

Lutheran Church By The Lake

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Sharing the GOOD NEWS **March 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 Divita and Jean Randall who co-chair the Quilt Ministry

Quilt Ministry

The quilt circle was started about 16 years ago to provide comfort, warmth, or joy to someone going through a health or family crisis, or as a way of just saying we care about them. It is rewarding for the quilters to see a finished quilt and know that whoever receives it will cherish it. Our quilts have gone to many charitable organizations both locally and overseas. Some of the organizations are the: Kinard House in Greenwood, the Cancer Center of Greenwood, Craddock Center in the Appalachian Mountains of North Georgia, Mc Cormick First Steps, Veterans Home in Anderson, and Madagascar Help. In October of 2022 we decided to make our quilting circle a community wide "quilting bee". This has been a remarkable success and has provided us the opportunity to meet new neighbors and friends. Although we love our quilt sewers, there are other tasks that non-sewers can do, so we welcome anyone. There are many steps to a quilt, such as designing the quilt top, assembling the three layers of the quilt, and finally quilting everything together. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know others, bounce ideas around and have a time of fellowship. To keep the quilting circle going, we need you to participate. Please consider joining us for our next quilting bee. We meet every other month. Watch neighborlink or the church newsletter for upcoming dates.

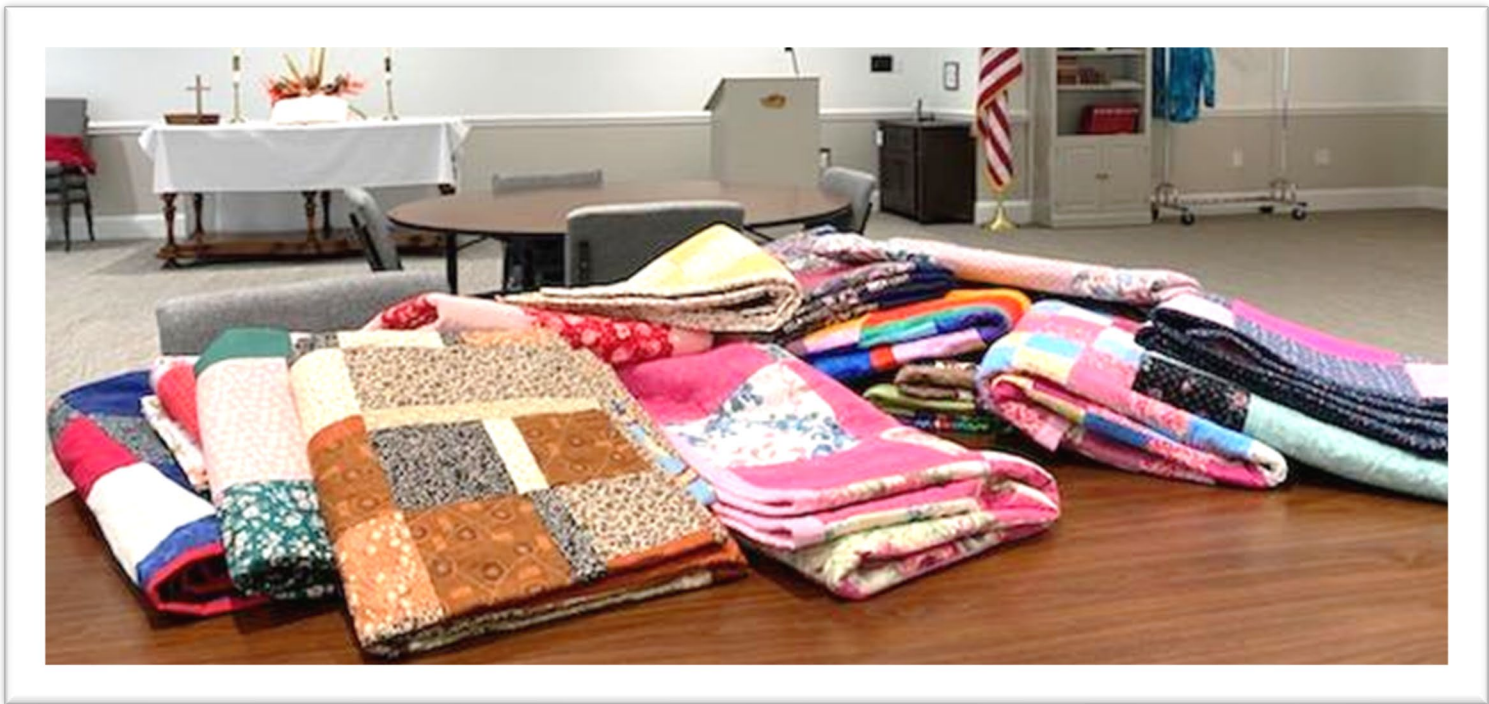
Quilt Ministry Co-chairs

Karen Divita – karendiv10@gmail.com
Jean Randall - grandmajean@gmail.com

Quilters Prayer

Guide my hands to work as your hands work,
to know the power of your love in every stitch I make,
in every thread I knot.

May my hands be guided by the same love
and care with every quilt I make, knowing that this
love and care was and is and will continue to be a gift of
blessing to the one it is intended for. Amen



From the Desk of the VP

By now we all know the outcome of our congregational vote to call Pastor Greg VanDyke as the full-time pastor of LCBTL. Although there seemed to be a clear path to this outcome from the first day that he was introduced to the Call Committee, we relied heavily on guidance of the Holy Spirit and the wisdom of the Call Committee members and Council to filter through the many moving pieces of understanding the gifts and the challenges of Pastor Greg, the ways that his ministry could dovetail with long established ministries and dreamed of possibilities of the members and friends of LCBTL. At the back of our minds was always, "we need to get this right- we need to hear and clearly understand what God has planned for this congregation". Many prayers have been said and endless scenarios discussed in an effort to answer the "what-ifs".

We decided to take the temperature of the congregation by providing an opportunity for folks to come to the ARK to listen to Pastor Greg's preaching style and content, and we released an email with links to his sermons for all at home to watch. We condensed his profile to a few pages in a booklet with quotes directly from him and distributed that to all who would take one. Finally, we opened the doors to the ARK and Pastor Greg and his wife Linda extended and received warm greetings from over 100 folks. That evening, Pastor Greg spoke for almost 90 minutes to those gathered, sharing his "story" and offering answers to questions from our assembly of curious and concerned for our future folks. He was transparent, speaking about how he and Linda envisioned the early transition to McCormick, and about the financial concerns of his current church that led to their needing to reduce to a part time pastor. His transparency was appreciated, and he and Linda felt the appreciation and approval of our congregation as the evening came to a close. In the following days, Call Committee members, Council members, and people in general were filled with a sense of hope and joy that this could be the one whom God had planned for us all along!

Even more encouraging was that after going back home, Pastor Greg and Linda realized that their calling was to come to SLV "together" as soon as possible, and they began making plans for a move that they had not expected to make. God was surely working to make this Call a reality. All that needed to happen now was for the congregation to vote to call and accept Pastor Greg's compensation package as approved by the Council. The morning of February 18th, 2024 was full of excitement and anticipation as the meeting was called to order. Motions were made, and the vote was taken. It was clear now- this is what God had planned for LCBTL and for Pastor Greg all along! He was overwhelmingly supported with affirmative votes (98.8% with one being a blank ballot).

And now God's plan will unfold and Pastor Greg will begin his ministry at LCBTL on April 1, 2024! We are blessed indeed and look forward to a shared ministry of faith, hope, peace, love, and sharing the Word of God with our community and the world!

Sherri Kumle, Vice President
Lutheran Church By The Lake

Council Meeting Notes

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Preparations for a great LCBTL Yard Sale are in full swing. Advance Early Drop Off days are scheduled; see the LWM article and check the LCBTL Calendar for details.

Lenten Soup Suppers are every Wednesday; please use the sign up sheet to let us know you are coming (head count so we have enough food).

Denise Uitto, Discipleship of Evangelism, attended a Zoom meeting about how to best use social media, namely Google Ads, for promoting LCBTL in the community and farther. There is a \$10,000 grant by Church Fuel to cover costs of the ad campaign.

With heavy hearts, the council accepted the resignation of Linda Wakefield, Choir Director. We wish Linda and her husband, Sam, many happy years in their new home in Greenwood. A service of thanks is being planned.

On Sunday, February 18, the congregation voted to call Pastor Greg Van Dyke to be our new pastor. The vote results were nearly unanimous – Call: 82 Yay, 1 Abstain; Compensation: 80 Yay, 3 Nay. After the meeting, council leaders let Pastor Greg know and he responded with an enthusiastic “Yes!” in accepting the call/vote to be our pastor; he will begin here on April 1, 2024. Installation Service is being planned.

MOTION:

Sheri Kumle made motion

Eilleen Hurlbut seconded

Sheri Kumle made a motion to accept the fundraising plan to cover moving expenses for the Van Dykes. The plan is named “Fostering Faith Envelope Challenge”; details will be coming out soon.

Save the Date: May 19, 2024 Congregational Meeting

- Election of new Council Members

LCBTL COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT

February 2024 Council Meeting

Contributions for

1 Month(s) ending January 31, 2024

(whole dollars)

MONTH	Actual	Budget	2023	vs. Budget	vs. 2023
Total January	28,459		20,488		
Total January - General	21,365	22,000	16,769	-2.9%	27.4%
Weeks in January	4	4	5		
Weekly Average - Month (Total)	4	4	5		
YTD	7,115	0	4,098		
Total					
General					
Weeks YTD	28,459		20,488		
Weekly Average - YTD (Total)	21,365	22,000	16,769	-2.9%	27.4%
Weekly Average - YTD (General)	4	4	5		
YTD Monthly Average - Total	7,115	0	4,098		
YTD Monthly Average - General	5,341	5,500	3,354		
	28,459	0	20,488		
YTD Restricted	21,365	22,000	16,769		
Columbarium					
Thrivent Contribution					
Endowment Fund	2,000		0		
Building Fund	0		0		
Lenten	0		0		
Memorials	860		955		
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	0		0		
Rental Income	350		0		
Other/Msc	0		20		
Total Restricted					
	430		0		
	3,454		2,744		
Total (2024 Projection) - Total (2023 Actual)	7,094		3,719		
General (2024 Projection) - General (2023 Actual)					
	341,508		350,320		
	256,380	265,300	256,111	-3.4%	0.1%

January 2024 Council Meeting

Contributions for

2/17/2024

Other/Msc					
Restricted Memorial Donations	1		Month(s) ending January 31, 2024		
Prime Timers Restricted Fund					
Interest					
Premium Refund		0			

Miscellaneous	680
Total	783
	1,541
	<u>450</u>
	<u>3,454</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

From the Council Nominating Committee
March , 2024

This is to inform the verified voting members of Lutheran Church By The Lake that the Nominating Committee will at this time accept names for consideration for LCBTL Council terms to begin June 1, 2024. Terms are for two years and renewable twice for a total of 6 years of service in the same position if desired and approved by the Council.

The positions for which we currently seek candidates for consideration are:

Vice President
Christian Education
Worship
Technology
Assistant to the Treasurer
Stewardship

Council meets monthly as a body, with individual committees working on their own schedule to fulfill responsibilities. A monthly report is submitted electronically to the full Council prior to each month's meeting.

Brief descriptions of each Council position are attached to this article.

Members of LCBTL are invited to contact any one of the Nominating Committee- Sherri Kumle – sherrickumleSLV@outlook.com , Eileen Hurlbut- ethurlbut@aol.com or Jeanne Thayer – jeannebthayer@gmail.com to seek additional information about the duties and responsibilities of a commitment to Council membership and service.

All names submitted to the Nominating Committee will be considered. The Nominating Committee will interview, consider the gifts of each candidate, and recommend a slate of new members for approval by the Council prior to naming the candidates to the ballot for voting by the congregation at the Congregational meeting tentatively set for May 19, 2024.

Brief Position Descriptions:

Vice President

1. Act for and in the stead of the president in his or her absence.
2. Assist the Council President in coordinating the assembly and publication of information to be presented at the November Annual Congregational Meeting.
3. Serve as Chair of Nominating Committee and maintain file of Member term dates.
5. Serve as a member of the Stewardship of Life Committee.
6. Serve as Council Liaison to the Personnel Committee.
7. Serve ex-officio on the Mutual Ministry Committee

Christian Education

The Discipleship of Education Committee shall work closely in conjunction with the pastor to oversee the development, implementation, and evaluation of Christian education opportunities through Sunday school, Bible studies, confirmation, teacher training, newcomer classes, and retreat programs so as to aid the congregation and individuals to grow in their knowledge, understanding, commitment and living out of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Worship

The Worship Committee shall be responsible for promoting the worship life of the congregation through the altar guild, ushers, lectors, communion servers, choir, banners and decorations.

Stewardship of Life

The Stewardship of Life Committee shall be responsible for the annual pledge campaign, and the direction of time, talent and treasure programs and will serve ex-officio on the Endowment Committee.

Technology

The Technology Chairperson shall be responsible with a Committee for the recruitment and training of audio/visual volunteers, church computers and computer software, the church security system, the church telephone system, and all audio/visual equipment.

Assistant to the Treasurer

This candidate would have a solid working knowledge of accounting, and an understanding of accounting software, specifically Quickbooks, although our current Treasurer, Paul Klein has offered to help train in the use of this computer program. The new Assistant would work closely with Paul and be given specific duties after a period of acclimation. As an Assistant to the Financial Secretary, Eileen Hurlbut, the candidate will become familiar with those duties as well, and provide backup as needed. Both current officers will work closely with our new Assistant to assure a solid foundation and level of comfort. Our Council meets monthly, and the Assistant will provide information to the Council, but will remain a non-voting member of the Council.

God has surely blessed this congregation with a body of believers who have many gifts to offer in service to Him and to the church. We offer abundant thanks for those individuals who come forward to be considered for these important positions of leadership in our church. It is with this solid foundation that we will continue to bring Glory to God at Lutheran Church By The Lake!





Fostering Faith Envelope Challenge

The Church Council invites you to join us as we Move Forward in Faith to welcome Pastor Greg Van Dyke and his wife Linda to their new home in Savannah Lakes Village. The Fostering Faith Envelope Challenge is a fun (and budget friendly) way to cover the moving costs, installation and welcome reception, and possibly additional church ministries.

As you are aware, after Pastor Greg and Linda visited us last month, they decided to accelerate their plans to move the household here. We look to reciprocate that faithful move forward with our own faithful financial response.

The challenge works like this:

There are 200 numbered envelopes, numbered 1 -200 which will be available for pickup beginning March 3rd following worship services. Each envelope contains a prayer. We encourage each member of the household to take an envelope.

After picking up the envelopes with the numbers of your choice (birthday, anniversary, perhaps an amount saved from a Lenten discipline) please take it home and after praying the enclosed prayer for a week, return your envelope with a contribution of at least the number written on the envelope. Envelopes may be returned to the office or during the worship offertory, on or before March 17th.

And there is more positive news...

A generous donor has taken Envelope #200. If all the envelopes are taken and returned, this donor has pledged that the \$200 will be \$2,500!

Pastor Greg and Linda have taken Envelope #199 and #21. To keep moving costs down, Pastor plans to rent a truck and drive it himself. He will hire helpers on either end to load and unload.

Fun Fact ...

The sum of numbers 1 through 200 equals \$20,100.

With every envelope picked up and then returned, and our #200 donor's pledge of \$2,500 would bring us to a grand total of \$22,400.

Questions? Please call Candy Zimmerman at 727-215-5881 or email candyzim@aol.com.

Please join us in Moving Forward in Faith as we welcome Pastor Greg and Linda.

The Church Council of Lutheran Church By The Lake



Adam Hamilton's - Christianity and World Religions

Lutheran Church By the Lake

John M. "Dusty" Rhodes – Facilitator

Schedule

Fourth Session March 04, 2024 10:00 a.m. Judaism

Fifth Session March 12, 2024 10:00 a.m. Islam

Women's Bible Study March 19, 2024

Tuesday of Holy Week March 26, 2024

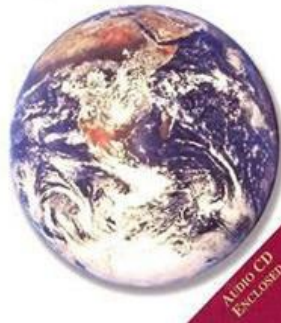
Sixth Session April 02, 2024 10:00 a.m. Christianity

Pastor John M. "Dusty" Rhodes will be facilitating the study of **Christianity and World Religions** as found in **Adam Hamilton's book and DVD, Christianity and World Religions. Pastor Rhodes** is a Georgian by choice but hails from Oklahoma where he earned his BA. from Oklahoma City University and went on to Emory University in Atlanta to earn his Masters of Divinity from the Candler School of Theology. Later he earned his doctorate in Adult Education from the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. Pastor Rhodes will guide the study out of Hamilton's book and DVD. The following world's religions that will be examined are Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. **Pastor Rhodes supports Rev. Hamilton's** heartfelt conviction of seeking to understand these major religions and the beliefs of their followers, as a way of building bridges with others so that we might grow in our faith, promote peace in our world, love our neighbor and find positive ways to share the gospel.

ADAM HAMILTON

**Christianity
AND
World Religions**

Wrestling With Questions People Ask



[Christianity & World Religions:... book by Adam Hamilton \(thriftbooks.com\)](https://www.thriftbooks.com/book/9780310241111/Christianity-World-Religions-Book-Adam-Hamilton/)

Book cost less than \$6 per copy.



Holy Week Services

Our 40 day journey through Lent ends with this week of praise, a Last Supper, sorrow and then the joy of Jesus' Resurrection. Join us in worship during the week and especially on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday Services at 9 and 10:30 am with Procession of Palms and a dramatic Reading of the Passion of Our Lord according to Mark

Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm in the ARK , a congregational family gathering at table with Holy Communion

On Good Friday the Sanctuary will be open for prayer and meditation from 9-11 am.

Good Friday Service will be at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday Festival Services will be at 9 and 10:30 am with special music.

We look forward to worshipping with you!

Please Note:

Holy Communion will be available on Sunday, March 10, March 17, March 24 and on Maundy Thursday, March 28. There will not be Communion on March 3.

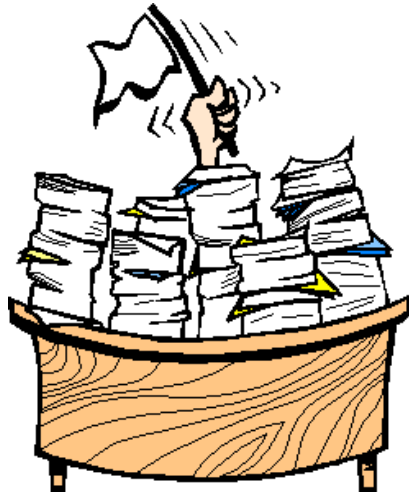
Palm Sunday, March 24, there will be a dramatic reading of The Passion of Our Lord according to the Gospel of Mark at both 9 and 10:30 services. There are several parts, most of which are short. If you wish to participate in the reading, please contact Donna Irmis (864-602-9578 or blueeyes628@wctel.net). Thank you for your willingness to be a part of our Palm Sunday worship service.

Soup's On!

For many years it has been a tradition here at Lutheran Church By The Lake to observe the season of Lent with soup and fellowship, Lenten Soup Suppers. Each of the five Wednesdays in Lent we will gather in the ARK to share a meal of soup and conversation before going into the sanctuary for a short but meaningful Lenten Service of Diminishing Light.

Join us and bring friends and neighbors. Please sign up to bring soup, bread or crackers or dessert on the following Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20. The soup will be ladled out at 5:15 and followed by the service in the sanctuary. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.





In an effort to hold on to our sanity here in the office (as job sharing can be a difficult thing to do, especially on a part-time basis, without a pastor), Debbie and I would like to lay out the steps for planning an event at The Lutheran Church By The Lake:

Step One:

Call the office at 864-391-3000 and ask if the date you prefer is available for your event. (Hint you can also go to the church's website, where the calendar is available to look at any time and we really try hard to keep it up to date)

If a room is held and someone else requests that date/space, the office will offer you another space if available. This is why it is best to get your spot reserved as soon as possible!

Step Two:

If you are a group of the church, you just need to confirm the date and keep us informed of any changes to your event date or time.

If you are not a group of this church and wish to reserve space (ARK, Bridge or Conference Room) you will need to complete the necessary Rental Agreement paperwork and provide us with a deposit and certificate of liability insurance. We will assist you in completing that paperwork if you come into the office during the usual office hours.

Thanks for your help in this endeavor!

Debbie Frederickson
Susan Mazur



Community Quilting Bee is returning on **Saturday, March 9th** from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the ARK. We have fabric ready for making quilt tops, along with tops ready to sew. If you can sew, bring your sewing machine, if not, we can still use your help in many areas. All supplies are provided. Bring a lunch and make a day of it. Contact Jean Randall 864-602-9563 or Karen Divita 240-687-4088 with any questions.

SOME SAVE THE DATES FOR YOU:

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.

Women are welcome to bring or invite other women, friends, family and neighbors.

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

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!



GREAT FUN PLAYING GAMES!

Come join us on Sunday, March 10th from 3:00pm to whenever in the ARK. We'll have Bingo, Ping Pong, Corn Hole, Cards and much more! Bring your own game if you like. Bring some finger food to share and we'll provide drinks. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. See ya'll there! Questions? Contact Margo Kite 781-561-5863 or Karen Flynn 706-284-1427

*We wish you
all the Best.*

TO GIVE OUR BEST WISHES

Our dear friends Linda and Sam Wakefield are moving to Greenwood, and after 7 years of service as the Choir Director at Lutheran Church By The Lake, Linda is retiring! We are planning a potluck after our 10:30 service on April 14th in the ARK to show our appreciation for all that Linda has done for our church. More info will be out soon!



Kairos Prison Ministry in McCormick

www.kairosprisonministry.org

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

The next Kairos walk at McCormick County Correctional Institute (MCCI) is March 19-22, 2024.

- **Cookies: One way that you can “visit” prisoners is by home-baking cookies to be shared at the walk as a sign of God’s unconditional love (or “Agape” in Greek).** MCCI houses 450 men and 24 will be invited to join the walk in March. We will need 1,000 dozen (12,000) cookies for the participants, the other prisoners, guards and prison staff.

The types of cookies that are generally acceptable are: oatmeal, peanut butter, molasses, chocolate chip, ginger, and sugar. Cookies should be between 2 inches and 2-1/2 inches in diameter and not more than 1/2 inch thick. It is very important not to use icing, sugar, or any other type of coating on the outside of the cookie. Do not add any kind of fruit or nuts to the cookies. For recipes, see

<https://mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/cookies.pdf>

The Key Ingredient is prayer: Pray individually or as a family over the ingredients before and during mixing, and as you drop them onto the cookie sheets and bake them. Ask God to use your cookies as a source of His love to shine on the prisoners and staff on the Kairos weekend.

Packing the Cookies: Bag thoroughly cooled cookies in a quart sized Zip Lock bag, a dozen cookies to a bag. Label each bag with the cookie type inside. Freeze all cookies if not using within 3 days.

We will collect cookies by Friday, March 15 at LCBTL in the narthex.

Please contact **Bill Freiberg** if you would like to donate cookies to the Kairos team.



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)*

Early Drop-off Days will be held at the Lutheran Church By The Lake **Monday, March 11th (9:00 – 11:00 a.m.); and Tuesday, April 2nd (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.)**

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.

There will be vendor slots for church and community members. Tell your friends, neighbors, acquaintances, and others of this excellent opportunity to sell their goods of arts and crafts and garage sale items. Vendor spaces must be RSVP'd in and paid in advance. The cost for church members is a non-refundable fee of \$15.00 and for non-church members the cost is a non-refundable fee of \$30.00. You keep the proceeds, there are no percentage reductions.

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.



SUNDAY'S AT FOUR



RUBY REDS BAND IS BACK AT SUNDAYS AT FOUR

Requested by past Sundays at Four audiences, Ruby Reds Band is back again on March 3rd at the Lutheran Church By The Lake, located at 100 Twelve Oaks Drive in McCormick. The performance is at 4:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at The MACK Artisans Guild Gift Shop, 218 S. Main Street, McCormick, SC. (864 852 3217) or at the Church the day of the concert. A Ticket package is also available: 6 for \$100 and can be used at any performance!

Ruby Reds Jazz Band is the longest tenured jazz band East of the Mississippi... only the Preservation Hall Jazz Band from New Orleans is older... and only by a couple of years. Ruby Reds Band began as the house band for Ruby Reds Warehouse in Atlanta, a sing-along banjo club located in the original Underground Atlanta that has played since February 1966.

In that 58 years they have been the official band of the Atlanta Braves, the Atlanta Falcons, and the Atlanta Hawks and have played for nearly every major corporation, college and country club in the Southeast. They continue to do so and just last year played for the 90th Birthday Party for Ambassador Andrew Young and the 100th birthday celebration of Atlanta's WSB Radio.

They play a wide variety of music including Dixieland, Blues, Gospel, Swing, Bluegrass, Folk and American Songbook Standards – all interpreted through their unique trio instrumentation of banjo, dog house bass, and trumpet (with vocals)!

Their descriptive tag line is...

“It's like Satchmo, Elvis, Ernest Tubb, Little Richard, Roy Clark, Prince and Slim Whitman Jello-wrasslin' in a musical dumpster!”



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



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



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 March Newsletter

is MARCH 19th

Please send articles by email to cbtl@wctel.net



10th

Sandy Granger

11th

Denise Uitto
Vicki Leonard

13th

Nancy Pund

19th

Monte Gunzenhauser

20th

Shorty Steele

21st

Marvin Decker
Margo Kite
Linda Klug

22nd

Elaine Beggs

26th

Frank Rousseau
Barbara Putney

29th

Betsy Griffeth
Steve Walz

30th

Carrie Gehlbach

31st

Marianne Chalifour
Carol Mavity



12th

Mark and Julie Blankenship



Communion Days This Month
March 10th, 17th, 24th, 28th and 31st

Communion Assistants

Mar 10th Early Service
 Mar 10th Late Service
 Mar 17th Early Service
 Mar 17th Late Service
 Mar 24th Early Service
 Mar 24th Late Service
 Mar 28th Holy Thursday
 Mar 31st Early Service
 Mar 31st Late Service

Roseanne Selby and Gloria Bramble
 Debbie Frederickson and Kathy Nixon
 Raylene Emerich and Lea Shaw
 Candy Zimmerman & Eileen Hurlbut
 Tom and Mary Westgate
 Donna Irmis and Lynn Flom
 Ann and Jim Snyder
 Raylene Emerich and Roseanne Selby
 Gloria Bramble and Maureen Mooney

Lectors 9:00 am

Mar 3rd Chuck Gresham
 Mar 10th Joanna Feloni
 Mar 17th Lea Shaw
 Mar 24th Joanna Feloni
 Mar 28th Gerry Wasserman
 Mar 31st Gerry Wasserman

Ushers 9:00 am

Mar 3rd Chuck Gresham & Raylene Emerich
 Mar 10th Roseanne and Dick Selby
 Mar 17th Raylene Emerich and Lea Shaw
 Mar 24th Tom and Mary Westgate
 Mar 28th Paul Klein and Gloria Bramble
 Mar 31st Gerry Wasserman & Lea Shaw

Lectors 10:30 am

Mar 3rd Eric Randall
 Mar 10th Walt Smith
 Mar 17th Ann Snyder
 Mar 24th Linda Wakefield
 Mar 28th Gerry Wasserman
 Mar 31st Barbara Hinkel

Ushers 10:30 am

Mar 3rd Elaine Beggs & Maureen Mooney
 Mar 10th Mike and Peggy Thomas
 Mar 17th Paul Klein and Maureen Mooney
 Mar 24th Ann and Jim Snyder
 Mar 28th Paul Klein and Gloria Bramble
 Mar 31st Elaine Beggs and Paul Klein



March 3rd Susan Mazur in honor of her daughter & sons-in-law anniversary
 March 10th Joanna Feloni on honor of Jennifer's birthday
 Harry Hafer
 March 17th Fay Ergle
 March 24^h Doug Chalifour in celebration of Marianne's birthday

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Vice President	Sherri Kumle
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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.

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Grief Share and Caregivers	Support for those grieving and those providing care	Jeanne Thayer: jeanneblanchek@yahoo.com
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Lutheran Men in Mission	Men's fellowship and service	Bill Freiberg: bill.frei.b727@gmail.com
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Prayer Shawl Circle	Knitting and Crocheting	Jean Randall: grandmajeanr@gmail.com
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Red Cross Blood Drive	Community Blood Drive	Candy Zimmerman: candyzim@aol.com
Quilting Circle	Quilts for outreach	Karen Divita: karendiv10@gmail.com
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Worship Assistants	Lectors, Altar Guild, Ushers	Donna Irmis: blueeyes628@wctel.net
Yard Sale	Fundraiser for Lutheran Women In Mission and other Ministries	Karen Flynn: klflynn1938@gmail.net

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