

HAPPENINGS @ THE MOUNT



Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church, Chapin, SC

February 2024

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAT

Dear Mt. Horeb Church Family,

“Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.” (Joel 2:13)

During Lent, this verse is used in the Liturgy to welcome the gospel. With these words, we prepare our ears and hearts to be attentive to the word of God. As this is not the verse normally used, we know that something is different afoot in the days of Lent. These words from the prophet Joel remind us that we have embarked on a 40-day journey. Returning, turning, and repenting are three words used during Lent to reflect on the character of this season.

Lent is a time to turn away from those things that usually preoccupy us and turn us in another direction. It is a turning away from those things that oppress and dominate us, a turning away from those things which prevent us from sensing and living in the steadfast love of God. In reality, Lent is a path into and through the wilderness amid life's wilderness that is touched by times of doubt, illness, sorrow, and loss. We are confronted by the temptation to question the loving presence of God; tempted to place our loyalties and things other than God, seeking the immediate gratification offered by worldly things. In the

Patrick W. Riddle, Interim Pastor

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Musician

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Lisa Smith, Treasurer

Peggy Miller, Preschool Director

WORSHIP, LEARN, WITNESS

SERVE, SUPPORT

Newsletter Deadlines

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

40 days of Lent, we intentionally take the path that turns into the wilderness, where we come face to face with our human condition. In the Lenten wilderness, we take time to examine ourselves, and in doing so we are given the chance to name the many ways in which we refuse to comply with God's will. We are bestowed with the opportunity to grasp the depth of our sinfulness and how our sin separates us from God, breaking the relationship God desires to have with us. We are also given the chance to repent, to change direction turning away from our sins and to turn toward the God who offers us life in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Lent is a time to return to God, who is gracious and merciful, and abounding in steadfast love. When we return, we discover that God is always there waiting for us, ready to shower us with love and grace. Our loving father waits to forgive our past indiscretions and to help us combat the temptations that lie before us. This is what the cross of Christ is all about. So, this Lenten season, as we journey through Lent toward the cross, let us be ever returning to the God who has made our salvation possible.

Lenten Blessings,

Pastor Pat





WE CARE February needs will be printed in the February bulletins. As always, they need toiletries, paper products and cleaning supplies. They also accept pet food.



FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE meets Friday, February 16th at 11:30am.



LEISURE TIMERS will meet Tuesday, February 6th at 10:00am to travel to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church for a guided tour at 11:00am. Lunch after at Lizard's Thicket. Sign up at the Welcome Center. All are welcome. Invite a friend.



LUTHERAN MEN will meet Monday, February 12th at 6:30pm.



**Learn
&
Grow**

LEARN TEAM is working on updating a list of all the children and youth of Mt. Horeb. We have many names but are trying not to overlook anyone. So, we need your help!

On the **Welcome Center** you will find information to fill out with name, age, grade, birthday and contact info. We encourage all parents and grandparents to provide this information so we can begin building a strong foundation for our young people to grow in Christ.



**Lenten
Meals**

LENT begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and we would like to have meals before each Worship Service on the Wednesday nights prior to Holy Week and Easter. Consider preparing a meal. Your committee, group, family, or a group of friends can provide a meal. A sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center.



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE 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 to aid Ukraine. If you



would like to assist in the Middle East, send to Lutheran Disaster Response. Write "Middle East Crisis" on your check's memo line and send to: Evangelical Lutheran

Church in America PO Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.



TO MY CHURCH FAMILY My heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, cards, calls and visits as I was recovering from eye surgery. Thank you to Pastor Pat for his call also. It was a blessing to know so many were thinking of me.

Thank you all so much! *Janelle Turner-Barrett*



TO MY CHURCH FAMILY Thank you for all of your prayers and cards while I have been sick. I hope to be back

to church soon. *Susan Addy*

COMMUNION CARDS It's the new year so if you have not filled out a communion card and turned it in to an usher this year, please do so. They are located in the pew racks. Thanks!

WE CARE NEEDS VOLUNTEER PICK-UP DRIVERS We need more volunteers to serve as truck drivers to assist with pick-ups from the grocery stores and Harvest Hope. The biggest need at the moment is for Tuesday morning runs to Harvest Hope in Columbia and also to pick up from one of our local stores on Thursday mornings. The process for a volunteer would be completion of an application (on the Welcome Center) and then submission of driver information to our insurance company. More details provided in weekly Sunday bulletins.⁴



GIVING REFLECTIONS

The Season of Lent is among us again.

Lent provides opportunities for self-examination and reflection that culminate in the Easter joy of Jesus' resurrection and victory over death. The keeping of Lent has evolved through the years from sorrow and mourning of Christ's disciples during the hours following his crucifixion to the 40 days we now observe. Lent calls us to take time to explore the Bible, to hear the preached word, for meditation and prayer, and the singing of wonderful hymns. In these acts of devotion may we continue to encounter the love of God and be filled by a deeper joy as we walk with our Lord Christ all the days of our life

We rejoice for the precious gift of our Lord Jesus the Christ who brings love, peace, faith, and hope into the world and into our lives. The treasures he bestows upon us we share with all the world. May his presence permeate every part of our lives now and always.

Your generosity in offerings (through PayPal, Tithe.ly, or the offering plate) makes an enormous difference in our mutual ministry.

Thank you for your joyful and generous support.





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!



PROGRAM Mt. Horeb has committed to provide 204 cans of pasta each week. This program continues through the school year, so we need your support. If you can help, please leave your donations at the Welcome Center.



WE CAN NOW EMAIL contribution statements. If you prefer this, email Lisa Smith at treasurer@mthoreb.net to let her know. Provide your email address and envelope number in the body of your email.



VALENTINE BAGS As Valentine's Day approaches, we need your help in sending a little extra love to our shut-ins! There are 22 Valentine bags located in the Fellowship Hall ready to fill with treats, cards, or any other useful items for our home-bound members. If you would like to contribute, please drop off your items in the bags by Sunday, February 11th. The bags can be delivered by anyone starting after church on February 11th.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Salt and Light Beginning Sunday, February 4, we will have another option for adults to participate in a Sunday School Class. This class is for anyone looking to join a small group on Sunday morning and share in fellowship and discussion.

We will meet in the classroom next to the office, and begin at 9:05 and end at 9:45. Our first focus will be on "Community". We will continue with monthly themes, as we build a group or "community" of friends who love Jesus and want to be "Salt and Light" to our neighbors.



Highlights of the Council meeting on January 7, 2024.

- ◆ We welcomed the new members for 2024.
- ◆ Reviewed the Ministry Team assignments and responsibilities.

Council Member	Term Ends	Ministry Team	Email Address	Cell #
Heather Adams	2024	Youth and Stewardship	McBrideh81@yahoo.com	803-318-7888
Rae Davis	2024	Christian Education	rdvs297@gmail.com	803-360-4968
Trina Free	2024	Council Secretary Ministry Review	dtfree90@gmail.com	803-309-0515
Lisa McDonald	2024	Preschool	lisamcdonald1979@hotmail.com	803-351-5889
Travis Goodman	2025	Fellowship and Cemetery	tgoodman1@msn.com	803-944-1901
Katie Morgan	2025	Council Vice-Chair Ministry Review	katie.morgan5575@gmail.com	803-530-6807
Cameron Prince	2025	Witness	Shortcn1@gmail.com	864-871-5338
Laurie Schmidt	2025	Social Ministry and AV/Tech	tschmidt@bellsouth.net	803-629-6227
Tom Griffin	2026	Finance and Human Resources	tomsgarage@aol.com	803.518.9828
Sandra McKie	2026	Worship and Music	slcmckie61@gmail.com	803-513-6659
Diane Senn	2026	Community Outreach	4dsenn@gmail.com	803.517.3369
Greg Shealy	2026	Property	gregoryashealy@aol.com	803.238.5990

- ◆ Discussed the results of the Congregational Meeting and the next steps of the call process.
- ◆ 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
- +Henri Bishop
- +Aubrey Metts
- +Pauline Wodtke
- +Brady Amick
- +George Wessinger
- +Steve Cartin
- +Audrey Fulmer
- +Bob Irwin
- +Anne Mitchell
- +Bill Stockdell
- +Holly Knight
- +Randy Bundrick
- +Phyllis Barton
- +Lois Bundrick
- +Peggy Roche
- +Susan Addy
- +Lynette 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
- + Heidi Smith, wife of Lew Smith
- + 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
- + Bill Plump, friend of Bill Stockdell
- + Wayne Lineberger, friend of Millie Courtney and Margaret Robinson
- + Philip Kleckley, son of Dot & Heyward Kleckley
- + All those serving in the military

PRAYING FOR FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

- + 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
- + 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





BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ella Bishop
- 3 Bernie Hawkins
- 4 Benjamin McKie
Rickie McKie
- 7 Zachary McCall
- 8 Jonathan Adams
Tom Blaney
- 9 Joni Epting
- 11 David Knight
- 13 Jesse Ray Frick
- 15 Benny Counts
Will Smith
- 16 Heather Adams
- 17 Deborah Russell
Noah Todd
- 18 Rachel Hutchens
Barbara Long
- 19 Lila Shealy
- 20 Betty Shealy
- 21 Dalton Perry
- 23 Marc Lindler
- 24 Wyatt Morris
Patrick Shealy
- 25 Erik Schmidt
- 26 Katelyn McDonald

- 27 Kaden Todd
- 28 Roger Lindler
Leigh Bebber

ANNIVERSARIES

- 17- Tom & Loretta Griffin - 45

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

FEBRUARY 2024 CALENDAR

Thu Feb 1	7:00	Finance
Sun Feb 4 (green)	9:00 10:00 11:15 11:15	Learn Livestream with Holy Communion Worship Team Council
Mon Feb 5	12:30 6:00	Chapin Chirpers Jr Women's-conf rm
Tue Feb 6	10:00 6:00 6:30	Leisure Timers Jr Women's DF Choral
Wed Feb 7	10:00 11:00	Fiber Friends Dorcas Circle

Sun Feb 18 (purple)	9:00 10:00	Learn Livestream with Holy Communion
Mon Feb 19	12:30	Chapin Chirpers
Tue Feb 20	5:30 6:30	LutheReaders DF Choral
Wed Feb 21	10:00 6:00 7:00	Fiber Friends Meal Lenten Service

Sun Feb 11 (white) Transfig. of Our Lord	9:00 10:00 3:30	Learn Livestream with Holy Communion Girl Scouts
Mon Feb 12	12:30 6:30	Chapin Chirpers LMM
Tue Feb 13		SHROVE TUESDAY
Wed Feb 14		ASH WEDNESDAY
	10:00 6:00 7:00	Fiber Friends Meal Lenten Service
Thu Feb 15	6:30	Agape Circle
Fri Feb 16	11:30	Friendship Circle

Sun Feb 25 (purple)	9:00 10:00 3:30	Learn Livestream with Holy Communion Girl Scouts
Mon Feb 26	12:30	Chapin Chirpers
Tue Feb 27	6:30	DF Choral
Wed Feb 28	10:00 6:00 7:00	Fiber Friends Meal Lenten Service

Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

B J K Q X Z

B W J I T J H Q H O B L Z D G B O O K
D K F Q R O M T B H J O B S Q E X Z T
O K X W J H O B M I Z T I J S D Q K U
E W X B H E Q N I T K I S I Z N Y O U
R P J Z O W B E Q R T O A X C Z T X J

DO NOT _____

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February's Youth Calendar at a glance:

--Feb.4, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall. We will craft handmade pop-up Valentine's cards for our friends at Generations, as well as our shut-in members.

--Feb. 18, 4:00 p.m. Meet at Generations to deliver Valentines and to share God's love! Back to church for pizza!

--ALL 6th-12th graders are invited and welcome!!

--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.

We hope to see you soon!!

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