

# Lutheran Church By The Lake



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*Sharing the GOOD NEWS*  
**APRIL 2025**



## *Pastor's Corner*

# Celebrating One Year Together

### A Journey of Faith and Fellowship

Reflecting on our journey together, I am filled with immense gratitude and admiration for the community of Lutheran Church By The Lake (LCBTL). It has been a year since we embarked on this ministry together, and the experiences we have shared have been nothing short of extraordinary. On April 1, 2024, we began this wonderful adventure, and now, on April 2, 2025, we find ourselves one day past our one-year anniversary and one day into our second year together.

When Linda and I were welcomed into the midst of LCBTL, we encountered an inviting, warm, and energized community. It was evident that this congregation was actively engaged in God's work while continuing to seek growth in faith, hope, love, and service both within the church and out into the broader community. The warmth and hospitality we received were overwhelming, and I have come to realize that they are a true reflection of the vibrancy and spirit that define LCBTL.

The past year was not without its challenges. My struggle with a bad back, Linda's transition from one job to another, the process of building a house, and the adjustment to living further away from our children all presented obstacles. Despite these trials, the year has been immensely rewarding. We have found a community we deeply love, established a home we can call "forever," and experienced a renewed sense of purpose as we look to the future.

Standing on the threshold of this new year together, my excitement and anticipation grow as I ponder what God has in store for us. The heart for ministry that beats within LCBTL is robust and capable of guiding us into a future of unwavering service to God. We will continue to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, striving to fulfill the purpose, mission, vision, and values to which the Holy Spirit has called us.

This journey has been an incredible testament to the power of community and faith. The dedication and enthusiasm of the LCBTL congregation have been instrumental in creating an environment where everyone feels valued and supported. Through our collective efforts, we have been able to make a meaningful impact both within our church and in the wider community.

We are particularly grateful for the ways in which the congregation has embraced Linda and me. The genuine care and concern you have shown us have been a source of strength and encouragement. Your unwavering support has made our transition smoother and has given us the confidence to face any challenges that come our way.

Looking back over the past year, we are reminded of the various moments that have brought us joy and fulfillment. From the lively worship services that uplift our spirits to the outreach programs that touch the lives of those in need, every aspect of our ministry has been enriched by the collective efforts of the LCBTL family.

The dedication of our members to discipleship and service is truly inspiring. Whether it is through volunteering, participating in Bible studies, or supporting church events, your commitment to living out your faith is evident in everything you do. It is this spirit of giving and selflessness that makes LCBTL a beacon of hope and love in our community.

As we move forward into this new year, we are confident that we will continue to grow in our faith and deepen our connections with one another. The challenges we face will only serve to strengthen our resolve and bring us closer together. We will continue to support each other, celebrate our successes, and work through our difficulties with grace and compassion.

In closing, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. Thank you for your heart for ministry. Thank you for your energy, time, and talents. Thank you for your commitment to discipleship. Thank you for your warm welcome and embrace. Your contributions have made a significant difference in our lives and in the life of our church. Together, we will continue to build a community that reflects the love of Christ and serves as a testament to the power of faith.

May God bless us all as we embark on this second year of ministry together. With hearts full of hope and hands ready to serve, we look forward to the amazing journey that lies ahead. Let us embrace the future with confidence, knowing that we are guided by the Holy Spirit and supported by the love and fellowship of our LCBTL family.

God's Peace,  
Pastor Greg



## **President's Page -Sherri Kumle**

Last month we began an explanation about our LCBTL teams, and this month, we will begin with some highlights reflecting the work of a few of our TEAMS that you likely see at work in the life of the church.

### **ARK ANGELS**

**Our ARK Angels Team** was formed when we began using the kitchen in our new fellowship space, The ARK! This dedicated group of ladies and gentlemen under the direction of Pat Bryant and Karen Divita are the folks who plan, organize and implement all the functions that are enhanced by food! Their job is to recruit help, safely serve, and then clean up and return our beautiful kitchen to its standard condition, ready for the next event. This Team also provides food needed for the menu required for each event from memorial services to congregational meals to ministry events and even coordinates with our approved caterers for groups from outside the church using our facilities. There are weeks when they are called upon more than once, but they faithfully serve as a ministry of love. Your willingness to be on their list to call on in times of need would be a blessing to those whom they serve.

### **LWM**

**Lutheran Women in Mission** is an organization within LCBTL composed of ladies and friends of the church and community who enjoy and benefit from fellowship and service working with other women. The Co-Chairs of the Board of LWM are Christie Ziebell and Karen Spilker, two dedicated women who excel in Christian leadership and organization and support of all of the Circles of LCBTL- think Prayer Shawl, Cards From The Heart, Quilt Circle, and many others. This group provides many other services and ministries to the community and the church, mostly funded by the Annual Yard Sale and other smaller fundraisers throughout the year. With a strong emphasis on service and fulfilling the mission of Lutheran Church By The Lake, those who participate will appreciate the opportunity to learn to know and benefit from relationships with women within the church who strive to serve God by serving others through him.

### **LMM**

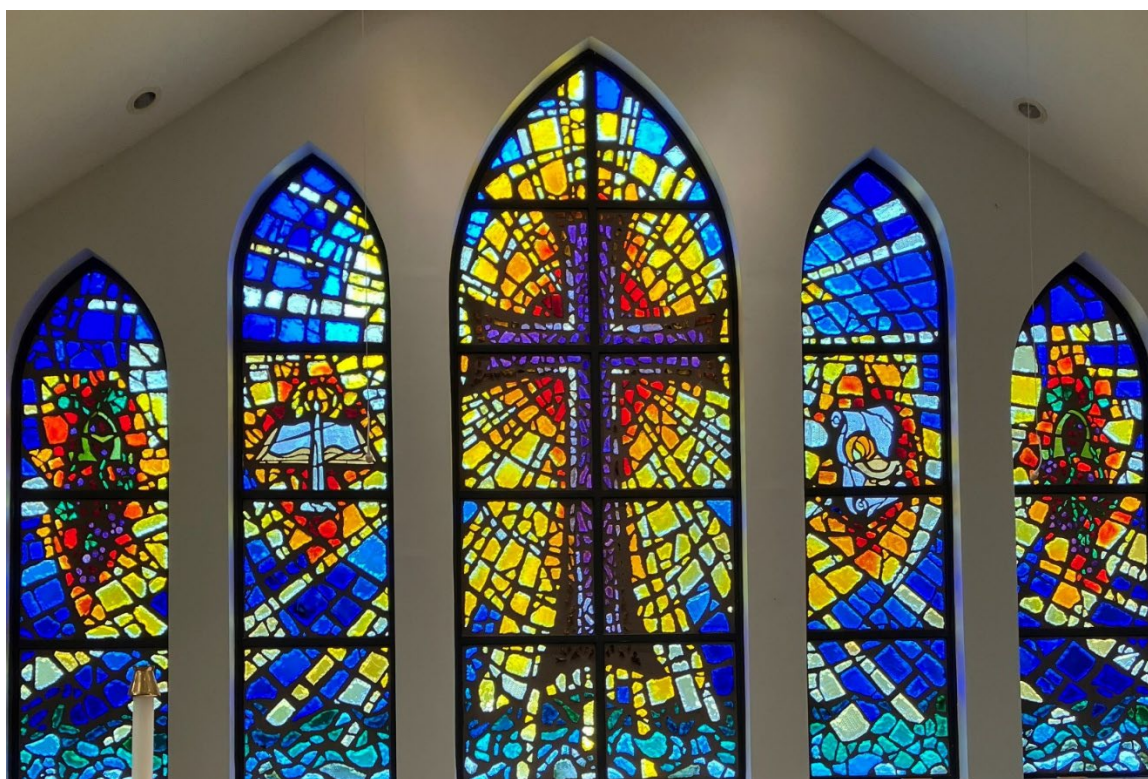
**Lutheran Men in Mission** was organized many years ago as an organization of men in the church who worked together initially with the larger Synod organization of the same name to build Lutheran Church By The Lake, including many of the pieces of furniture throughout the building. This group also is grounded in service, with the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Annual Charity Bob White Golf Tournament as its major fundraisers. Many local non-profits have received support from LMM over the years, and many of the men involved appreciate the Christian fellowship as they work hand in hand with others to serve God and our community.

### **PROPERTY**

**The Property Team of LCBTL**, currently under the direction of Bill Kumle, is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of our buildings and grounds, including the Columbarium. In recent years the Team has worked with contractors to replace all of our HVAC units for the main building (funded by a special account established

by early members of the church), to put on a new roof after a hailstorm (funded by insurance), and other assorted plumbing and electrical needs. Additionally, the Property Team oversees the lawn and landscaping upkeep, the needs of groups within the church ministries for event set-up and clean-up, all safety issues in and around the church, and they lend a helping hand to other ministries in special projects. Often working hand-in-hand with LMM and the Worship Team, each year they organize and supervise the decorating of all of the property for Advent and Christmas. The dedication of this Team to the important work they do at LCBTL is greatly appreciated by the congregation.

***Stay tuned- next month we'll take a look at more of the wonderful LCBTL Teams in action!***



## A Report from the Treasurer

As I told Council at our March 17th meeting, good things do come to those who wait. In that meeting with them I shared the good news contained in the year-end financial statements and now I'd like to share that information with you.

First, the generosity of our congregation was evident with the total 2024 Sunday Offerings. We had budgeted \$250,000, which was needed to fund a budget with a \$10,600 deficit. That budget total was based on the previous year's Offerings. Well, when the books were closed, our Sunday Offerings totaled \$282,055! Additional income of \$13,281 brought our total income to \$295,336, about \$30,000 higher than budgeted.

We have eight categories of expenses, including wages, benefits, utilities, proportionate share that we remit to the Synod and ELCA, administrative, and various Discipleship categories. We had budgeted \$275,900 in total expenses. However, our actual expenses totaled \$253,448, or a \$22,452 reduction from budget.

So, when we have more income and less expenses, good things are bound to happen. The result was a net profit of \$41,888 instead of a deficit of \$10,600 that I previously mentioned above. Now, the amazing thing was that for the month of December, our Sunday Offerings totaled \$54,703, probably the highest monthly total in this Church's existence. In fact, at the end of November, eleven months into the year, we were looking at a net profit of only \$8,000. December's profit of just over \$34,000 was the key to our outstanding year.

We are fortunate to have a hard working Council of volunteers and with the help of our Pastor, staff and many, many other volunteers, we've succeeded in providing the necessary tools to create a thriving and generous congregation. We are truly blessed, and with that said, we would like to thank all of you for your generosity and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Klein, Treasurer



# News from the Worship Team

## *Invitation to Follow Jesus During this Lenten Season – “Our Journey to Hope”*

Lutheran Church by The Lake invites you to continue on this walk with Jesus during this Lenten Season. Join us on Wednesday evenings, April 2, and April 9, for our Mid-Week Lenten Soup and service, to include a gathering in the ARK for conversation and fellowship, with a simple shared meal at table in the round, then a Mid-week Service.

We will gather for the meal at 5:00 pm in the ARK, with the service beginning at 6:00pm. You are invited to come for the meal and service or even just the service for those not interested in the meal. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our weekly Sunday services at 9:00 and 10:30 am every Sunday, with the following special services during Holy Week:

### “UP FROM THE GRAVE, OUR JOURNEY TO HOPE”

April 13 - PALM SUNDAY Services with Processional into the church at 9:00 and 10:30 am

April 17 - MAUNDY THURSDAY- Service of Diminishing Light at 6:00 PM

April 18 - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE at 6:00 pm

April 19 - Easter Vigil – Saturday Evening at 6:00 pm

April 20 - EASTER CELEBRATION SUNDAY SERVICES, with special Brass Quartet and Piano music beginning one half hour before services, services begin at 9:00 and 10:30 am

Come, and join us on this Walk with Jesus, and Celebrate all He Has Done!

In Christ,

Bill Hutchinson  
Worship Committee Leader  
[Whutchinson7@outlook.com](mailto:Whutchinson7@outlook.com)  
419-463-8112



# LWM



**May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 2 pm**

**Items can be brought to the church starting Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm daily**

There will be no outside vendors, nor storing items prior to May 5<sup>th</sup> in the church basement.

Two shifts of volunteers are needed: 7:30 am to 11:30 am and 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. Please see sign up sheet in narthex. Many volunteers are needed.

**\*All items need to be clean, in good condition and working.\***

**Non-acceptable items:**

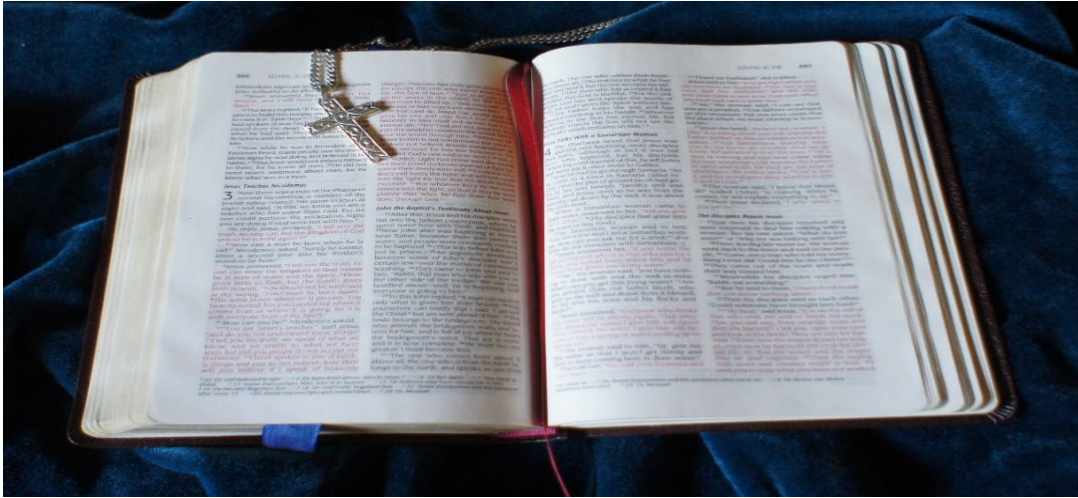
- Large or heavy furniture – nothing that 2 people can't carry
- Books or CD's
- Clothes
- Televisions or computers
- Picture frames unless they contain artwork

**Acceptable Items:**

- Small scale furniture – tables, chairs, end tables, small patio sets, etc.
- Gently used or new shoes
- Framed artwork
- Lamps
- Linens, decorative pillows, bedspreads/comforters
- Household items
- Kitchen items/appliances
- Children toys or books
- Area rugs – need to be clean, good condition and no frayed edges.
- Jewelry – place in a bag or box and hand to a worker separately if donating other items.
- Garden items
- Sport equipment – golf clubs, bikes, boating, fishing
- Pet items
- Tools
- Holiday items



# BIBLE STUDY NEWS



**LCBTL Tuesday Bible Studies @ 10:00 A.M. in the Ark run approx. one hour and a half.**

**Please come and experience some new areas of study led by our Pastor Greg**  
April, 2025- "Lenten Discussion Series: How Lutherans Interpret the Bible:" !  
Subtopics : "The Word of God, Interpreting the Bible in Context, and  
The Many Meanings of the Bible."  
Final Date 4/01

# GriefShare

Our program is a 13 week group. This is for anyone that has had a loss in their life. Grief is a journey. As you read this email if you know someone that fits in this program please mention it to them.

If you have any questions you can contact Jeanne Thayer at 864-323-7142.



## **McCormick County Backpack Ministry**

The McCormick County Backpack Ministry provides food to children who might otherwise go hungry on the weekends. This year volunteers from around the county will distribute 140 bags per week to children at a cost of approximately \$30 per child. We need help.

You can sponsor a child for \$30 a month. That is \$1/day to help feed a child right here in McCormick County.

You can:

1. Send a check to McCormick Backpack Ministry, PO Box 1145 McCormick SC 29835
2. Using Zelle thru your bank at [mccormickbackpack@wctel.net](mailto:mccormickbackpack@wctel.net)
3. Using PayPal at <http://paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1442793>

# Servant Leadership Committee

The Servant Leadership Committee is pleased to announce that a schedule for our "Blessing Ministry" has been finalized for 2025. Our LCBTL congregation has long been instrumental in sharing our blessings with others through various ministries of the church, and in recent years we have utilized the "Blessing Bag" program. However, we find that many of our donations do not "fit" into traditional bags, but rather take the form of donations above and beyond our normal offering for the support of local non-profit charities and local projects needing community support. For that reason, we have renamed this a **"BLESSING MINISTRY"** and we thank you in advance for your support throughout the coming year. We provide the following opportunities for giving to our congregation:

- ☐ McCormick County Food Pantry (Souper Bowl, Thanksgiving, Turkey Trot )
- ☐ Kinard Manor Recovery of Greenwood
- ☐ Salkahatchie Summer Service Youth Program
- ☐ McCormick County Backpack Ministries
- ☐ McCormick County First Steps
- ☐ McCormick County First Responders, Firefighters, and Law Enforcement

We know the impact your giving has on members of our community. With God's Grace, we will continue as the Body of Christ to support our friends and neighbors in need.

Thank you  
Jeanne Thayer

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES/ First Steps

LCBTL has been invited to support First Steps Count Down to Kindergarten Program. Linda Van Dyke's Pre-k class will be blessed with 🎒 backpacks (paid for by designated Lutheran Women in Mission funds) and supplies to get them ready for Kindergarten.

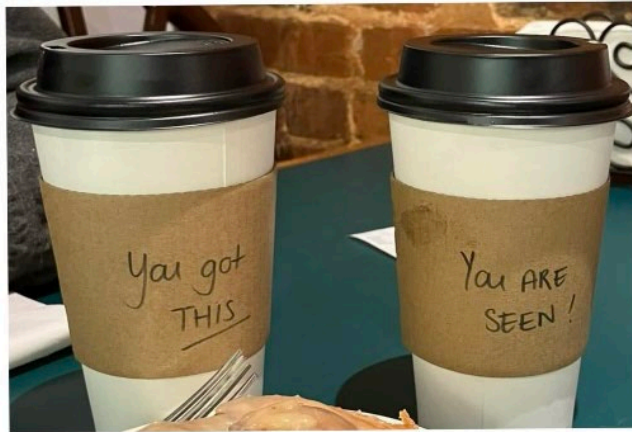
Signup sheets, as well as a list of supplies needed for each child will be available on April 13th

Please return supplies the week of April 21st.

**\*\*Supplies can be purchased at discount stores, i.e. Dollar Tree**

On behalf of First Steps, thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Any questions, contact Ann Snyder [akadunkin@gmail.com](mailto:akadunkin@gmail.com)



## **SOLID GROUNDS**

Serving up the love of God  
on every cup

Write inspirations  
Enjoy some fellowship

MAIN STREET COFFEE  
2nd and 4th Friday  
1:15pm

Julie Crane  
Ann Snyder

SOMETHING NEW! A COFFEE SHOP MINISTRY!

A cup of coffee... a splash of friendly fellowship... and a slice of encouragement for their customers!

If you are interested in more information, please contact:

Ann Snyder (413) 351-1748

Julie Crane (517) 488-7892

# Let's Welcome Pastor Greg and Linda's FIRST Grandchild!

Pastor Greg and Linda's son and daughter-in-law of Baltimore, MD

- **Alex and Mayet Van Dyke** -  
Are expecting a baby in June, 2025.



## JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL BABY SHOWER

*Sponsored by Lutheran Women in Mission*

In Conjunction with our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting and Meal

**May 18, 2025**

Meeting in the Sanctuary at approximately 11:30 A.M.

Meal and Baby Shower immediately following in the ARK

***Pastor and Linda will be present with us and Alex and Mayet will join us  
and open gifts on ZOOM!***

(The Van Dykes are registered on Amazon. You may select from the list of items they have chosen and either bring them to the shower or have the gift sent directly to Pastor and Linda's home at [173 Rhett Dr., McCormick, SC 29835](#) for them to personally deliver to Baltimore!)

Link for the register: [https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/alexandmayet-vandyke-june-2025-glenburnie/35A3A15VBPQAE?ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ud\\_dp\\_1N6AWDSPT5SQCP66Q0SV](https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/alexandmayet-vandyke-june-2025-glenburnie/35A3A15VBPQAE?ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_dp_1N6AWDSPT5SQCP66Q0SV)

**Please join us in honoring Pastor Greg and Linda and celebrating this special blessing for them and their family!**

## An Invitation to Support and Pray for Tatum Foley

On January 30, 2024, 14-year-old **Tatum Foley** was diagnosed with **Rhabdomyosarcoma (RMS)**—a rare and aggressive form of cancer. Tatum is the daughter of Katie and Ryan Collator, sister to two younger siblings, and a student at McCormick Middle School in McCormick, South Carolina. She is now preparing for a difficult road ahead involving multiple rounds of chemotherapy, surgeries, scans, and radiation.

During this challenging journey, **your prayers and financial gifts** can provide much-needed strength and relief to Tatum and her family. Between treatments, travel costs, lodging, and time away from work, expenses will add up quickly.

### How You Can Help:

- **Pray for Tatum:** Please lift Tatum, her family, and her medical team in your prayers, asking for strength, healing, and hope.
- **Give Financially:**
  - Drop off monetary donations or gift cards for meals, gas, or lodging at:
    1. **Walsh Dental Associates** (219-B North Mine Street, McCormick)
    2. The office at **Lutheran Church By The Lake**
  - **Venmo or Cash App** donations are also welcome; see link below.

Thank you for joining us in prayer and generosity. Even the smallest gesture can make a big difference in Tatum's fight and help her family focus on the most important thing: her health. Your kindness will bring hope and encouragement during this difficult time.



*Venmo*  
*@Team-Tatum-14*



*Cash App*  
*\$TeamTatum14*





# Prayer Shawl



Prayer Shawl Circle takes place the third Monday of every month at 1:30 pm in the Bridge. Here are all the upcoming dates for 2025:

April 21<sup>st</sup>  
May 19<sup>th</sup>  
June 16<sup>th</sup>  
July 21<sup>st</sup>  
August 18<sup>th</sup>  
September 15<sup>th</sup>  
October 20<sup>th</sup>  
November 17<sup>th</sup>  
December 15<sup>th</sup>

Come join us and make something special!

There Are Pocket Prayer Squares in the basket in the Narthex at the round table where the Prayer requests are placed. The Prayer Shawl Circle knits and crochets these and would like to share them with the congregation and friends. They are for anyone to take and spread God's love.

## Join Our Journey of Faith

On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate as new members are welcomed into our community at Lutheran Church By The Lake during the Affirmation of Faith at the Early Service. If you're interested in becoming part of this vibrant community or have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the church office at 864-391-0750.

Together, we gather in worship, grow in faith, and go to share Christ's love for all.

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On behalf of First Steps, thank you for your continued support and generosity.

## ***The Legacy of a Friend***

Friends at Lutheran Church By The Lake who have been attending services since the early years of the congregation might recall Bill and Ruth Paxton. Several years ago, the church received word that Bill had passed away and that he had designated in his will that Lutheran Church By The Lake would be the recipient of a monetary bequest.

Bill was a staunch supporter of Christian education and assuring that all people have the opportunity and the ability to hear God's Word. He and Ruth, even after moving to Florida, felt that LCBTL was their church and were pleased with the technology that allowed them to worship via Live Stream. He also expressed delight in seeing the addition of the ARK for Bible studies, fellowship events, and community outreach. All of these things led Bill to provide for a generous gift that would continue to support all of the things that he held dear about his former church in McCormick. Bill's son suggested that we invest some of the gift in a system that would allow people with a hearing deficit to participate more fully in worship services, and after considerable research, the "Listen Everywhere" hearing assist system was installed in both buildings.

In 2024, the Council approved an upgrade to the audio-visual systems in the ARK to allow better visual viewing and hearing of programs presented. A new larger screen was installed at the front of the ARK, and a cart was purchased to allow the original screen to be moved throughout the buildings for additional viewing of programs presented. This year, enhanced connections were installed for a more secure and reliable transmission between the buildings, and a new audio-visual component for conference calls and webinar training is being purchased for the Conference Room, and with its portability, can be utilized in the ARK as well. The Council will also consider proposals for additional laptop computers to assist in the many functions of the church that are utilized by office staff and ministry leaders as we fulfill our mission at LCBTL.

Although the Paxton gift was made several years ago, through careful consideration of the wishes of Bill, Ruth, and their family, we believe that we have and continue to faithfully earmark their gift to Lutheran Church By The Lake in ways that would please Bill. We remain grateful for this family's thoughtful bequest and appreciate the many ways in which it has blessed this church.

# Home Visits

If you or someone in your household is homebound and unable to attend church in person, please know that **Home Communion** is available. Pastor Greg can visit you during the week following a regular Communion Sunday (either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month). Please call the church office if you would like to have a Home Communion visit. The number is 864-391-3000. Or in an emergency you may call his cell phone at 843-315-8088.



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



## CREATE IN ME

April 24-27, 2025

Create in Me is a spiritual retreat connecting art and faith.

This year's retreat will be led by award-winning author and theologian

Dr. Jacqueline Bussie, who can't wait to create alongside you!.

Dr. Jacqueline Bussie is an award-winning author, professor, public theologian, and student of life in all its messy beauty, as well as a much sought after speaker and workshop facilitator.

An active servant-leader in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Jacqueline spent the last twenty years teaching religion to undergraduates at ELCA colleges and serving as the founding Director of the Forum on Faith and Life at Concordia College. Today, Jacqueline is a full-time author and public speaker. Every day she is amazed and grateful that she gets to: write and tell her story, empower other people to write and tell theirs, and accompany marvelous people like you on your journey of faith, hope, and healing.

Join us as we make space for God's creativity to flow in and through each participant, learn from artists excited to share their skills, be inspired by the Spirit, and experience holy creativity in community.

Let God create in YOU!

### Dates:

April 24 - 27, 2025

**Register!**

## **Join us in our Prayers for New Homes Savannah Lakes Village & Lincolnton**

Many new homes are being built in our area, bringing new people to join us in our faith community at Lutheran Church By The Lake. We would love to have all our new homes blessed with prayer and new residents invited to join us.

- Please stop by a new home being built and say a prayer for the family who will reside in it.
- Send the address and names of the residents (if known) to [LCBTLoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:LCBTLoutreach@gmail.com)
- When the family moves into the home, please an email to [LCBTLoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:LCBTLoutreach@gmail.com)

When families move into their new homes, prayers will be given during morning worship and during our community prayer. A card will be sent to the new family welcoming them to Savannah Lakes Village and inviting them to our worship services.

Questions? Contact us at [LCBTLoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:LCBTLoutreach@gmail.com) or call the office

### ***Sample Prayers***

#### ***Keep these tucked into your car or golf cart!***

**A House Blessing** – Dear Lord, within this house may God's peace abide, to bless all those who step inside. And may there be joy and laughter heard, and love in every act and word. In Your name we pray, Amen

**Prayer for Gratitude in a New Home** – Holy Father, thank You for this new home, a place of shelter and love. May your blessings fill every corner, and may we always be grateful for this gift of security and comfort. Amen.

**New Home Blessing** – Gracious God, as the new homeowner's feet walk through the door, may their heart feel steady. May love and laughter swirl through every room. May goals and dreams be articulated and celebrated within these walls. May rest and sweet dreams be a nightly blessing. May this home always be a haven for their soul.

**New Home Prayer** - O Lord, we thank you for this new home, for the shelter it will provide, for the moments of life that will be shared within it. Be present at their table as family and friends eat together. Be present as they rise in the morning and lie down at night. May Your Spirit inhabit this home, making of it a sanctuary where hearts and lives are knit together. Where bonds of love are strengthened, where mercy is learned and practiced. Lord, all this we ask in Your name, Amen.

In Savannah Lakes Village, look for new homes being built at these addresses. When the walls are up, please offer a prayer for the families who will reside in these homes.

THANK YOU for sharing God's love through prayer.

Evangelism Team

Denise Uitto, Ministry Leader



25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!

Bob White Charity Golf Tournament

**SAVE THE DATE**

May 20<sup>th</sup>



# Camp Grand 'Strand'

## We're Goin' To The Beach

July 1st - July 4th



### An Innovative Version of VBS

*Camp Grand, A Community Outreach Program of Lutheran Church By The Lake*

### Program & Registration

#### Our Theme: "Walking With The Lord"

Our Purpose: *"Having a Grand Time Together Seeking & Sharing God's Word" Deut.6:6-8*  
*And...Fun in the "SON"*

Camp will open on Tuesday afternoon July 1st, 5pm with sign-in and orientation for all campers at the Lutheran Church. This will also be an entertaining gathering for all the parents, families, and grandparents. Hotdogs and ice cream for all. More info to follow. This will be our 15th Camp Grand.

On July 2,3,&4 Camp will begin at 8:45am for campers, grandparents/family. This will start with a fun time of 20 minutes you will not want to miss. Each morning at the church the children will start out with 'Minute-To-Win It', then have that day's story. 9:20 Adults head home and campers move on to classrooms for lessons based on the story, snacks, music, and crafts. 12:15 home for lunch and back later in the afternoon for a fun, fun activity.

Your grandchildren/children, ages 4-14, are going to love being with you for Camp Grand 'Strand' Every day at Camp Grand 'Strand' will be like a day at the beach, as we continue the tradition of Camp Grand.

Thank you for your consideration in sharing your children/grandchildren with us!

Lutheran Church By The Lake  
Volunteers:  
In HIS Service,  
Pastor Greg Van Dyke

Camp Coordinators:

Doug & Marianne Chalifour  
[DChali4@gmail.com](mailto:DChali4@gmail.com)

Coordinator for

TBD

After completion of signing up, a confirmation appears for additional camper registrations if needed as well as to edit your entry for missing info.

To sign up click [Registration](#)



Deadline for the May Newsletter  
is April 19<sup>th</sup>

#### A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

*Today is my birthday, Lord, and I offer this day to You.  
You breathed life into my soul and You chose me to live!  
On this journey called life, You are always there with me.  
I feel your presence in joy and laughter, during difficult days, even in sorrow.  
Of all the gifts I've received I hold the gift of Your love closest to my heart.  
Of all the friends I've known, I cherish, above all, Your companionship.  
I ask only that you walk with me.  
Forgive me when I fail You, Lord, and help me to forgive others.  
Grant me strength in mind, body, and spirit.  
And when it's time, lead me home to the everlasting life prepared by You.  
Today is my birthday, Lord, and I thank You for every blessing.  
Amen.*



## Birthdays

**1<sup>st</sup>**

Dick Hurlbut

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mike Zimmerman

**4<sup>th</sup>**

Linda O'Connor  
Gail Oust

**8<sup>th</sup>**

Dale Nixon

**16<sup>th</sup>**

Debra Lane

**17<sup>th</sup>**

Steve Shaw  
Greg Van Dyke

**19<sup>th</sup>**

Bill Freiberg  
Roseanne Selby

**20<sup>th</sup>**

Jan Weisenborn

**21<sup>st</sup>**

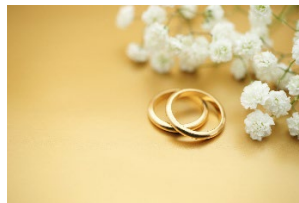
Kathie Nixon

**26<sup>th</sup>**

Margaret White

**28<sup>th</sup>**

Marie Carter



## Anniversaries

**1<sup>st</sup>**

Debbie and Robert Stepp

**4<sup>th</sup>**

Gary And Nena DeArment

**5<sup>th</sup>**

Ruth and Steve Detrick

**13<sup>th</sup>**

Susan and Robert Mazur

**19<sup>th</sup>**

Connie and Craig Schavilje



Communion Days This Month		
<b>April 6</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>April 17</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>April 20</b>	<b>April 27</b>

### Communion Assistants

<b>Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Early</b>	Linda McCullough & Gloria Bramble	<b>Apr 20<sup>th</sup> Early</b>	Chuck Gresham & Gerry Wasserman
<b>Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Late</b>	Ann and Jim Snyder	<b>Apr 20<sup>th</sup> Late</b>	Deb Frederickson & Maureen Mooney
<b>Apr 13<sup>th</sup> Early</b>	Gloria Bramble & Raylene Emerich	<b>Apr 27<sup>th</sup> Early</b>	Gloria Bramble & Marvin Decker
<b>Apr 13<sup>th</sup> Late</b>	Eileen Hurlbut & Kathie Nixon	<b>Apr 27<sup>th</sup> Late</b>	Lynn Flom & Sherri Kumle
<b>Apr 17<sup>th</sup> Late</b>	Ann and Jim Snyder		
<b>Apr 19<sup>th</sup> Late</b>	Gerry Wasserman & Raylene Emerich		

### Lectors 9:00 am

<b>Apr 6</b>	Roseanne Selby
<b>Apr 13</b>	Joanna Feloni
<b>Apr 20</b>	Gerry Wasserman
<b>Apr 27</b>	Joanna Feloni

### Ushers 9:00 am

<b>Apr 6</b>	Dick and Roseanne Selby
<b>Apr 13</b>	Steve and Ruth Detrick
<b>Apr 20</b>	Jeanne Thayer and Chuck Gresham
<b>Apr 27</b>	Raylene Emerich and Marvin Decker

### Lectors 10:30 am

<b>Apr 6</b>	Linda Wakefield
<b>Apr 13</b>	Dale Nixon
<b>Apr 20</b>	Eric Randall
<b>Apr 27</b>	Barbara Hinkel

### Ushers 10:30 am

<b>Apr 6</b>	Elaine Beggs and Paul Klein
<b>Apr 13</b>	Elaine Beggs and Paul Klein
<b>Apr 20</b>	Ann and Jim Snyder
<b>Apr 27</b>	Mike and Peggy Tomas

### Maundy Thursday

<b>Ushers</b>	Sherri & Bill Kumle
<b>Lector</b>	Joanna Feloni
<b>Comm Asst</b>	Ann & Jim Snyder

### Good Friday

<b>Ushers</b>	Jim And Sandi Atols
<b>Lector</b>	Sandi Atols

### Easter Vigil

<b>Ushers</b>	Lynn & David Flom
<b>Lector</b>	Gerry Wasserman
<b>Comm Asst</b>	G Wasserman & R Emerich

### Altar Flowers for April

Apr 6	Mae Lee and Harry Hafer
Apr 13	Susan Mazur
Apr 20	Roger Stielow
Apr 27	Pam and Steve Walz

### Altar Guild

Nena DeArment and Diane Kern



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Secretary	Julienne Leibrandt
Treasurer	Paul Klein

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Stewardship of Property	Bill Kumle
Stewardship of Technology	Doug Bauer
Worship Leader	Bill Hutchinson

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