

Lutheran Church By The Lake

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Sharing the GOOD NEWS

January 2023

Welcome to the new year!



*This is our chance to tell our own stories! Each month, we will feature one story brought to us by our favorite people – YOU! Each of us has a story about what our faith means to us, how we remember a kick-starter in our faith, what the church means to us today, what the church has meant to us in other stages of life, maybe what being part of a church family means to us, or perhaps how the church provides for our needs. Some of the stories might be funny, some might be sad, while all will share a good story of faith. We hope you will join us in this way of sharing and growth as we seek to strengthen our bonds of love and friendship at Lutheran Church By The Lake. You might be a member, a friend of the church, a charter member, a former member, or even a visitor! We love stories, and all are welcome! Please send your "I Love To Tell The Story" memories to lcctl.worship@wctel.net and we will share with others in our monthly newsletters. Keep humming the hymn.....**"I Love to Tell the Story of Unseen Things Above...Of Jesus and His Glory, of Jesus and His Love"** as you recall your own stories!*

Thanks to Bill Kite for sharing his story of faith for our newsletter this month! Bill and Margo Kite are members of LCBTL, and both have made many contributions to the church. Bill has taught Bible studies, helped with Backpack Ministries, ushers, counts, and assists with property needs. The Kites are also wonderful hosts each October, entertaining members of the congregation for a Fall gathering on their lovely property. Bill provides an interesting faith journey with us!

Belief



I used to argue with my father about faith. He was a neurosurgeon, phi beta kappa academic and captain of his college debate team. As one might guess our discussions were tough going. My dad was a kind of deist who stated quite simply that our only immortality would probably be our progeny. He had a strong, practical faith that stood by him in the operating room, stating the simple truth that if a patient didn't think that he or she would survive the operation, then surgery should be cancelled until the patient found a new optimism. Matters of faith were quite simple: people had to exercise the mental toughness to believe in the next day.

Our family's church going was forged in a similar atmosphere. The brown stone First Presbyterian Church with all its tiffany- stained glass windows in Albany, New York became our home. I loved the old church; its dark, solemn interior held us each Sunday. Choir practice, Sunday School classes, youth group, confirmation, when I handed in a twenty-page report describing my teenage understanding of the Presbyterian church, all took place down in the city of Albany. My dear wife's family also went to this church making our eventual union a kind of same parish romance, my mother calling it a Chinese wedding where the parents approved the marriage first.

My personal understanding of the Lord grew slowly and steadily over many years, steeped in the influence of many godly people and nurtured in several different places of worship. Margo was deaconess at twenty-two keeping me on the straight and narrow. Later, we raised our family in the embrace of the First Congregational Church of Marshfield, Massachusetts, known as the second parish of Plymouth, a place of worship that had existed for some 390 years. The Kite family exercised the power of belief in a redemptive Jesus Christ who sustained us through years of church get togethers, youth trips, pageants, corralling, visitations to the sick and poor of the church, family marriages and attending difficult funerals. However, more importantly, our church family held at bay the wasteland of our secular culture.

So here we are, after the many life times of Christian journey, in a new church, The Lutheran Church By The Lake. Margo and I have found many warm friendships, meaningful challenges, and stalwart believers by our side once again; we thank God for this new source of strength for which we are truly grateful. Of course, everything and everyone changes, but with the guidance and dedication of the many sung and unsung heroes of our congregation, we will all weather the difficulties ahead while helping each other along. For me, matters of faith are more complicated than the early arguments with my father, I thank God for the gift of a hope filled life.

Bill and Margo

From the Desk of the Vice President

Sherri Kumle

UPDATE: On December 18, I announced that the Call Committee had received a profile from a pastor interested in interviewing for our pastoral position. Unfortunately, that candidate has been removed from consideration in SC by Bishop Ginny Aebischer due to his decision that he would not be available for a full time position and would be commuting weekly from the coast of North Carolina. This situation would not meet the needs of our congregation, and for that reason he is no longer being considered. We continue to believe that the Holy Spirit is guiding this process, and that our patience is directed toward waiting for the right candidate at the right time to present itself. I ask that you pray for all concerned to have open hearts and open minds to the ***Power of the Holy Spirit.***

BUT WAIT!!!! Another Update! Just two days after hearing about the above candidate's withdrawal from candidacy, I received an email from Bishop Ginny with yet another profile of a candidate! I am calling this our Merry Christmas-Go-Round! We are now in conversation with this excellent candidate and we are so excited to be blessed with this opportunity. Stay Tuned!!

Meanwhile, we are so blessed to have many wonderful continuing ministries, an enthusiastic group of leaders who are fostering a continuing commitment to our mission at Lutheran Church By The Lake, many opportunities for fellowship, study, enrichment, service, and growth of the congregation.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Denise Uitto to the Discipleship of Evangelism. Denise brings so much Christian leadership experience, a deep faith in carrying out God's plan, and a strong desire to help us grow in our commitment for each of us to *Be the Message* in our community and beyond as we share the Good News, the Word, and God's love.

In case you haven't noticed, our Lutheran Women in Mission have been growing and providing so many opportunities for women of the church as well as those in the community to come together for fun and service. The LWM Board of Karen Flynn, Karen Spilker, Christie Ziebell, and Ruth Detrick continue to surprise us with their special events and bring us together in Christian fellowship. Please join us soon to see what is happening with this group!

Things are gearing up for the 2023 Camp Grand extravaganza on July 4th! Doug and Marianne Chalifour led us in the McCormick Christmas Whoville Express where we won 2nd place and had an opportunity to interact with the folks of McCormick. The Chalifours also represent LCBTL with the Chamber of Commerce and help us stay connected to our community.

Pastor Wayne continues as our interim, leading us in worship, including the new to LCBTL "Blue Christmas" service, created to meet the needs of those who wish to attend a more reflective Christmas service in remembrance of a loved one. Pastor

Wayne is working with the Worship Committee in planning worship experiences for coming months.

A new Board of Directors for the Prime Timers program has been formed, leading the ministry in continuing the tradition of providing lunch and activities most Mondays of each month for several hours, but expanding the parameters of those who are served. Stay tuned for more information about this important ministry and for the announcement of a new name!

Our congregation has generously agreed to support, through designating offerings, the new security plan for LCBTL which includes having an off-duty McCormick County police officer in our parking lot on Sunday mornings. Please know that the officer is there to assist in the event of need, and to provide peace of mind for all of us during our worship services. We are thankful for the generous donations of those who have selected this as an opportunity to support Lutheran Church By The Lak, and ask that others who would like to support this effort please designate "Security" on your offering. .

We invite everyone to become acquainted with our new website found at www.LCBTL.org and encourage you to share this site with others to tell them more about LCBTL. A few of the categories are still being added, but many are up and running and so informative. Please especially refer to the tab "Calendar" to see the most up to date entries for what is happening in the way of Bible studies, ministry meetings, fellowship gatherings and more. The website is an amazing tool for us to share the Good News about God's church at LCBT! Click on the dates to expand a detailed list of events for each day.

Have you been enjoying our beautiful choir and accompaniment? Be sure to thank the choir members, Linda Wakefield, David Markel, and Linda Harris for their beautiful contribution to our Sunday morning worship services. We are blessed to once again hear their sweet voices and music in praise to God! Thank you once more to all who have so graciously worked to energize and infuse Lutheran Church By The Lake with the love of Jesus through our many ministries. We are so blessed!

Peace and Blessings in the New Year!
Sherri

Stephen Ministry



In the “The Good Listener” by James Sullivan, the author observes that good listening is an act of loving, and rewrote Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians:13 in this manner:

*I may be able to speak the languages of human beings and even of angels, but if I don’t **listen**, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or a clanging bell. I may have the gift of inspired preaching; I may have all knowledge and understand all secrets; I may have the faith needed to move mountains – but if I do not **listen**, I am nothing. I may give away everything I have, and even give my body to be burned – but if I do not **listen**, it does me no good.*

***Listening** is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; **listening** is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; **listening** does not keep a record of wrongs; **listening** is not happy with evil but is happy with the truth. **Listening** never gives up; and its faith, hope and patience never fail...*

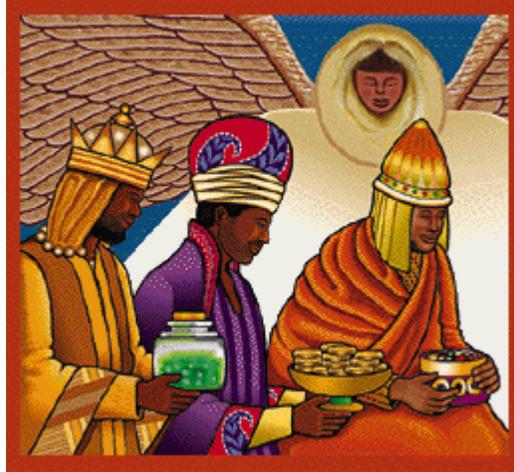
It is when we learn to listen with sensitivity and concern that we truly learn to love! As we begin the new year, let us all resolve to listen lovingly to one another.

If you are passing through a challenging time in your life, Stephen Ministers are available to provide confidential, non-judgmental listening and support. If you would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, please call one of our leaders.

Jeanne Thayer 864-323-7142

Candy Zimmerman 864-391-4033

STEWARDSHIP



On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage.

Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2:10-11

Epiphany, the first feast day of January, offers us a perspective for our stewardship journey.

The wise men of the East journeyed to find the Christ Child, Jesus. We gather at the Lutheran Church By The Lake in service and worship and fellowship, seeking Jesus. We first bring our homage, and then our gifts, not unlike the gold, frankincense and myrrh. These offerings are nothing less than ourselves, our time, our abilities and our treasure, and we desire to bring nothing less than our best.

By sharing our gifts, we seek to make Jesus known in our community and the world.

Thank you for living out the understanding that heartfelt giving is a vital part of discipleship.

Candy Zimmerman, Stewardship of Life

The WhoVille Express

2nd Place out of over 40 entries



**LCBTL thanks the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who
(Doug and Marianne Chalifour)**

**and all from Whoville
who decorated the Who-ville Express
and participated in the Christmas parade.**

All Are Welcome!



Thanks for worshiping with us at the Lutheran Church By The Lake. On January 8th following the 10:30 worship service, I would like to invite you to an informal luncheon to share with those who have been involved in worship and are interested in joining LCBTL.

It will be an opportunity to meet other new- comers to the community and find out more about the ministry of the Lutheran Church By The Lake. I will have some key leadership people to help me explain our community ministries and the on- going ministries we provide.

I anticipate it taking about one hour and we will have a light lunch during that time. Please contact the church office if you will be joining us at 864-391-3000.

The congregation of LCBTL would like to receive all new members at the 10:30 service on January 15th, followed by a brief reception in the Bridge to welcome the newest members of our church family.

Again, thanks for your interest in Lutheran Church By The Lake, and I look forward to sharing this time with you.

Please RSVP to the office at 864-391-3000 by Jan. 6th at Noon!

Sincerely,

Wayne Young,
Interim Pastor

Property



The past year has been very productive from the property standpoint. I started 2022 with a rather long list of goals, all of which we achieved. At the top of the list were the completion of the choir room and the new sign on 378. I'm happy to report that both were completed on time and on

budget. Smaller, but still important, goals were to complete the library in the Bridge which included the new book shelves and lots of work by the "library ladies" to organize the many books. We were also able to paint and refurnish the pastor's office. The badge holder stand was redone and a new coat hanging area was added in the Bridge as well. With the help of our "camp granders", we now have a nice memorial garden behind the pavilion and I would be remiss in not mentioning the hard work of Jim Snyder in building the walkway, literally brick by brick. This will be a very nice addition.

I cannot thank the members of my "team" enough for the hard work they've done in 2022 from preparing the ARK and Bridge for the many activities, to maintaining the grounds, to setting up and tearing down for Christmas and the many other church holidays and generally being available to help in any way possible. Our church is a very busy place and it takes many caring hands to do what we do for our church family and the greater McCormick community. God has blessed us with some incredible people here at LCBTL and it's a pleasure to be working hand in hand with all of you.

As are you, I'm looking forward to whatever 2023 brings but I know that we're in good hands.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Kumle-Property Steward



The quilts pictured above were recently finished at a Sewing Bee held at Lutheran Church By The lake and were blessed at our Women's Christmas Luncheon. They were delivered to a representative of the CRADDACK CENTER in north Georgia. Additional quilts will be donated to other cancer treatment centers.

We are planning to have another Sewing Bee on Saturday, January 21st, 10am to 3pm. Come out sewers and give us a hand. For additional information, please contact Karen Divita or Jean Randall



Special Giving Opportunity

UPDATE: Congratulations LCBTL! On December 18 we reached 80% of our goal to cover the cost of security on Sunday mornings. Thanks you to those who have already made a donation to this goal! Please consider helping us reach this goal with your donation!

In response to concerns and feedback from some of our congregation in regards to the budget item for Sunday Morning Security being placed on hold, as well as the LCBTL Council's desire to assure safety for our church family, the Council would like to propose the following:

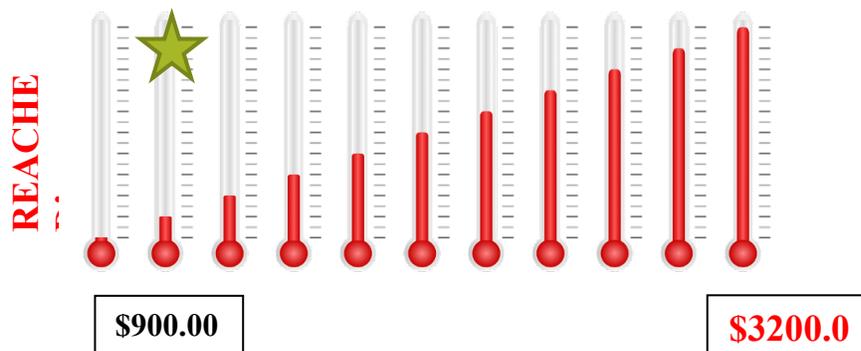
Will you please join us in helping secure LCBTL during worship services? The McCormick Sheriff's Office will supply a private duty guard on Sunday mornings for about \$3200.00 annually. Our internal security (using armed members) is no longer a viable option, and due to the distance of LCBTL from town and our location on a major roadway, the Sheriff highly recommends this protective measure.

The 2023 budget was not able to include this expense, but a small effort on our part will provide peace of mind as we strive to avoid the unthinkable that sadly, has happened in too many churches and schools in our country.

Two families have already increased their monthly giving toward the goal of providing security on Sunday mornings.

Family #1 increased monthly giving by \$50 and designated it for security (\$600.00 annually)
Family #2 increased monthly giving by \$25 and designated it for security (\$300.00 annually)

Annual Sunday Morning Security Cost



We need only **9 more families** to increase giving by **\$25 monthly** or donate a lump sum of **\$300.00** designated to "Security"

Or

We need only **5 more families** to increase giving by **\$50 monthly** or donate a lump sum of **\$600.00** designated to "Security"

Please increase your monthly giving for this cause or make a "security" designated donation.

Please help us assure peace of mind for our church family during worship.

Write your check TODAY (designate Security), go to LCBTL.org and click the **GIVE** button, or fill out a pledge card and place in the offering plate.

Thank you for generously giving to support God's Church at Lutheran Church By The Lake!

Security Procedures for LCBTL

January 1, 2023

Members of Council have met with the McCormick County Sheriff, Clark Stearns, in an effort to update our security preparedness for Sunday morning worship services. We have in the past been fortunate to have scheduled people within the congregation assigned to this important role, but due to many factors, the regularity of this protection at both services every Sunday has been somewhat unpredictable, leaving us at times without security. Our ushers do assure that all doors are locked during services, and there are some Sundays when we do indeed have volunteer members who come prepared to take action in the event of an intrusion.

The Church Council has determined that for consistent protection and peace of mind, and for consistent regularity in monitoring the safety of our congregation during Sunday morning worship services, we should arrange for an off-duty McCormick County police officer to be in place in the parking lot on Sunday mornings from 8:45 AM – 11:45 AM. This officer will drive a marked car and will be armed; however, he or she will also be of assistance to our members and visitors upon arrival and departure from church should they need help. The police officer will keep a watchful eye on the perimeter of our church, allowing all of us to focus on worship and fellowship in peace.

This new procedure will begin on January 1, 2023. It is certainly not meant to incite fear, but is in response to a changing society that suggests we take every precaution. In the near future, we will provide instructions to be followed in the unlikely event of an intruder during worship services. This information will be based on the recommendation of Sheriff Clark Stearns.

We give thanks for those who have generously provided funding of this service for most of 2023, and we ask for others to consider helping us reach our goal in the near future. Please be aware that the cost of this protection has not been taken from the church budget, but has been funded by individuals who are committed to the safety of all who worship with us.

Sincerely,

Lutheran Church By The Lake Church Council



ARK Angels

What do ARK Angels do? We are all about food, fun and fellowship! We would love to have you join us! Men and women are needed to help us grow!

- We host receptions for family and friends after Memorial Services
- We are there, grilling up a storm at the cookouts
- We feed our adorable Camp Grand Kids
- We host Church Social Events, like Reformation Sunday Oktoberfest

Help is needed to:

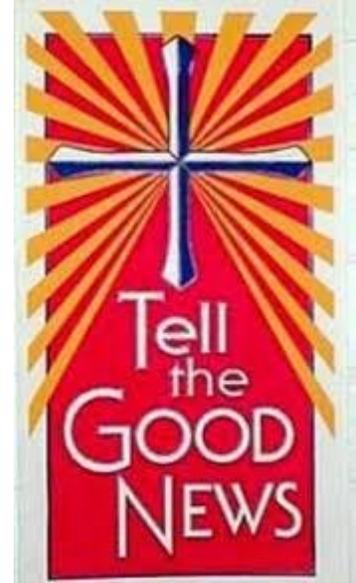
- Set-up and take down for events
- Decorating tables and the Social Hall for events
- Receive food brought to the ARK by members and keeping them hot or cold before events
- Setting up serving lines for events
- We need men to help where ever they feel comfortable, especially with running the dishwasher, which requires lifting racks in and out of the dishwasher.
- And last but not least-clean up! A dirty job but someone has to do it!

This is a great way to meet people! We would LOVE to have you. Please sign up in the Narthex and you will be contacted. Active Kitchen crew members do not need to sign up as we have your information.

Thank you!

Pat Bryant 864 602-9521
Karen Divita 240 687-408
Sue Heffner 724 462-7884

Shout the Good News
at LCBTL
from NeighborLink!



Is your group or ministry planning an event or project that would be a great way to include members of our community to join in?

At Lutheran Church By The Lake we know that as the only church within Savannah Lakes we have the opportunity to **“be the church”** for many who have never attended one of our worship services. For many, feeling the love of Jesus might happen at a Quilting Bee, a Bible Study, a Blood Drive, a Yard Sale, a Prayer Shawl gathering, a soup supper, a hot dog roast....you get the idea.

Be sure to use NeighborLink to announce special worship services also- Christmas Eve is a good example, but why not the Sundays of Advent with an explanation of the path leading up to the birth of Christ? Lake Worship, Lenten services, etc.

Please---use **NeighborLink** to invite the community to our many ministry and fellowship events. Best results are seen when an announcement is made multiple times over 2-3 weeks prior to the event.

“Be the Church”
and welcome neighbors with open arms to
Lutheran Church By The Lake,
at *all* of our gatherings!

Christian Education

Camp Grand 2023 – “Camp Grand Ole Opry” is scheduled for July 4-7, 2023.

Third Wednesday Women’s Bible Study – 2pm in the ARK

The Women’s Bible Study meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 2 -3:30 pm in the ARK at LCBTL. Join us as we continue to study Paul’s Letter to the Philippians. With the guidance of Deb Burma, we’ll read Scripture, study, discuss and challenge one another to find joy in all kinds of places ...with God’s help.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study (4PM-5:00PM every Wednesday) – Continuing “The Chosen” video series, Season 1.

The Chosen is a television drama based on the life of [Jesus of Nazareth](#), created, directed and co-written by American filmmaker [Dallas Jenkins](#). It is the first multi-season series about the life of Jesus, and season one was the top crowd-funded TV series or film project of all time. The series' creators stated that they had hoped to distinguish the new series from previous portrayals of Jesus by crafting a multi-season, episode-based story. The series portrays Jesus "through the eyes of those who met him".

Set in [1st century Israel](#), the series revolves around Jesus and the different people who met and followed Him.

Starting in January, one weekly Bible Study on Wednesday, meeting at **4pm** until Lent, then moving to **5PM**. We will finish “The Chosen” season 1, then go back to the Vander Laan series, Israel’s Mission followed by “The Mission of Jesus (during Lent).

[That the World May Know | Volume 13 | Israel's Mission](#) - Follow the rabbi through Israel and Jordan, scaling mountains in the Sinai and exploring the ancient cities of the Decapolis as you unpack what it means to be a kingdom of priests today.

[That the World May Know | Volume 14 | The Mission of Jesus](#) - Follow the rabbi through the world of Jesus, hiking through the Galilee region, exploring the ruins of Rome, and kneeling on the stones of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem as you discover how the gospel of Jesus confronts the gospel of Imperial Rome.

2023 Schedule as follows:

- Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at **4PM in the ARK** – **The Chosen** Episode 6 “Indescribable Compassion”
- January 18 (4PM) – Episode 7 “Invitations”
- January 25 (4PM) – Episode 8 “I Am He”
- February 1 (4PM) – **Israel’s Mission** Episode 3 “Jesus Renews His Mission: Seeking the Lost”
- February 8 (4PM) – Episode 4 “The Lost Son: In a Far Country”
- February 15 (4PM) – Episode 5 “The Seeking Father: The Lost Son Returns”
- February 22 – (No Class – Ash Wednesday)
- March 1 (**5PM in the ARK**) – **The Mission of Jesus** Episode 1 “Capernaum: Jesus Binds the Evil One”
- March 8 (5PM) – Episode 2 “Decapolis: The Other Side—Jesus and the Man”
- March 15 (5PM) – Episode 3 “Crucifixion: The Coronation of the King”
- March 22 (5PM) – Episode 4 “Ascension: The King Takes His Throne”
- March 29 (5PM) – Episode 5 “Pentecost: God Changes His Address”
- April 5– No Class (Holy Week)

McCormick Helping Hands United

November 29, 2022

McCormick Helping Hands United Food Pantry has ended our 2022 Thanksgiving Food Drive. We would like to thank all of you who took the time to purchase groceries for this year's Thanksgiving bags. Our sincere gratitude goes to Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Shiloh AME Church, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, McCormick United Methodist Church and the Lutheran Church by the Lake for keeping this tradition going. Between the five participating churches, we were able to donate over 200 bags to our local community.

In addition, over \$600.00 was collected through these same five churches and used to defray the cost of the protein added to the bags. This project is only possible due to the dedication and commitment of the many volunteers involved this year. We are truly blessed to have such caring and generous members in our community ready and willing to help provide Thanksgiving meals to local families.

A very special thank you to Pastor Wayne from the Lutheran Church by the Lake for allowing us to use their facility and tables for storage of the bags for several weeks during the collection phase. This assistance was critical to the success of this food drive. We are truly blessed to have Pastor Wayne and The Lutheran Church by the Lake in our community!

McCormick Helping Hands United Food Pantry hopes you and your families had a very special Thanksgiving, and we wish you a Merry Christmas and wonderful blessings ahead in 2023.

Thanksgiving Food Drive Coordinators

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McCormick Helping Hands United Food Pantry - 211 South Main Street - McCormick, SC 29835

Pitch In!!!!

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

and we now have a 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.



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Deadline for the February Newsletter
Is January 19th
Please send articles by email to lcctl@wctel.net

Sundays at Four

January 15, 2023

Mark Valenti



Mark Valenti received his Master of Music from Northwestern University, Bachelor of Music from the Philadelphia Musical Academy and has studied with such notable teachers as Benjamin Whitten, Zoltan Kocsis and Mary Sauer. In addition to giving solo recitals in cities throughout the U.S., Mr. Valenti has performed in France, Belgium, Hungary and Luxembourg as well as for former First Lady Barbara Bush in Washington, D.C.©

Mark Valenti has performed recitals live on WFMT classical radio. He has also done extensive work in the Jazz field including performances with Gregory Hines, Frank Foster and Al Grey and has appeared on television with Joe Sudler's Swing Machine and singer/actor Christopher Durham.

Formerly Professor of Music at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, Xavier University in Chicago and the Loire Valley Music Institute in France, Mr. Valenti currently teaches at his studio in the Lakeview neighborhood of Chicago and is available for lessons for all levels and all styles.

Mission statement

"My mission is to share beautiful music with people through performance and teaching in such a manner that they are left enriched without any notions of good or bad, or right or wrong, only fulfillment in self-expression".

Camp Grand 'Ole Opry'

Camp Grand is an innovative version of Vacation Bible School which is open to all 4 - 14 year old children and is hosted by Lutheran Church By The Lake.

It is the brain child of former Pastor Jim Kinsler and 2023 begins our 13th annual camp. In the retirement community of SLV, the majority of the children are grandchildren. This brought about our name Camp Grand. However, we also encourage children from McCormick and Lincolnton to join us. We always use the week of the 4th of July to facilitate travel.

It all starts with a new theme each year with an afternoon of registration. This invites all the campers, parents, and grandparents for hotdogs and homemade ice cream. Here we introduce them to their teachers and counselors after a fun skit relating to our new theme. Home for that evening as the next 3 days starts each morning with some fun like 'Minute to Win It', a message, and then off to classes which includes crafts, music (where we learn some fun hand signs), and engaging classrooms. Home for lunch and back that afternoon for a pool day, lake day with tubing, and the last afternoon our 'Water Palooza'.

2023 will be Camp Grand 'Ole Opry'. We're goin' country!

Registration begins April 1st. Join us for 'Fun In The **Son**'.

Camp Coordinators: Doug & Marianne Chalifour

Volunteer Coordinator: Gloria Bramble



Sadly, what goes up must come down! Our beautiful Christmas decorations must be removed and stored until next year. **Tuesday, Jan. 3rd** you are invited to come help with the "take down." We'll begin at 9:30 am. As with other projects, many hands make the job easier and more fun. See you then!



The staff would like to thank you so much for the Christmas gifts received by the Lutheran Church By The Lake and many of the members. We appreciate knowing that you truly value and recognize our work. We look forward to continuing to serve our congregation in the coming new year.



The LWM wants to remind you to plan ahead and start gathering up your treasures to donate to the annual garage sale the will be held at the end of April 2023. The new year is a good time to clean out!



Happy Birthday!!

1st

Jim Bailey

5th

Harry Hafer

6th

Jim Mavity

8th

Joanna Feloni

9th

Mark Blankenship
Christine Probert

10th

Lynn Flom
Sue Lundy

11th

Ikuko Bouknight

13th

DeeAnn Bauer

14th

Marty Gunzenhauser
Laurie Moninger

15th

Sharon Fergusson

16th

Ron Feloni

17th

Ann McNab

18th

Linda Harris
Sherri Kumle

19th

Ron Younts

21st

Doug Chalifour

22nd

Marian Smallwood

23nd

Virginia Higgs

24th

Eddie Bryan
Bill Castle

25th

Eileen Hurlbut

27th

Erick Sward
Jeanne Thayer

29th

Lee Sautter

30th

Lorraine Jensen

Happy Anniversary!!

1st

Verda and John Rhodes

2nd

Margo and Bill Kite

4th

Denise and Chuck Uitto

27th

Lea and Steve Shaw



Communion Sundays
All Services
January 1st and 15th

9:00 AM Lector

January 1 (10:00 AM service only)
January 8 Gerry Wasserman
January 15 Sharon Crout
January 22 Sandi Atols
January 29 Chuck Gresham

10:30 AM Lectors

January 1 (10AM) Jan Weisenborn
January 8 Diane Nelson
January 15 Linda Wakefield
January 22 Judy Greiger
January 29 Eric Randall

9:00 AM Ushers

January 1 (10:00 AM service only)
January 8 Raylene Emerich and Gerry Wasserman
January 15 Sharon and Marvin Crout
January 22 Sandi and Jim Atols
January 29 Sandy and Chuck Gresham

10:30 AM Ushers

January 1 Elaine Beggs and Lea Shaw
January 8 Lynn Flom and Mary Anne Linsenmayer
January 15 Gloria Bramble and Diane Nelson
January 22 Peggy and Mike Thomas
January 29 Margo and Bill Kite

Communion Assistants

January 1st Gloria Bramble, Donna Irmis, Lynn Flom, and Maureen Mooney
January 15th Donna Irmis, Ann and Jim Snyder



Altar Flowers

January 1st - Jan Weisenborn
January 8th - Lynn and David Flom
January 15th - Phyllis and Mike Roth
January 22nd - Sherri and Bill Kumle
January 29th - Lea and Steve Shaw



Wednesday Evening Bible Study 4-5:30PM every Wednesday beginning January 11th and concluding on February 15th.

The Chosen is a television drama based on the life of [Jesus of Nazareth](#), created, directed and co-written by American filmmaker [Dallas Jenkins](#). It is the first multi-season series about the life of Jesus, and season one was the top crowd-funded TV series or film project of all time. The series' creators stated that they had hoped to distinguish the new series from previous portrayals of Jesus by crafting a multi-season, episode-based story. The series portrays Jesus "through the eyes of those who met him".

Set in [1st century Israel](#), the series revolves around Jesus and the different people who met and followed Him. Join us every Wednesday at 4PM in the ARK, beginning January 11, 2023.

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JOY!



Where do we find it? In a song? In a flower? On the lake? In a bird's trill? A baby's smile or a child's touch? A hug from a friend?

Join us as we examine Paul's Letter to the Philippians AKA the Letter of Joy. With the guidance of Deb Burma, we'll read Scripture, study, discuss and challenge one another to find joy in all kinds of places ...with God's help.

The Women's Bible Study meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 2 -3:30 pm in the ARK at LCBTL. Our next gathering will be **Wednesday, January 18th**. Contact Donna Irmis or Nancy Spinner with any questions.

We'll talk, study, sing, pray and laugh together as we learn how God encourages us to find and experience joy in our lives.

Come and invite friends and neighbors. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing your smiling faces.

Oh, Joy!



Kairos Prison Ministry in McCormick

www.kairosprisonministry.org

Did you know that there is a South Carolina Correctional Institution in McCormick County? It is east of McCormick about 5 miles on Hwy 378. It houses 600 men.

Kairos Prison Ministry shares the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women, and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

The Kairos program brings a group of incarcerated men together for a 4-day program based on a series of talks, discussions, chapel meditations, and music led by a same gender team of volunteers. This happens twice a year, with monthly reunions in between at the McCormick County Correctional Institution.

As the Kairos Christian community inside a prison grows and begins to gain influence, the incidence of violence decreases.

After a two-year hiatus, we are planning for our 52nd 4-day walk in March 2023. ***We are seeking volunteers for both the inside and outside teams.***

There are many ways to participate in Kairos Prison Ministry. Here are just a few: Be a Prayer Partner, Support Volunteer, Create Agape, Cookie Baker, Team Member, Ministry Financial Donor.

If you are interested in supporting Kairos Prison Ministry, please contact me for more information.

Brochures are available in the Narthex on the Information table.

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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.