

# HAPPENINGS @ THE MOUNT



Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church, Chapin, SC

May 2023

Pentecost celebration sweeps over Mt. Horeb Sunday May 28th

## **A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAT**

A Pastor shared this story; she writes I had just gone to a church service where nothing very dramatic happened. We all knew each other. The hymns were familiar, and we knew when to stand and when to sit. It was a comfortable way to spend an hour. I don't know what we would have done if the church had been filled suddenly with the sound of a rushing, mighty wind. Probably, we would have blamed the weather Bureau for not warning us that tumultuous weather should be expected.

The followers of Christ who gathered in a house on the day of Pentecost might have been filled with a bit more expectation.

Before his Ascension Jesus had charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 1:4-5) They must have been a bit disquieted as they were religious people and Pentecost was a time of special sanctity, yet they remained locked up behind closed doors.

This day of the Jewish feast of weeks was one on which God was proclaimed for all God's bounty as creator. The devout of Israel would have been

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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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## **Newsletter Deadlines**

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

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present at sunrise as the days burnt offerings signaled that this day like all others belonged to God. They would have participated in the other ways in which thanks was given for the yearly harvest. It is possible that the first Jewish Christians intended to honor God in the ordinary way that day, but the impression that comes from the first chapter of Acts is people waiting watching, and still somewhat apprehensive. Then it happened, when tongues of fire and a miraculous capacity for communication. The miraculous was a vehicle for the divine mystery but both miracle and mystery were to be shared. The Good News was not to be the foundation of a secret society in to which only a few could be initiated.

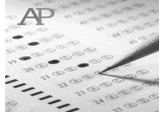
The Good News of Jesus Christ and his death and resurrection was for all and would be spread by people from the Jewish boondocks thickly accented Galilean accents. It would be heard by crowds from far more sophisticated places, and that very day some would hear and come to faith; indeed 3000 were added to the community of saints. As we celebrate this holy day let us recall in our Christian lives there is a consistent miracle that each of us is invited in our own tongue to participate and proclaim of our salvation in the name of Jesus Christ as we have also received the gift of the Holy Spirit.



**HYGIENE KITS FOR TANZANIA** Agape Circle is making hygiene kits for Tanzania that will be taken to the SC WELCA Convention in June. These kits along with others will be taken to the Southwestern Diocese of Tanzania on the next SC Synod mission trip this July. If you would like to contribute you may donate hand towels, wash cloths, bars of soap, band aids, cotton swabs, combs, Vaseline (small jar or tube), toothbrushes, nail clippers and nail files. Place in the basket on the table in the Narthex. If you would like to make your own kit, instructions are on the table as well.<sup>2</sup>



**WE CARE** May needs are Vienna sausages, canned yams/potatoes spaghetti, soup (all sizes and flavors), corn muffin mix, instant potatoes and gravy, Ramen noodles/soup, canned tomatoes, dry beans, and oatmeal. We always need, toiletries, paper products and cleaning supplies. We also accept pet food.



**AP TESTING** will be held May 4th through May 8. Plan NOT to use the Fellowship Hall for functions.



**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE** The Call Committee is excited about preparing the MHLC Ministry Site Profile (MSP). Our goal is to have the MSP completed by the end of May to present to Council. Upon Council's approval, it will then be forwarded to the Bishop. When completed, the MSP will highlight Mount Horeb's key points of ministry and serve as an introduction of who we are to any potential call candidates.

Preparation of the MSP involves reviewing the results of the Vitality Survey that were presented to us by the Bishop's office on March 26, gathering demographic information of our community, as well as meeting with members of our congregation in sharing sessions. It is important that the organizations of the congregation be represented as well as individual members. We invited you to attend sharing sessions in the Fellowship Hall in April.

We know that while this is an exciting time within the life of our church, the uncertainty can also cause a time of pondering. Our goal is to discern the person to whom God is preparing to serve with our congregation. Therefore, we will be diligent during this sacred time; so, please continue to pray for our committee, our council, and our congregation during this journey.



**CONFIRMATION CLASS** is for all in 6th-8th grades. Pastor Pat leads the group each Sunday morning in Room 203 at 9am. May 28th is the last class before summer break.



**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.



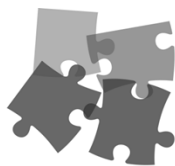
**CARD MINISTRY – HANDMADE CARDS** Pick up a handmade card today from the card rack in the Fellowship Hall! \$3 donation and \$5 for two cards. All donations support local, regional and global missions!



**UPDATE YOUR 2023 DIRECTORY** with new members Tony & Leigh Beber, 185 Dreher Island Rd., Little Mountain, SC 29075 — Marjorie Turner, 210 Delaine Woods Dr., Irmo, SC 29063.



**MANY THANKS TO** Pastor Pat for the many long days that he spent leading us through the Lenten season in preparation for Easter and to the groups of people who prepared our Lenten meals and Easter breakfast - great fellowship! Also, thanks to the committee who planned the eggcellent Easter egg hunt. It was a success despite the weather. All events were well attended because of dedication. Also, thanks to all who worked behind the scenes during the Lenten season including Camille and her dedication. **GWL**



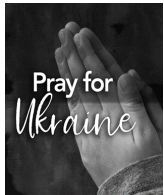
**PUZZLE MINISTRY** Agape Circle has begun a 1000 piece puzzle in the front corner of the fellowship hall. We need your help! All are invited to sit around the table and work on the puzzle. Our goal is to have it completed by the end of September! There will be a sign in sheet on the table so that all who add to the puzzle can be noted. Any time you are in the church sit down and join in finding just the right piece!



**GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT** St. Francis of Assisi wrote. For it is in giving that we receive. These words ring true for us during this Eastertide as we remember, rejoice, and celebrate that through Christ's death and resurrection to which we have been joined in baptism's holy water we are given new life. We respond with our gifts time treasure, and talent.

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 support.



**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. Forms are on the Welcome Center.



**LUTHERAN MEN** will meet May 8th at 6:30pm.



**LEISURE TIMERS** meet the 1st Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is May 2nd. Meet at the church to travel to Lever's Farm for strawberries.



**THE DUTCH FORK CHORAL SOCIETY** will present a Spring Concert, Appalachian Spring, on Thursday, May 4th at 7pm at Mount Horeb Lutheran Church, 101 E. Boundary Street in Chapin. You are invited to come and hear music inspired by songs, hymns, and ballads from Southern Appalachia.

**LENTEN CHALLENGE** Thank you for a successful Lenten Challenge. We donated a total of 1,940 pounds of a variety of goods and \$519.45 to We Care!!



Event- Heartland Conference 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting

Host – Silverstreet LMM

Location - Silverstreet Lutheran Church  
120 Long Street,  
Silverstreet, SC 29145

Date/Time: Thursday May 18, 2023 7 PM

Keynote speaker – Deaconess Laura-Sharp Waites from Bethany Lutheran Church

Menu: Cost \$15.00 per person payable at the door

Pork Tender Loin  
Green Beans  
Cheese Pie  
Sliced Tomatoes  
Pickles  
Rolls  
Sweet tea  
Desert

RVSP ASAP or no later than May 14<sup>th</sup> to Earl Leitzsey 803-924-0906, or [g\\_leitzsey@yahoo.com](mailto:g_leitzsey@yahoo.com).

Amen! For Lutheran Men!

Earl Leitzsey



# May Preschool News

Wow! I can't believe it's here, the end of another wonderful year at Mt Horeb Preschool. It has been our pleasure to have your children here with us, and they will forever be in our hearts.

Don't forget our upcoming Summer Camps (please check [www.mthoreb.net](http://www.mthoreb.net) for dates, times and downloadable forms!)

To our Fours: We love you guys and will miss you the most! Good Luck next year in Kindergarten and throughout your academic careers. The world is a better place because you are in it!

Here's our schedule for May:

May 8 – Muffins for Mom (8:50 – 9:15)

Last Regular Day of Preschool – Tuesday, May 23

No Lunch Bunch – May 22 & 23

Four Year Old Graduation – Tuesday, May 23 @ 10am

Fun Day – Wednesday, May 24 (9-11am)

Teacher Work Day – Thursday, May 25



God's Peace,  
Mrs. Miller



## **Highlights of the Congregation Council meeting March 12, 2023**

The council met on Sunday, April 16, 2023 and acted on or discussed the following items:

- ⇒ The 2022 Church Audit was submitted to council. The council thanks the Finance Team for their time and effort put into producing this document. A copy of the audit is filed in the church office.
- ⇒ Katie Morgan, council representative to the Pastoral Call Committee, reported that the Call Committee is working on preparing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). This document will highlight Mt. Horeb's key points of ministry and serve as an introduction of who our church is to any potential call candidates. During this process, the committee will review the results of the Vitality Survey, gather demographic information of our community as well as meeting with members of the congregation in sharing sessions. The goal is to have the MSP completed by the end of May to present to the church council for approval and then forward to the Bishop.
- ⇒ The South Carolina Synod Assembly will be held June 8-10 in Columbia. Delegates will be Rosemary Frick, Marion Frick, Trina Free, and Cameron Prince. The theme for the assembly will be "I See Jesus".
- ⇒ Council approved Margie Turner, Charles and Becky Zinko for membership.
- ⇒ The Youth Ministry Team reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success even though the weather didn't cooperate. The activities were held inside.
- ⇒ The Witness and AV/Tech Team continues to work on our church's Social Media presence, the church website, and contacting new/prospective members.
- ⇒ Pastor and Ministry Team Reports were received and discussed.



**ON GOING PRAYERS FOR:**

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



**ALSO PRAYING FOR:**

- +Family of Gertice Rister on her death
- +Family of Cindy Rego on her mother's death
- +Carol Lindler and family on Miller Lindler's death



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

- + Melissa Smith, sister of Dean Smith
- + Ronnie Chapman, nephew of Rosemary Frick
- + Marie Fulmer, niece of Loretta Griffin & family
- + Amelia Kinard, sister of Billy Griffin
- + Sue Carver, friend of Joanne 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
- + Eddie Shealy, son 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
- + Joey Heyward, nephew of Vie Wilmot
- + Heidi Smith, wife of Lew Smith
- + Derald Edwards
- + Tom Naughton, father of Michael Naughton
- + Tyler Shepke, friend of Roger Lindler and Michael Naughton
- + Chris Shealy, son of Gene and Ann B. Shealy
- + Roy Talbert, father of Mattie Smith
- + All those serving in the military



## BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Christine Wallace LaCount  
3 Millie Courtney  
Annie Wessinger  
4 Beth Ellis  
5 Russ Burleson  
6 Todd Soderlund  
7 Harrison Wessinger  
9 Trina Free  
Jeanie Frick  
Brice Fulcher  
Anne Wessinger  
10 Katie Wessinger  
13 Keri Morgan  
Mary Morgan  
14 Nancy Hess  
15 Bonnie Lindler  
21 Brandon Teal  
22 Jeff LaCount  
23 Macie Goodman  
24 Brianne Fulcher  
Jenny Leininger  
25 Peggy Moates  
26 Charlie Shealy  
27 Lisa Smith  
Kenneth Wessinger  
29 Abbie Derrick  
"Sonny" Shealy



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Barry & Maria McCall - 31  
3 Hal & Ann Hutchens - 42  
4 Greg & Kim Shealy - 32  
14 Russ & Wanda Burleson - 54  
16 Woody & Sheryl Trexler - 52  
18 Rocky & Sherri Derrick - 31  
23 Dave & Shay Rube - 42

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

## MAY 2023 CALENDAR

<b>Tue May 2</b>	10:00 6:30	Leisure Timers DF Choral
<b>Wed May 3</b>	10:00 11:00	Fiber Friends Dorcas
<b>Thu May 4</b>	11:00 7:00	AP Testing (CHS) Finance
<b>Sun May 7</b> (white)	9:00 10:00 11:00 11:15	LEARN Livestream with Holy Communion Worship Team Council
<b>Mon May 8</b>	7:00 12:00 6:30	AP Testing (CHS) Chapin Chirpers LMM
<b>Tue May 9</b>	6:30 6:30	DF Choral Jr. Women's
<b>Wed May 10</b>	10:00	Fiber Friends

<b>Sun May 14</b> (white)	9:00 10:00	LEARN Livestream with Holy Communion
<b>Mon May 15</b>	12:00	Chapin Chirpers
<b>Tue May 16</b>	6:00 6:30	LutheReaders DF Choral
<b>Wed May 17</b>	10:00	Fiber Friends
<b>Thu May 18</b>	6:30	Agape Circle

<b>Sun May 21</b> (white)	9:00 10:00	LEARN Livestream with Holy Communion
<b>Mon May 22</b>	12:00	Chapin Chirpers
<b>Tue May 23</b>	6:30	DF Choral
<b>Wed May 24</b>	10:00	Fiber Friends

<b>Sun May 28</b> <b>Pentecost</b> (red)	9:00 10:00	LEARN Livestream with Holy Communion
<b>Wed May 31</b>	10:00	Fiber Friends

**MHLC**

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**UPCOMING LCY EVENTS**

**May's Youth Calendar at a glance:**

--Sun., May 21. Meet at Frankie's Fun Park at 3:00 p.m. for an afternoon of fun (putt-putt, etc.) to end the school year! We'll eat dinner at Cracker Barrel afterward! All youth grades 6-12 are invited and welcome!!

--MHLCY will be taking a break for the summer, but we encourage ALL youth to participate in all activities at Mt. Horeb throughout the summer months! Check the church bulletin, newsletter, and social media posts for exciting upcoming events! See you at church!!

--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!!

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