Parables Bible Study



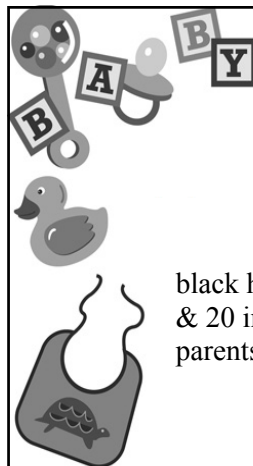
Bible Study participants for our new study on Sunday evenings, 6:15 p.m.– 7:30, we applaud your commitment in studying the Bible!

Barbara Lilienthal	Janet Meisenbach
Patti Little	Roger Meisenbach
Chris Pryer	Lori Helgeson
Art Pryer	Dr. Elizabeth Murray
Clay Hemric	Dr. Ron Murray
Nancy Hemric	Ronnie Swearingen
Beverly Hiller	Rachel Ann Spencer



Birthday Blessings

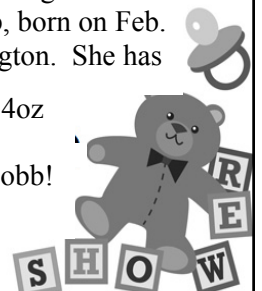
3/02	Estelle Petersen Joanie Tolley Marina Wilder
3/03	Charlotte Bivens Suzanne Easter Joseph Helgeson
3/04	Christine Pryer
3/05	Grace Roth
3/06	Gracie Shoffner Mary Ella Wolfe
3/10	Millie Miller
3/12	Helen Coble Elizabeth Murray
3/16	Pat DeBoard
3/17	Maddie Braxton Katie Greeson
3/18	Mac Barnwell
3/19	Ola Moore
3/21	Ruth Matkins
3/22	Susan Cook "G" Moore Dan Voelkert Ellen Walker
3/23	Raney Gagnon Peggy Troutman
3/24	Will Owen
3/28	Maria Helgeson
3/31	Rena Crumpler Kyler Peter



A New Baby!

Grandparents Paul & Gail Cobb have a new grand-daughter— Bertie Gayle Cobb, born on Feb. 10, 2011 in Burlington. She has

black hair, blue eyes, 6lbs 14oz & 20 in. tall. Congrats to parents, Chip & Dee Ann Cobb!



LENT

OUR LENTEN THEME:

“What Did Jesus Do?”

We will gather on Wednesdays during Lent for good food, great fellowship and inspiring worship. Here's our schedule:

5:45 p.m.---Dinner is served. Cost is \$6/person

6:45 p.m.---Vesper worship service

We will focus on the person of Jesus. In what sense was He divine? In what sense human? How are these two natures related? Jesus is unique! What Jesus did for us affects us more than who He was. Our life became different because of Jesus.

March 8—Shrove Tuesday—5:45 p.m.-Meal, 6:30 p.m.- Bury the Alleluias worship

March 9—Ash Wednesday—No meal—7:00 p.m.-Ashes & Holy communion.

“Jesus Took Away Our Guilt” Isaiah 53:4-6

March 16—5:45 p.m.-Meal, 6:45 p.m.-Vespers **“Jesus Gave Us New Life” Corinthians 5:17**

March 23—5:45 p.m.-Meal, 6:45 p.m.-Vespers **“Jesus Banished Our Fear” Psalm 34:4**

March 30—5:45 p.m.-Meal, 5:45 p.m.-Vespers **“Jesus Pointed the Way” John 14:6**

April 6—5:45 p.m.-Meal, 6:45 p.m.-Vespers **“Jesus Taught Us to Love” Ephesians 5:1-2**

April 13—5:45 p.m.-Meal, 6:45 p.m.-Vespers **“Jesus Defeated Death” John 11:25-26**

These Wednesday night Vesper services will lead and show us that it is the suffering of Jesus that won for us a rich treasure of blessings as the taking away of our guilt and teaching us how to love..

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

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| March 16 | - | Grilled chicken breast, salad, roasted potatoes, glazed carrots, chocolate meringue pie, rolls, tea, coffee. |
| March 23 | - | Turkey breast, dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, broccoli casserole, stewed cabbage, Italian cream cake, rolls, tea, coffee. |
| March 30 | - | BBQ chicken breast, macaroni and cheese, salad, sweet potato casserole, buttermilk pie, rolls tea, coffee. |

Downtown Lenten Worship and Luncheons

We meet at noon at the following churches and then gather for a delicious lunch served by the host church for \$5.00/person.

March 15

Speaker: Rev. Phil Myers, Pastor of First Reformed United Church of Christ
Host: Ebenezer United Church of Christ

March 22

Speaker: Rev. Sharon Hamill, Associate Pastor of Elon Community Church
Host: First Christian United Church of Christ

March 29

Speaker: Rev. Larry Covington, Pastor of Ebenezer United Church of Christ
Host: First Presbyterian Church

April 5

Speaker: Rev. Leslie Rhodes, Christian Counseling Center
Host: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

April 12

Speaker: Rev. Marshall Old, Pastor Front Street United Methodist Church
Host: Macedonia Lutheran Church



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

The year 2011 marks many anniversaries, including:

- 510th anniversary of Martin Luther's entrance into the University of Erfurt (1501)
- 505th anniversary of Martin Luther taking of monastic vows (July/August 1506)
- 490th anniversary of the Diet of Worms (April 17–25, 1521)
- 465th anniversary of the death of Martin Luther (Feb. 17, 1546)
- 355th anniversary of the arrival of Magister Lauritz Anderson Rhodius of Denmark, the second Lutheran pastor in the New World, who ministered to the tobacco-producing islands of the West Indies (1656)
- 300th anniversary of the birth of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, patriarch of the Lutheran Church in the United States
- 225th anniversary of the organization of the Ministerium of New York (Oct. 23, 1786)
- 200th anniversary of the publishing of *Das Evangelische Magazin* by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the first example of a ministry of publishing by Lutherans in the United States (1811)
- 185th anniversary of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (1826)
- 180th anniversary of the *Lutheran Observer*, published by the General Synod, oldest English-language predecessor of *The Lutheran* (1831)
- 165th anniversary of the Eielson Synod (a.k.a. the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) (April 13, 1846)
- 165th anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Illinois (June 4, 1846)
- 165th anniversary of the ordination of Pastor Magnus Hakonson, the first Swedish Lutheran pastor to be ordained in America (1846)
- 160th anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Northern Illinois (Sept. 18, 1851)
- 160th anniversary of the First German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas (Nov. 10, 1851)
- 160th anniversary of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, later reorganized into the Norwegian Synod (Jan. 5–9, 1851)
- 155th anniversary of Newberry College, Newberry, S.C. (1856)
- 150th anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada, General Synod (July 18–22, 1861)
- 145th anniversary of Thiel College, Greenville, Pa. (1866)
- 140th anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, General Synod (Sept. 1, 1871)
- 135th anniversary of the reorganization of the Eielson Synod into Hauge's Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod in America (June 3, 1876)
- 135th anniversary of the German Wartburg Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, General Synod (Aug. 28, 1876)
- 135th anniversary of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. (1876)
- 130th anniversary of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kan. (1881)
- 125th anniversary of the reorganization of the General Synod South into the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South (1886)
- 120th anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, General Synod (March 31, 1891)
- 120th anniversary of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest (Sept. 22, 1891)
- 120th anniversary of the Rocky Mountain Synod, General Synod (May 5, 1891)
- 120th anniversary of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. (1891)
- 120th anniversary of Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, N.C. (1891)
- 120th anniversary of Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Wash. (1891)
- 120th anniversary of Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, Texas, opened as the Evangelical Lutheran College of Brenham, Texas (1891)
- 115th anniversary of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, organized by the merger of the Danish Association and the Danish North Church (Sept. 30–Oct. 2, 1896)
- 115th anniversary of the merger of the First Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas into the Iowa Synod (June 4–10, 1896)
- 115th anniversary of the Old German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, General Council (Oct. 18–20, 1896)
- 115th anniversary of Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa (1896)
- 115th anniversary of Suomi College, now Finlandia University, Hancock, Mich. (1896)
- 110th anniversary of the Pacific Synod, General Council (Sept. 26, 1901)
- 65th anniversary of the adoption of the name "Evangelical Lutheran Church" by the former Norwegian Lutheran Church of America (June 11–18, 1946)
- 65th anniversary of the adoption of the name "United Evangelical Lutheran Church" by the former United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church (June 18–23, 1946)
- 45th anniversary of the Lutheran Council in Canada (Aug. 31, 1966)
- 45th anniversary of the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. (Nov. 16–18, 1966)
- 45th anniversary of the Metropolitan New York Synod, LCA (1966)
- 45th anniversary of the Upper New York Synod, LCA (1966)
- 45th anniversary of the merger of the deaconess motherhouses in Philadelphia, Omaha, and Baltimore, forming the Deaconess Community of the LCA (1966)
- 35th anniversary of the organization of the Association of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches (Dec. 3–4, 1976)
- 25th anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (Jan. 1, 1986)
- 25th anniversary of the approval of merger plans by conventions of The American Lutheran Church, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, and the Lutheran Church in America (1986)

Wednesday Night Lenten Dramas

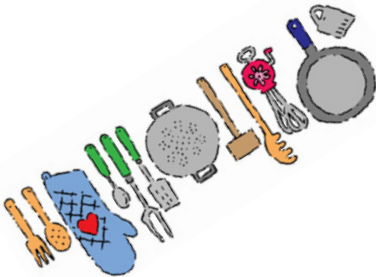
Pastor Rust would like to have people (6th grade & older) who can read and speak well to become the “Macedonian Players” and offer one-act plays for our Lenten Wednesday night vesper services. He needs the following volunteers to perform:

- March 9 - 6 actors
- March 16 - 5 actors
- March 23 - 4 actors
- March 30 - 6 actors
- April 6 - 5 actors
- April 14 - 4 actors



If interested sign up on Pastor’s bulletin board next to his office or call the church office.

STOCK THE KITCHEN



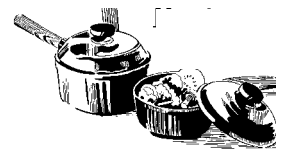
We are all so excited about the new kitchen remodeling that should soon be completed.

With this remodeling project, along with a new range and convection oven, we are getting a dishwasher that has a 90 second wash cycle. So we hope to be using mostly our dishes and flatware instead of paper products.

After taking inventory we do need a few items to complete our kitchen: plates, teaspoons, forks and knives, cutting boards, wire whips, tongs, sharp knives, sauce pots, and measuring spoon and cups.

If you can help, put a separate check in with your weekly offering for: “stock the kitchen”. We need about \$1200. 00 by March 15th. Please feel free to call Pattie Graves if you have any questions (336-214-1358).

Thank you for your help!



Schedules for March

✳ **Loaves and Fishes** - For the month of March bring soup, crackers, snacks, applesauce, canned fruit & canned meat.

♂♂♂ **Men of Macedonia, Men in Mission** will meet on Thursday, **March 10** at 6:00 p.m. at Mayflower Seafood Restaurant.

✳ The **N&N's** will meet on Wednesday, March 16, at 8:00 a.m. at Grill Worx (1223 W. Webb Ave.) for breakfast.

🕒 **The Young - In - Heart** will on Thursday, March 18, at 11:30 a.m. at the church. Contact Bill Myers for more details. (336) 585-0918.

🚗 Macedonia's turn for the Alamance County **Meals-on-Wheels** is March 14 - 18.

Circle #1 - will meet on Tuesday, March 1 at 9:30 a.m. at the church.



Circle #2 - will meet on Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Connie Poovey, 1924 Woodland Ave. in Burlington

Circle #3 - will meet on Wednesday, March 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Circle #4 - will meet on Monday, March 14 at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Eloise Bryan, 1732 Edgewood Avenue, Burlington.

Circle #6 - will meet on Sunday, March 6 at 8:00 a.m. at University Grill.

Circle #7 - will meet on Sunday, **March 13** at 6:00 p.m. at DaVinci Table on S. Church Street.

The **WELCA Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, March 15 at 9:00 a.m.

The **WELCA Board** will meet on Tuesday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m.

SERVICE SCHEDULES FOR MARCH

Acolytes

3/06	Taylor Easter	Maddie Bass
3/13	Will Ingle	Maren McDermott
3/20	Emily Adkins	Aiden Gibson
3/27	Rachel Spencer	Kari Spencer

Children's Message

No Schedule

Communion Assistants (8:15)

3/06	Mel Petersen
3/13	Frank Rhue
3/20	Vera Barker
3/27	Karen Dosier

Communion Preparers & Assistants (10:30)

3/06	Barbara Lilienthal	Brant Adkins
3/20	Frank Rhue	Colleen Macklin

Crucifers

3/06	Paige Claypool
3/13	Hannah Black
3/20	Sarah Menz
3/27	Jeffrey Claypool

Dust Covers

3/13 & 3/20	Diane Robinson, Dave Robinson
3/27 & 4/03	Elaine Ysteboe, Jim Ysteboe

Greeters

3/07	Bill & Nancy Apple, Aaron & Sue Page
3/14	Lettie Carlson, Pat Jones, Marie & Bill Hambright
3/21	Bob & Millie Miller, Vern & Pat Misenheimer
3/28	Wayne & Ibbey Bozeman, Sadie Hatley, Ellen Greeson

Lay Readers

No Schedule

8:15

10:30

Nursery

3/06	Julie Russell, Kyler Peter
3/13	Heilig Barnwell, Jacob Adkins
3/20	Barbara Lilienthal, Maura Easter
3/27	Ruth Matkins, Aiden Gibson

Sound System

3/06 & 3/13	Tom and Colleen Macklin
3/20 & 3/27	Kristin Spencer

Ushers

Dale Greeson - <i>Chief</i>	Brett Bass - <i>Assistant</i>
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Harold Fogleman, Charlie Harris, Frank Rhue,
Danny Van Fleet, Brant Adkins

<p>5</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:15 Girls Scouts 7:00 Tuesdays Together Meeting 7:30 Lenoir-Rhyne Concert</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Circle #3 - 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>6:30 Social Ministry 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Circle #1 - 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>4:30 Macedonia Ringers 5:15 Melody Choir 5:30 Cherub Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Circle #6 - 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY 8:15 Worship/Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Communion 4:45 Reformation Ringers</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Circle #2 - 7:00</p> <p>6:00 Executive Committee 6:00 Men In Mission (Mayflower) 6:15 Girl Scouts 7:00 Boy Scout</p>	<p>9</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY 1:00 Sewing Group 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>SHROVE TUESDAY 4:30 Macedonia Ringers 5:15 Melody Choir 5:30 Cherub Choir 5:45 Tuesdays Together 7:30 Christian Ed Mtg.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Evangelism</p>
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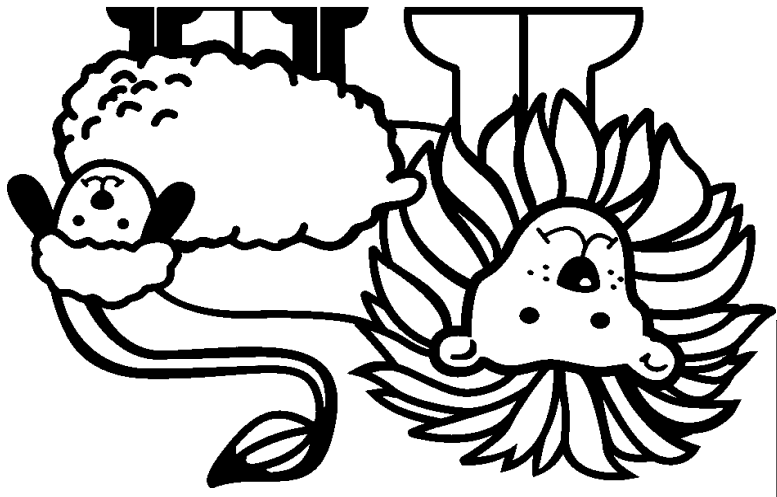
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