

Lutheran Church By The Lake

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Sharing the GOOD NEWS **April 2024**



I Love To Tell The Story **LCBTL Newsletter Stories**

Something NEW on the Horizon! We would like to “tell our story” through the eyes of our many ministries at LCBTL. Our congregation is so faithful to so many community needs, and this is a perfect opportunity to plant a seed in the hearts of folks who are looking for an opportunity to volunteer, for those who already assist with these programs and would appreciate sharing the work that they do, and even for others who could benefit from one or more of the ministries we provide both within the church and also in the community. Each month we will highlight one of our ministries – and be ready to see that we include some that seem like everyday occurrences at Lutheran Church By The Lake! Some examples:

Choir and Musicians
Property Team
Blessing Bags
Office Staff

ARK Angels
Worship Assistants
Sexton
Worship Committee
Grief Share

**Prime Timers
Caregivers Group
Quilt Group
Prayer Shawl
Food Pantry
Backpack Ministry
First Steps
Council
LWM
LMM
Welcome Ambassadors
Audio/Visual Team**

**Meals From Heart
Cards From Heart
Education/Bible Studies
Camp Grand
Columbarium Services
Fellowship Team
Lake Service
Stewardship
Financial Team**

We have likely omitted some of our ministries, and for that we apologize. Be sure to send in a note to tell us!

So... on your mark, get set, GO! We need you to write a piece for your ministry – a little history, a purpose, a touching experience, a goal, a need.....anything you would like so that your ministry can be highlighted for our members and friends! If you want to add a photo- all the better!



This is a broad appeal and we hope you will send in your 200-500 word piece (short or long is just fine!) Please email www.lcbtl.worship@wctel.net and we will add one per month. The December Newsletter is just around the corner- who will be first? Don't wait! We will put all of the articles in a queue, ready for our office team to use each month! If we don't hear from you, and we are in need of an article, we will contact you! 😊

**This month's article for our monthly newsletter comes from Karen Flynn
President of the Lutheran Women In Mission Ministry**

Lutheran Women In Mission (LWM) Ministry

Women in Ministry do make a difference! Women in the bible were called prophetesses, judges and leaders, warriors, healers and caregivers, mothers and wives, disciples, and followers of Jesus Christ. We carry on the powerful, strong, and faithful activities of those women from the past in our LWM ministry that has something to offer for all women who have an interest in serving others and meeting in fellowship.

LWM Membership warmly welcomes all women (members and non-members) committed to discipleship in services in the Church, Community and the World through Circles, Activities and Programs we sponsor. LWM is led by a trio of ladies, Karen Flynn, Debbie Frederickson, and Susan Mazur.



LWM Christmas Luncheon 2023 – Great time, great ladies! Love in fellowship! Come join us!

The LWM has several circles serving the community such as Cards from the Heart, Quilt Circle (featured in the March Newsletter), and First Steps. Various Members volunteer to lead these circles. LWM also supports other activities such as the Quarles Scholarship, fall clean-up day of the church grounds, and social events from women's retreats to Christmas luncheons, trips to the nursery, guest speakers, etc. Come join in on the fun!

The LWM is all about celebrating our mission of helping others in our community, and we fund this mission through our once-a-year fundraiser, an annual yard sale. In 2023, the annual yard sale was expanded into an Annual Yard Sale Festival with a yard sale, vendors, raffles, live music such as God's Toolbox, a car show and a children's activity area. LWM netted approximately \$12,000 dollars.

These funds raised in 2023 supported the following community projects: McCormick County Backpack Ministry, Prime Timers Ministry, Area First Responders, McCormick County Sheriff's Department, Kinard Manor Residents in Greenwood, the Quarles Scholarship Fund supporting a college bound student in McCormick, The Craddock Center at the foothills of the Appalachians, Camp Kinard, First Steps and other Lutheran Church By the Lake charities and events. A significant portion of the funds went to those in need in the McCormick area.

This year, the 2024 Annual Yard Sale Festival continues to expand and will be on Saturday April 20th, from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. This will be an opportunity for a family friendly time and to get out and visit with others in the community and surrounding area.



This year's event is a festival for everyone to enjoy! It includes a kids activity area with a magician act, food vendors supplying ice cream, corn dogs, and more; local vendors selling their crafts and yard sale items; the local car club will be there with their classic cars; and to top it off, live entertainment! The McCormick High School 5 person Drum line will kick things off at 9 a.m., followed by The Leverette Family Gospel Group, Dwaine Wright Contemporary Gospel, our own Chuck Uitto, and to end the day, Gospel LCS (Love, Caring and Sharing)! Kick back and listen to some wonderful music!

The church will be filled with many yard sale items to include household items, sports equipment, furniture, jewelry, toys, tools, artwork, seasonal decorations, and our famous bake sale. The festival will also offer coffee, beverages, a light breakfast snack and a full lunch that can be purchased.

LWM is very blessed and thanks each and everyone of our Lutheran Church By The Lake family for giving us some of your treasures to sell and raise money to support charities here in the area! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



Ladies, if you have jewelry items to donate to this year's yard sale, please bring them separately to the office for pricing.

Pastor's Table Talks

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you well and thriving in God's abundant grace. As your new pastor, it is my deepest desire to not just lead but to also connect, share, and grow with each of you in our journey of faith. Inspired by the tradition of Martin Luther's Table Talks, I'm thrilled to introduce a new, recurring opportunity for us to come together in a spirit of openness and fellowship.

Starting this April 28th, and continuing on the 4th Sunday of each month, Lutheran Church by the Lake is proud to launch Pastor's Table Talks. Picture this: a casual gathering where I'll have a cup of coffee in hand, ready to pull up a chair and dive into conversations. For those who want to talk, we'll meet during Coffee Mingle in The Bridge. If we find that we're in the way of those wanting to mingle, we can always move to the conference room.

What might we discuss? Anything that's on your mind. Questions about our faith, our church practices, or perhaps a thought on how we might do things differently. And if there aren't any pressing topics, that's perfectly fine! We can enjoy the simple pleasure of conversation, sharing stories, and getting to know each other better.

This initiative isn't just about discussing faith and our community; it's an open door to building and deepening our relationships. With each conversation, we'll weave tighter bonds—not just with me, but among one another. It's about staying connected, maintaining open lines of communication, and fostering an environment where everyone feels heard and valued.

So, I warmly invite y'all to join me at Pastor's Table Talks, starting this April 28th and then on every fourth Sunday of the month, during Coffee Mingle in The Bridge. Whether you come with questions, ideas, or just a desire to listen and share in the company, your presence will enrich our discussions and our community.

I'm looking forward to these gatherings not just for the conversations we'll have but for the chance to grow closer as a church family. Together, let's embrace this opportunity to strengthen our faith, our bonds, and our commitment to one another and to the ministry we share.

May God's peace be with you always,

Pastor Greg

Welcoming Pastor Greg

Building Connections and Growth at LCBTL

As Pastor Greg prepares to take the lead at Lutheran Church by the Lake on April 1, there's a genuine buzz of anticipation for what's on the horizon. Let's take a closer look at how Pastor Greg is planning to strengthen bonds within our community and open doors to new opportunities, ensuring a welcoming atmosphere for everyone:

1. **Outreach with Purpose:** Pastor Greg is committed to ensuring that every member of our church feels connected, especially those who can't attend services in person. By organizing visits to share communion and fellowship, we're reinforcing our dedication to inclusivity and ensuring no one feels left out.
2. **Personal Connections Matter:** Pastor Greg is keen to get to know everyone in our congregation personally. Through planned one-on-one meetings, there's a wonderful opportunity for members to share their stories, learn from each other, and affirm the significant role each person plays in the life of our church family.
3. **Inviting Newcomers:** Working alongside our ministry teams, Pastor Greg is excited to welcome individuals looking to learn more about our community. This initiative is particularly focused on those who have shown interest but haven't yet become members, offering them a chance to discover the community they've been searching for. It's also a great way for current members to engage, share their experiences, and welcome new faces into our fold.
4. **Accessibility is Key:** Pastor Greg wants to make sure he's easy to reach, whether through phone, email, or text. While there's a pause on digital notifications overnight, urgent calls are always an exception, ensuring you have support when it's truly needed.
5. **Open and Respectful Environment:** A culture where everyone feels comfortable to express their thoughts, concerns, and views is what Pastor Greg envisions for our church. This approach is about building trust and encouraging a dialogue that respects diverse perspectives within our community.

Embarking on this journey with Pastor Greg is not just about launching new initiatives; it's about fostering a community where everyone feels valued, engaged, and spiritually supported. Together, we're stepping into a promising new chapter of ministry, excited to see what the Holy Spirit has in store for us.

Welcome Guide

Getting to Know Pastor Greg Van Dyke

The Basics

As the Lutheran Church by the Lake gets ready to welcome Pastor Greg Van Dyke aboard, there's a feeling of excitement and a pinch of curiosity floating around. You're probably wondering what's in store with Pastor Greg stepping up to lead our flock. Well, in the spirit of being open and a bit ahead of the curve on those questions, we've pieced together a guide filled with the nitty-gritty. It's all about giving you a closer peek at Pastor Greg's dreams and plans for knitting our community closer and sparking growth in ways that'll surely warm our hearts.

Q: What kind of environment does Pastor Greg hope to create?

A: Pastor Greg aspires to foster a culture where everyone feels comfortable to express their thoughts, concerns, and views. This open and respectful atmosphere is intended to build trust and encourage dialogue that respects the diverse perspectives within our community.

Q: When will Pastor Greg officially start?

A: The big day is April 1, 2024. Pastor Greg is all set to dive in with not one, but two meetings already on his calendar for his first day. Talk about hitting the ground running!

Q: What office hours will Pastor Greg keep?

A: Pastor Greg will be at the office bright and early by 8:00 a.m. most days, wrapping up after 2:00 p.m. But, don't you worry—if he's stepped out, he's still just a call, text, or email away, ready to jump in and assist members as needed.

Q: What will Pastor Greg's day off be?

A: After a bustling Sunday - Thursday, Pastor Greg looks forward to some R&R on Fridays and Saturdays. However, being 'off' doesn't mean out of touch. He'll be on the ball, responding to emails, calls, and texts; but, maybe with a slight delay if he's out hiking or making a Costco run. And in weeks bustling with congregation events, those days off might be on hold—but, that's part of the gig.

Q: Will Pastor Greg work only from the office?

A: Not exclusively. There'll be days Pastor Greg works from the comfort of his home, delving into ministry-related books and research. These days are far from a break—they're some of the most productive ones. Rest assured, work-from-home days are planned with the office staff, ensuring Pastor Greg is always reachable for any arising needs.

Q: What if I spot Pastor Greg at the Recreation Center coffee shop at 9:00 on a Tuesday?

A: Chances are, he's not just there for a latte. Pastor Greg values connecting with the community and might be meeting others or working off-site. If you see him in his clerical getup, he's likely between meetings. Feel free to say hello; he's always up for a good chat if he's free.

Q: Heard Pastor Greg is out of town but not on vacation—what's the scoop?

A: Sometimes, Pastor Greg will be away for duties that extend beyond the church walls. But fear not—the office staff and the Church Council are kept in the loop about where he is and the why. If he's away for more than a couple of days, the Council has fully signed off.

Q: Why isn't Pastor Greg's car parked at the church sometimes?

A: Depending on where Pastor Greg hangs his hat, he might walk, bike, or zoom over in a golf cart. If he's living in Tara, for instance, his car might just stay in the driveway.

Q: Pastor Greg vanished for two weeks—what gives?

A: Pastor Greg also serves with a Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team, stepping in when crises hit. Deployments like these are few and far between but do happen. He'll always consult with and have the Council's blessing before heading out, ensuring the church is well cared for in his absence.

Q: Pastor Greg is off for training or continuing education—why?

A: Sharpening his skills and knowledge, Pastor Greg's continuing education is crucial for enriching his ministry. Whether it's for learning or other service-related training, his whereabouts and reasons are transparent to both staff and Council.

Q: How will Pastor Greg include members who can't attend services in person?

A: Pastor Greg is dedicated to ensuring every church member feels connected. This involves organizing visits to share communion and fellowship with those unable to attend services, emphasizing our church's commitment to inclusivity.

Q: Can I get to know Pastor Greg on a personal level?

A: Absolutely. Pastor Greg is keen on building personal connections with the congregation. He will be setting up openings for one-on-one meetings, allowing for an opportunity to share stories and experiences, reinforcing the vital role each member plays within our church family.

Q: What are Pastor Greg's plans for welcoming newcomers?

A: Pastor Greg, in collaboration with our ministry teams, is eager to open our doors to individuals seeking to join our community. This effort is geared towards those who have shown interest but haven't yet taken the step to become members, providing them with a chance to discover the community they've been searching for.

Q: How accessible will Pastor Greg be?

A: Pastor Greg aims to be readily accessible through phone, email, or text. Though digital notifications are paused overnight, urgent calls are the exception, ensuring that members have the necessary support when it's most needed.

We're big on keeping things transparent around here, just as Pastor Greg emphasized when he first stepped into the light with us. If you're sitting on more questions or just need to share a thought or concern, we're all ears—don't shy away from reaching out. Pastor Greg is keen on weaving a stronger sense of belonging, support, and spiritual growth into the fabric of our Lutheran Church by the Lake community. As we gear up to turn the page together, Pastor Greg and the leadership team are more than ready to dive into any more questions or chats about what's brewing. So, let's join hands and step forward into this bright new journey with Pastor Greg, all set for a voyage filled with growth, community, and faith.

From the Desk of the VP Sherri Kumle

A new dawn, a new beginning, a time of renewal, a time of hope and a time of excitement!

Need I say More?

Probably not- but I will!

We are at ground zero- and the pathway to revitalizing our congregation is looking good! We have a new pastor, Rev. Greg Van Dyke, and he has already immersed himself in the day-to-day operations of the church office and the work of the Council. Long before his arrival in McCormick, he asked questions and shared plans for "moving forward." He met with church leaders to learn more about our traditions and how those things we hold dear will blend with his ideas and suggestions. He met with Council in the month before his official start date to share his vision and hear from Council members about plans, concerns, strategic goals for our congregation, our emphasis on serving the community, and ways that we can partner together as a Christian presence based on God's Word in SLV and the greater McCormick area.

We anticipate a rich worship experience with Pastor Greg and appreciate his willingness to hear our voices when we speak about traditions that have been part of Lutheran Church By The Lake for many years. Although we are sadly missing the presence of Linda Wakefield as our choir director while simultaneously welcoming Harry Hafer into that position, we look forward to a collaboration between Pastor Greg and Harry as they continue to enhance our worship music experience with David Markle and our choir. Pastor Greg has already proven his desire to be transparent about his work ethic by providing an FAQ that explains how, when, and where he works to help alleviate any concerns or questions as well as assure all of us that he is available for us with only a phone call, text, or email at any time. Early on he asked for names of people who would like to be visited at home and would be receptive to having home-communion. He is setting parameters with the office regarding schedules and making himself available to individuals who wish to spend time talking with him.

We look forward to his involvement in our Servant Leadership, Evangelism, and Stewardship ministries as well as all of the community outreach to which we are so deeply committed.

Finally, we believe that Pastor Greg is a man of great faith who looks forward to developing relationships with our congregation as well as with others in the community. We thank God for the blessing of this Call and look forward to serving together in faith with Pastor Greg!

Council Meeting Notes



March 2024 Council Meeting

Welcome and Thank You to Pastor Greg for attending the March Council Meeting and presiding over a memorial service in advance of his official start date of April 1.

LMM:

Save the date! The annual golf tournament is scheduled for June 18, 2024.

LWM:

- Annual LCBTL & Community Festival and Yard Sale is Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 8 am to 2 pm. Shopping, Food, Music, Magician, Firetruck, Car Show..... come out to join the fun!
- Want to learn more about McCormick's history? Come to the ARK on April 10 at 6:30 pm for dessert & coffee. Mary Tobin will be presenting our town's history through stories and pictures. The community at large is encouraged to attend.

Pastor Greg's Installation Service is scheduled for June 23 at 4 pm.

The busy season of Lent is coming to a close; a huge thank you to all who helped, participated, attended.

PrimeTimers, GreifShare and ChristianCare programs are doing well; talk with Jeannie Thayer if you would like to participate or have the need to use.

Some Bible studies concluded and some are just starting up, see the bulletin for subjects, dates and times.

A Ministry Fair will be held on April 28. The Fair will highlight all the ministries offered at LCBTL. Come see where your talents can be used or your needs met.

Camp Grand will be upon us before we know it. Consider helping in various ways – teachers, food servers, music leaders, class assistants, activities coordinators, and so on. See Doug Chalifour to volunteer.

MOTION

A motion was made to approve Harry Hafer for the position of Music Director.

First by Eileen Hurlbut, Second by Donna Irmis

Motion carried/approved

Synod Assembly is June 8. It will be an online only event; a "watch party" is being planned for any member to participate (only appointed members may cast a vote)

March 2024 Council Meeting

Contributions for

2

Month(s) ending February 29,
2024

(whole dollars)

MONTH	2024			vs. Budget	vs. 2023
	Actual	Budget	2023		
Total February	22,025		25,765		
Total February - General	19,792	20,000	20,668	-1.0%	-4.2%
Weeks in February	4	4	4		
Weekly Average - Month (Total)	5,506	0	6,441		
YTD					
Total	50,484		46,253		
General	41,157	42,000	37,437	-2.0%	9.9%
Weeks YTD	8	8	8		
Weekly Average - YTD (Total)	6,311	0	5,782		
Weekly Average - YTD (General)	5,145	5,250	4,680		
YTD Monthly Average - Total	25,242	0	23,127		
YTD Monthly Average - General	20,579	21,000	18,719		
YTD Restricted					
Columbarium	2,000		2,000		
Thrivent Contribution	0		111		
Endowment Fund	0		0		
Building Fund	1,740		2,165		
Lenten	334		0		
Memorials	400		795		
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	0		245		
Rental Income	430		0		
Other/Msc	4,423		3,500		
Total Restricted	9,327		8,816		
Total (2024 Projection) - Total (2023 Actual)	302,904		350,320		
General (2024 Projection) - General (2023 Actual)	246,942	250,000	256,111	-1.2%	-3.6%

3/13/2024

February 2024 Council Meeting

Contributions for

2

Month(s) ending February 29,
2024

Other/Msc	
Restricted Memorial Donations	0
Prime Timers Restricted Fund	760
Grief Share	550
Interest	783
Premium Refund	1,541
Miscellaneous	<u>789</u>
Total	<u>4,423</u>



CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

The LCBTL Church Council has been asked to provide to the church membership more transparent information about the business conducted by the Council. The Council is of the belief that this is God's Church- we are simply serving him in our ministries, and as members of this congregation, we all will be better informed by including the Financial Secretary's Report and Highlight Notes from the Treasurer in the monthly newsletter. In addition, we will include any motions that were brought to the floor and the outcome of the vote for or against those motions. The full minutes of the Monthly, Semi-Annual and Annual Meetings of the Council will be available for review in the Narthex (see binder) after they have been approved at the meeting following the previous month. Example: The full minutes of the December meeting will be approved at the January 15th Council meeting and will be included in the February Newsletter, published near the 1st of each month. Please keep in mind that the Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 9:00 AM in the Conference Room and the meetings are open meetings. Those wishing to attend may contact President Eric Randall prior to the meeting only if they wish to speak, providing a time-slot on the agenda

Stewardship Thoughts



"All our money management must be shot through with the consciousness of eternity – the worth of people, the value of worship, the disintegrating nature of our money, a confidence in God’s riches, and a participation in his eagerness to see creation flourish."

This month and next, this article will feature thoughts from a piece entitled "Where Your Treasure Is" by Susan Mettes in the November 2023 issue of Christianity Today.

"In May, Italy’s government called an emergency meeting over the rising cost of pasta. Italians have also been hit in the pocketbook by high natural gas prices, an expense of boiling water for cooking. In 2022, the Italian government recommended reducing how long home cooks boil pasta water as a thrifty "virtuous action"."

As Mettes notes, this is just a symptom of the surge in prices and inflation that make paying for our daily bread a challenge. She notes "In the United States, the average lifestyle costs more than twice as much as it did in 1990.... Moth and rust, of a sort, have destroyed."

We have long considered thrift a Christian virtue. Living within our means and seeking to live a simpler lifestyle makes thrift seem like a godly way of living responsibly.

But as Mettes writes, "Jesus does not mention *thrift* in his teachings recorded in the Bible, unless you count his guidance not to throw pearls to swine (Matt. 7:6) or telling his disciples to gather the leftovers of his miraculous provision of food for 5,000 (John 6:12). But Jesus frequently mentions money and how to manage it. ...Alongside his teachings and parables on money and worry, Jesus lacked a permanent home (Matt. 8:20) and his own money was in a group fund (which Judas stole from, John 12:6)."

Mettes goes on to say, "When Jesus talks about money and possessions, it’s hard to escape the impression that depending on wealth seems to him as silly as putting your hopes in the value of a Beanie Baby collection – and that it’s because of *mercy* that he comforts rather than mocks those who are concerned about money. But it is also because of his awareness that they are in danger of worshiping a false (and unreliable and all-consuming) god."

Mettes makes the point that Jesus’ teachings are aimed not at a one-size-fits-all solution to money – yes to the rich young ruler selling everything he has and giving it to the poor, (Mark 10:21) but the instruction is not the same to the crowd gathered on the hillside who had come without a thought for the next meal. Instead, she says, "Jesus’ teaching is aimed at shifting people’s hope for rescue from Mammon to God and their orientation from what loses value to what has eternal value. **How do we take on Jesus’ perspective of our wealth, position, appearance, entanglements, obligations, and financial priorities?"**

We are invited to examine our treasures and attachments to them with a heart of faith. If our eyes are on either thrift or consumption, scarcity or abundance, and ways of either safeguarding or preserving earthly treasures, we need a focus check. Next month I will share Mettes’ thoughts on radical generosity.

Candy Zimmerman, Stewardship of Life

Mettes, Susan. "Where Your Treasure Is." Christianity Today, November 2023. Page 47-55

Come Join Pastor Greg

Rooted in Grace, Growing in Faith Series

Everyone is Welcome



Rooted in Grace, Growing in Faith: Exploring Our Lutheran Heritage and Calling - Highlights the foundational role of grace in Lutheran theology and suggests a growth or journey in faith, encompassing the historical, theological, and communal aspects of the series. Each session is structured to build upon the last, offering participants a comprehensive understanding of the church's universal and local expressions of faith, culminating in an invitation to active participation in the life and ministry of Lutheran Church By The Lake.

When: April 9, 23, & 30 and May 7

Time: 10:00am or 1:00pm

Where: LCBTL Conference Room

We are hopeful that you will be a partner with us as Pastor Greg leads these discussions and shares messages of grace and hope found in Lutheran history.

If you are interested in attending these sessions, please contact the LCBTL office at 864-391-3000. Contact Denise Uitto at edconnectlearning@gmail.com or 864-391-0750 if you have questions.

Session 1: One Church, Many Expressions: Unity and Diversity in the Body of Christ - This session explores the church's foundational concept as a community of believers, tracing its evolution from a singular body to a diverse collection of denominations. We'll examine the scriptural basis for the church as the body of believers, focusing on 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 and Isaiah 49:6, to understand its role as a light to the nations. Discussion will include the historical schisms, such as the Filioque controversy and the Primacy of the Pope, leading up to the Reformation and the subsequent proliferation of Christian denominations. This journey reveals a God who remains faithful, showcasing the church's enduring mission to embody Christ's love through various forms of service, including worship, education, and healthcare.

Session 2: Lutheran Faith Today - In this session, we'll delve into the history and theological foundation of the Lutheran Church from Martin Luther's 95 Theses. From the historical context, we will explore the Lutheran traditions and the broader Christian ecumenical movement. Looking at the expansion of Lutheranism within different countries influencing national identities, cultural and spiritual lives, and the movement of Lutheran practices from Europe to North America. This exploration aims to highlight the distinctive aspects of the Lutheran faith practice and its contributions to advancing a comprehensive understanding of Lutheran identity and mission in today's world.

Session 3: Foundations of Faith: Luther's Catechism and the Means of Grace - This session offers an overview of the core Lutheran doctrinal texts, focusing on Luther's Small Catechism and the Book of Concord, and the indispensable role of the Means of Grace—Word and Sacrament—in sustaining faith and life. We will discuss how these texts and theological concepts provide a foundation for understanding Lutheran beliefs and practices, emphasizing their relevance and application to daily

living. The session aims to deepen participants' grasp of Lutheran theological heritage and encourage their personal and communal engagement with these enduring faith expressions.

Session 4: Living Our Faith: The Mission, Vision, and Values of Lutheran Church By The Lake - The final session focuses on the specific calling and contributions of the Lutheran Church By The Lake, presenting its history, mission statement, and the values guiding its community life and outreach efforts. Current members will share their experiences and the church's impact, highlighting the congregation's commitment to discipleship, worship, fellowship, stewardship, and servant leadership. This session is designed to inspire participants with examples of active faith and to encourage their involvement in the church's diverse ministries, fostering a deeper connection with God, each other, and the broader community.



Grief Share

Lutheran Church By the Lake
New Session starting on Tuesday April 9th at 3:30 pm till 5:30pm.

This is a 13 week program for folks in our community that are dealing with Grief from the loss of a loved one. Grieving is a journey, every day is different. No two deaths are

the same but attending our group with other folks going through a loss is helpful. There is a video and group discussion, if you can't share when you attend that is fine.

I encourage anyone reading this that knows of someone on this journey, talk to them about joining us.

Any questions or more information please call Jeanne Thayer 864/323/7142. Texts are welcome.

Save the date:

Advance Directives will be filled out and signed in the ARK on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 1:00pm

Piedmont Palliative /Hospice will be there to handle the forms and questions. Watch for more information in the near future.

Jeanne Thayer

SOME SAVE THE DATES FOR YOU:



Next **LMM Meeting is Thursday, April 4 at 5pm.** We will have a pizza dinner, refreshments and dessert. We will meet in the ARK.

Special guest is **Verne Heckel from the Foothills Conference of the South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission.**

PLEASE REPLY IS YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND.

Thank you!

Bill Freiberg

LCBTL LMM President

CELEBRATE!

TO CELEBRATE GOOD THINGS AT LCBTL

We will joyfully celebrate the arrival of Pastor Greg and Linda on **April 7** in between services. Join us in the Bridge for a special version of Coffee Mingle and help us welcome our new pastor and his wife to Lutheran Church By The Lake and McCormick!

TO LEARN ABOUT OUR TOWN



When you walk around MC Cormick or are shopping on Main Street, do you ever wonder about the history of our town? Come to the Women's Meeting at The Lutheran Church By The Lake, in the Ark. **April 10th at 6:30** in the evening. Enjoy a dessert and coffee and hear Mary Tobin tell us all about the history of McCormick. She will have many interesting stories and pictures to share.

Any questions or to reserve your seat, you may call or email Jean Randall
864-391-8022. grandmajeanr@gmail.com

We wish you
all the Best.

TO GIVE OUR BEST WISHES

Please join us on **Sunday, April 14**, to honor Linda Wakefield for all her years as our wonderful Choir Director, and to congratulate her on her well deserved retirement. We will be having a special luncheon, after second service, with ham as a main dish. Don't forget to sign up in the Narthex as to how many are coming and what you will be bringing to share ASAP. Please bring a dish to share such as; mac and cheese, deviled eggs, any type of salads, vegetables, potato dishes and don't forget dessert!

To keep everything fresh, especially hot foods, it would be best to bring your items to the ARK around 9:30 or a bit later, if you are attending first service. Desserts and cold foods can be brought earlier if necessary.

Thank you,

Pat Bryant 864 602-9521

SOME MORE SAVE THE DATES!!

QUILT CIRCLE



On **May 18th** from 10 AM to 2 PM we will hold a Quilt Circle in the Ark. You do not know how to sew, we have many other tasks to be completed. Bring a lunch and enjoy some fellowship with some of our LCBTL women.

THE BOB WHITE ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 24th Annual Bob White Charity Golf Tournament sponsored by the Lutheran Church By The Lake will be held on **Tuesday, June 18, 2024** at 9:30 A.M. at SLV's Monticello Golf Course. It will be a FUN 4-person Scramble. There will be prizes for the top three golf teams per flight as well as for a variety of individual fun games. There will be goodie bags, Mulligans, raffle tickets to win great prizes, and a 50-25-25 cash raffle. Socializing and a delicious catered meal in the ARK for players and guests will follow golf.

Registration information will be available soon. Please contact Bill Kumle with questions or if you want to sponsor a hole, donate raffle prizes, or volunteer to help. You can help to make this year's tournament a success by playing or by donating. Our local charities are supported with money raised through this tournament!



“Lions & Tigers & Bears, OH MY!!”



Be sure to mark your calendar!!

Camp Grand ‘Safari’ starts the first week in July.

Registration begins April 14th



We set up base camp on **July 2nd** and start out on our exploration and adventure as we seek God’s wisdom and his incredible creations.



CAREGIVERS

We would like to invite anyone that is a caregiver to a loved one to attend our group. Experience from others helps. Everyone has different situations, however it always comes down to we want to do the best we can and it becomes a 24/7 position.

We meet the last Monday of the month at 2:00 pm in the Conference room. It is over at 3:00.

Jeanne Thayer
Facilitator for Caregivers



Our Christian Caring Team is available for support during challenging times. If you desire prayer, a visit or a phone call, please contact the office at 864-391-3000 and ask for a team member to contact you. All requests are confidential. Team members are trained Stephen Ministers.

"The first service that one owes to others in the fellowship consists in listening to them. Just as love to God begins with listening to His Word, so the beginning of love for the brethren is learning to listen to them."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer Life Together

Lutheran Women in Mission

Annual Yard Sale Festival

This year's Lutheran Church By The Lake & Community Festival and Yard Sale will be held on **April 20th** from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Church By The Lake facilities. It is time to clean out your Closets and clean up the clutter!!! Please consider donating items for the Yard Sale such as furniture, rugs, housewares, appliances, kitchen accessories, dishware, sporting goods, outdoor yard tools and equipment, camping items, purses, *jewelry*, luggage, bedding, electronics, etc. Please ensure that all items are clean, in good working order, and ready to price and tag. *(Please drop jewelry off in the office as we need time to price it)*

Items can be dropped off the week of April 15th – April 18th at the LCBTL from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and April 19th, 9:00 a.m. through noon. You may also contact Karen Flynn at 706-284-1427, or Susan Mazur at 336-782-1154 to arrange for a special time to drop your items off.

Please sign up in the Narthex to volunteer to help the day of the sale. We need help in the following areas:

Cashiers (helping customers with purchases), **Bake Sale Table** and **Kitchen** (sloppy joes will be sold for lunch). Shifts are 7AM to 11 AM and 11 AM to 3PM. Come join the fun and we guarantee you will get your steps in for that day!!

Much of this money goes to local charitable activities and church mission related events. Contact the Lutheran Church By the Lake at 864-391-3000 or email LCBTL@wctel.net to reserve your space.





Prescription Drug Take Back Day

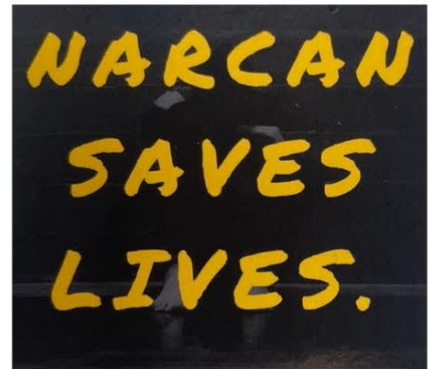


Turn in your unused or expired
medications for safe disposal
Please do not drop off needles/sharps


Saturday, April 20th, 2024
8am - 2pm

Lutheran Church By The Lake
100 Twelve Oaks Drive,
McCormick, SC

In conjunction with their Annual
Festival and Yard Sale



Prevent an overdose in
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CORNERSTONE ⌘

NARCAN NASAL SPRAY IS USED TO REVERSE THE SYMPTOMS OF OPIOID OVERDOSE UNTIL 1ST RESPONDERS ARRIVE.

SIGNS OF OPIOID OVERDOSE

- UNRESPONSIVE TO SHOUTING, PAIN STIMULATION (STERNUM RUB)
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- PROBLEM BREATHING: "DEATH RATTLE" DEEP SNORING, WHEEZING OR GURGLING
- BLUE, PURPLE, OR GRAY AROUND LIPS AND FINGERNAILS
- SMALL PINPOINT PUPILS



Narcan will available on site
at no cost and Training will
be provided on how and
when to use it



Sponsored by McCormick Sheriff's Office and Cornerstone

The Worship Team would like to thank all who made the Maundy Thursday service in the ARK such a wonderful success.

First, our thanks to all who attended. We were unsure about how many would come, and you happily exceeded our expectations! We hope the service provided you with a holy moment.

Preparations for the service began weeks ago when Rev. Jack Snellgrove met with Donna Irmis and Gloria Bramble. He suggested we move the service from the sanctuary to the ARK and try to duplicate the mood and setting of the Last Supper. Debbie Frederickson and Susan Mazur printed out the worship booklets. Sherri Kumle set up the sound system. The final preparations began on Wednesday night with Bill Kumle and Doug Bauer rearranging lots and lots of tables and chairs to mimic the seating in the Upper Room. Thursday morning Karen DaVita, who has an amazing talent for decorating, used candles, palms, and burlap strips to provide just the right table setting. Donna came back from a Jerusalem market with baskets of dates and cheese and almonds and grapes. Surely such items were on the table so long ago.

That night, Rev. Jack Snellgrove did an amazing job! His relaxed manner gently guided us into the right mood for Maundy Thursday. The choir deserves double stars; first for the beautiful anthem, and second for their very subtle maneuver of interspersing themselves with the rest of us when seated around the table. They made us all sound really good! David Markle again worked his beautiful magic on the piano and Linda Wakefield, despite being in the middle of moving out of SLV, was outstanding in directing the choir. The readings for the service were left in the very capable hands of Gerry Wasserman. Thanks also to Paul Klein whose expanded usher duties included sweet talking couples into sharing the worship booklets and setting up extra chairs to accommodate the larger than expected crowd. Finally, kudos to Bill Kumle, our light dimmer extraordinaire!

God was surely present with us on that night.





Plastic film recycling is a wonderful way to be a steward of our environment –

Don't forget our bin in The Bridge to accept your clean grocery bags, produce bags, plastic wrappings from water, toilet paper, paper towels, and those little air pillows that come to protect items shipped to you. Please check out the display in The Bridge for the list of acceptable items. The goal for this six-month project, sponsored by the McCormick Garden Club and Trex, is 500 pounds. The rewards include keeping all these materials out of the landfill and a wonderful green bench, courtesy of Trex, for McCormick High School.



Deadline for the May Newsletter

is April 19th

Please send articles by email to cbtl@wctel.net



1st

Art Fergusson
Chuck Gresham
Dick Hurlbut

2nd

Alice Powers

4th

Linda O'Connor
Gail Oust

8th

Dale Nixon

9th

Ron Hinkel
Joan Marston

16th

Debra Lane

17th

Steve Shaw

19th

Bill Freiberg
Gena Gibson
Bob Leonard
Roseanne Selby

20th

Jan Weisenborn
Tom Westgate

21st

Kathie Nixon

24th

Sam Wakefield

25th

Dave Phillips
Jean Randall

26th

Margaret White

28th

Marie Carter

29th

Karma Weiers

30th

Darlene Bailey



1st

Debbie and Robert Stepp

4th

Nena and Gary DeArment

5th

Ruth and Steve Detrick

13th

Susan and Robert Mazur

19th

Connie and Craig Schavilije



Communion Days This Month

April 7th and 21st

Communion Assistants

April 7th Early Service
April 7th Late Service
April 21st Early Service
April 21st Late Service

Gloria Bramble and Chuck Gresham
Ann and Jim Snyder
Ruth and Steve Detrick
Margo and Bill Kite

Lectors 9:00 am

April 7th Chuck Gresham
April 14th Gerry Wasserman
April 21st Ruth Detrick
April 28th Joanna Feloni

Ushers 9:00 am

April 7th Gloria Bramble & Chuck Gresham
April 14th Tammy and James Morgan
April 21st Ruth and Steve Detrick
April 28th Mary and Tom Westgate

Lectors 10:30 am

April 7th Judy Greiger
April 14th Walt Smith
April 21st Dale Nixon
April 28th Linda Wakefield

Ushers 10:30 am

April 7th Candy and Mike Zimmerman
April 14th Mike and Peggy Thomas
April 21st Diane Berry and Gloria Bramble
April 28th Davis and Lynn Flom



April 7th	Nena DeArment in celebration of 43 rd Anniversary
April 14 th	Susan Mazur in honor of their 39 th Anniversary
April 21st	Paul Klein in honor of his mother, Lillian Dominick
April 28th	Pam and Steve Walz in celebration of their children

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LUTHERAN CHURCH BY THE LAKE MISSION STATEMENT

We are called as a community of faith to preach the Word, administer the sacraments, and carry out God's mission to our neighbors and the world.

Lutheran Church By The Lake

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