

# HAPPENINGS @ THE MOUNT



Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church, Chapin, SC

February 2023

## ***A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAT***

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22.

We start our Lenten journey together at 11am and 7:00pm with our traditional services sharing the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Along with our Sunday morning worship time we will also gather on Wednesdays during Lent, on Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.

I urge you all to make these services part of your preparation for the great Paschal Feast. As you reflect on the 40 days of Lenten discipline it would be well to remember the Ashes we share on that Holy Wednesday night made from branches of Palm. It was on our last Passion Sunday we together celebrated our Savior's triumphal entry into Jerusalem with such branches.

Ashes remind us of how seriously God takes sin. After our first parents' sin, they returned after death to the ground from which they were made.

Ashes have been used since the earliest times as a cleaning substance in the absence of soap, ashes point to cleansing and renewal.

Ashes remind us of our total dependence on God for life, for humans are created from only dust and God's breath. We are reminded of the fragility of our life. One day all of us will have these words spoken over us: "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust."

Ashes serve as a symbol of repentance according to ancient practice (Luke 10: 1-3).

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*Patrick W. Riddle, Interim Pastor*

*Bob Hawkins, Interim Supply*

*Organist/Choir Director*

*Camille Joseph, Admin*

*Lisa Smith, Treasurer*

*Peggy Miller, Preschool Director*

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**WORSHIP, LEARN, WITNESS SERVE,  
SUPPORT**

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## **Newsletter Deadlines**

*The Monthly Happenings @ the Mount  
deadline is the **18th of  
each month.***

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At the time of the imposition of ashes, those who desire to do so will come forward and kneel or stand at the altar. Ashes will be applied on each forehead in the form of a cross with the word, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return."

Ashes put us in touch with our desperate need for our Savior Jesus the Christ to whose death and resurrection we have been joined in the waters of Holy Baptism.

This season of Lent let us renew our struggle with the sin which would cling so tightly, and the gift of life given to us in the precious sacrament Baptism.

Make a commitment to God to worship each Sunday and Wednesday, along with Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and throughout the Easter season. Also, we ask you to make a commitment to God to open your Bible and use our Lenten devotional book "*Amazing Grace*" that will be coming in the mail from the church and pray each day.

We also are sending along with the Lenten Letter and Devotional Book a Worship Calendar for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Please join us this year for Wednesdays in Lent as we take **Journey of Stones.**

Drawing on the rich imagery of rocks and stones in scripture, we will be centered around the compelling metaphor of stones as representative of our sins. As we enter the Nave we will be invited to pick up stones as a concrete symbol of each sermon's theme; then as the service concludes the stones are placed back at the cross.

Lenten Blessings,

Pastor Pat



# A Journey of Stones



**CONFIRMATION CLASS** is for all in 6th-8th grades. Pastor Pat leads the group each Sunday morning in Room 203 during the Sunday School hour at 9:00am. We are studying the New Testament during the 2022-2023 school year.



Ladies, looking for a great small group? Look no further, Agape circle could be just what you are looking for! Agape circle is about – relationship, learning (The Characters of Easter, Daniel Darling), service, and fun!

Small groups are an important for making connections, growing in faith and serving one another. You are officially invited to give Agape a try. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 16. Hope to see you there!



Help the Witness Team update Mt. Horeb's website and social media accounts by emailing any recent church gathering photos to Cameron Prince at [shortcn1@gmail.com](mailto:shortcn1@gmail.com).

Please be aware that if you submit a photo, it may be displayed online.

**CARD MINISTRY – HANDMADE CARDS** Are you in need of a greeting card to send to a family member or a friend? Don't forget about the card rack in the Fellowship Hall for an assortment of handmade cards; Birthday, Thank You, Get Well, Sympathy, Thinking of You and a few miscellaneous cards are available. A donation of \$3.00 per card or \$5.00 for two cards is greatly appreciated. All donations will go toward local, regional and global missions.



**GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT** St. Paul writes (that we) *“are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus” Romans 3:24*

We have been given the gift of salvation from our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our calling is to share that gift with others. Your generosity in offerings (through PayPal, Tithe.ly, or the offering plate at the entrance) makes an enormous difference. Thank you for your joyful and generous monetary support. Thanks be to God!



**WE CARE** Constant needs for our community outreach agency: Non-food items like paper products (toilet paper and paper towels) and cleaning supplies (laundry detergent and dish soap). Look for February needs in the February bulletins.



**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE** is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. We continue to support our brothers and sisters in time of crisis through the ELCA and Lutheran Disaster Response. Your gifts designated for “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” will be used to support people impacted by conflict. Make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” or “Where needed most” on your check’s memo line.



**LUTHERAN MEN** will meet February 13, 6:30pm.



**PRAISE BAND** practices on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary. ALL are welcome to join. Contact David Williams for details.



**DRIVERS NEEDED** If you can help drive members to doctor appointments, then we need you! Call the church office @ 345-2000 if you can help a fellow member.



# February Preschool News



Love is in the air at Mt. Horeb Preschool.

Pink and red hearts are starting to appear, and groundhogs are popping up everywhere.

This month we will be learning about: Valentines, Groundhogs, Presidents and much more.

The Preschool will be closed on February 17<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> for Presidents Day.

## Registration is now open

Class space is limited, so be sure and return your \$140 (\$100 for church members) registration fee along with your enrollment form so we may hold your child's spot in our exciting program.

Enrollment forms can be picked up through the Preschool or church office. Please call the Preschool at (803)345-6441 if you need further information.

Peace,

Miss Peggy





## **Highlights of the Congregation Council meeting January 8, 2023**

The council met on Sunday, January 8 and took action on or discussed the following items:

- ⇒ Bishop Aebischer met with us and discussed the next steps in the transition process of calling our new Pastor.
- ⇒ The Congregational Vitality Survey (CVS) via an email notification went out on Friday, January 13, explaining the CVS process with links provided for those who wish to take the survey online through January 22. All others not taking the survey online will be able to use the paper version in church on Sunday, January 22 to complete the survey. Surveys will be collected that Sunday and submitted on Monday, January 23.
- ⇒ Pastor and Ministry Team Reports were received and discussed.

**ON GOING PRAYERS FOR:**

+Vie Wilmot  
+Miller Lindler  
+Jim Johnston  
+Nancy Hess  
+Nancy Crogen  
+Charlie Shealy  
+Margaret Greene  
+Carolyn Bishop  
+Henri Bishop  
+Jane Ramsey  
+Aubrey Metts  
+Pauline Wodtke  
+Ron Stockman  
+Sharon Shealy  
+Brady Amick  
+Gertice Rister  
+George Wessinger  
+Taylor Ann Fiber  
+Steve Cartin  
+Audrey Fulmer  
+Bob Irwin  
+Phyllis Barton



**ALSO PRAYING FOR:**

+Family of Mary Kern on her death  
+Family of Timmy Bundrick on his death  
+Family of Bill Stockdell on the death of his daughter, Laura Riley

**PRAYING FOR FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

+ Cindy Heming, Gavin Wells' godmother  
+ Melissa Smith, sister of Dean Smith  
+ Ronnie Chapman, nephew of Rosemary Frick  
+ Sadie Gillian, friend of Jennifer Wells  
+ Marie Fulmer, niece of Loretta Griffin & family  
+ Amelia Kinard, sister of Billy Griffin  
+ Jeanne Thompson, sister of Susan Addy  
+ Sue Carver, friend of Joanne Wessinger Hill  
+ Tyler Grubbs, friend of Lillie Free  
+ David Owens, friend of Tommy Hill

+ Lorraine Revels, daughter of friend of JoAnne Hill  
+ Al Zaback, cousin of Jerry & Vicky Shealy  
+ Sally Thompson, sister-in-law of Susan Addy  
+ Diane Nichol, friend of Susan Addy  
+ Evren Ray, great-niece of Susan Addy  
+ Chris & Eddie Shealy, sons of Gene & Ann B. Shealy  
+ Tommy Ward, friend of Jim Pope  
+ William Eckley, cousin of Vicky Shealy  
+ Payton Dominick, great-nephew of Glenda Lindler  
+ Tyler Richardson, son-in-law of Pastor Dick & Jeannie Webber  
+ Landon Derrick, Wes Hill's classmate & friend  
+ Jimmy and Liane Talbert, uncle and aunt of Mattie Smith  
+ Richard Gregerson, son of Vie Wilmot  
+ Jason, great nephew of Vie Wilmot  
+ Farris Gregerson, daughter-in-law of Vie Wilmot  
+ Heidi Smith, wife of Lew Smith  
+ Charles R. Risher, Uncle of Kay Comalander  
+ Derald Edwards  
+ Bill Plump, friend of Bill Stockdell  
+ Tom Naughton, father of Michael Naughton  
+ Tyler Shepke, friend of Roger Linder and Michael Naughton  
+ All those serving in the military





## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ella Bishop
- 3 Bernie Hawkins
- 4 Benjamin McKie  
Rickie McKie
- 7 Zachary McCall
- 8 Jonathan Adams
- 11 David Knight
- 13 Jesse Ray Frick
- 15 Benny Counts  
Will Smith
- 16 Heather Adams
- 17 Deborah Russell  
Noah Todd
- 18 Rachel Hutchens
- 20 Betty Shealy
- 23 Marc Lindler
- 24 Wyatt Morris  
Patrick Shealy
- 25 Erik Schmidt
- 26 Katelyn McDonald
- 27 Kaden Todd
- 28 Roger Lindler

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 Tom & Loretta Griffin - 44

*If you do not see your birthday or anniversary  
(or if our info is incorrect), please contact the  
church office. Thank you.*

## FEBRUARY 2023 CALENDAR

**Wed Feb 1**     10:00   Fiber Friends  
                      11:00   Dorcas Circle

**Thu Feb 2**        5:30   Praise Band

**Sun Feb 5**        9:00   Fellowship/LEARN  
 (Green)            10:00   Livestream with  
    Holy Communion  
    11:15   Worship Team

**Mon Feb 6**     12:00   Chapin Chirpers

**Tue Feb 7**        6:30   DF Choral

**Wed Feb 8**     10:00   Fiber Friends

**Thu Feb 9**        7:00   Finance

**Sun Feb 12**     9:00   Fellowship/LEARN  
 (Green)            10:00   Livestream with  
    Holy Communion  
    11:15   Council

**Mon Feb 13**   12:00   Chapin Chirpers  
                      6:30   LMM

**Tues Feb 14**   6:30   DF Choral  
                      6:30   Jr. Women's

**Wed Feb 15**   10:00   Fiber Friends

**Thu Feb 16**     5:30   Praise Band  
                      6:30   Agape

**Sun Feb 19**     9:00   Fellowship/LEARN  
 (Green)            10:00   Livestream with  
    Holy Communion

**Mon Feb 20**   12:00   Chapin Chirpers

**Tues Feb 21**   6:00   LutheReaders  
                      6:30   DF Choral

**Wed Feb 22**     **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
                          10:00   Fiber Friends

**Sun Feb 26**     9:00   Fellowship/LEARN  
 (Purple)           10:00   Livestream with  
    Holy Communion

**Mon Feb 27**   12:00   Chapin Chirpers

**Tues Feb 28**   6:30   DF Choral

**MHLC**

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**NON-PROFIT ORG.****U.S. POSTAGE****PAID****CHAPIN SC****PERMIT NO. 9****UPCOMING LCY EVENTS****February's Youth Calendar at a glance:**

- Mt. Horeb Youth met Sunday, Jan. 29, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We crafted pop-up Valentine cards for folks at Generations. Hot dogs and chili, complete with toppings, were served.
- On Sunday, Feb. 12 we will meet at Generations at 4 p.m. to deliver valentines and share God's love! We will return to the church for pizza.
- All 6th-12th graders are invited and welcome to attend!!
- Check your e-mail for more details and reminders.
- All youth and families, if you are not on the email list for youth news, please send current contact info to Stephanie Stoudemayer: [sjz85@sc.rr.com](mailto:sjz85@sc.rr.com).

We hope to see you soon!!

The logo for Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church Youth (MHLC) is a stylized, hand-drawn graphic. It features the letters 'MHLC' in a bold, blocky font. The 'M' and 'H' are connected, and the 'L' and 'C' are also connected. The letters are black with a white outline, giving it a stencil-like appearance.**Contact Us**

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