

St. Matthew's



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APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

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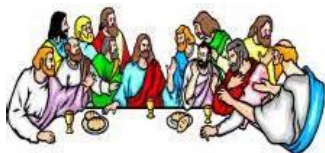
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The last of the Community Lenten Services will be held on Wednesday, April 5, at noon at East Gold Wesleyan Church with the Rev. Josh Morgan speaking on "The Heart of Christ" based on Jeremiah 3:12-18 and John 11:17-44. The congregation is invited to attend this final service of the Lenten season, which is sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.



Plan to join us Wednesday, April 5, for the last of our Wednesday Lenten services. We will gather for a light meal in the fellowship hall at 5:45pm followed by our Vesper Service in the nave at 6:30.

Palm Sunday, April 9, the church choir will process at the beginning of the eleven o'clock worship service with the waving of palms. Be sure to join us for worship as we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.



The **Maundy Thursday** Service will be a joint service to be held at Resurrection Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 13. Maundy Thursday is the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, and, as recorded in John's gospel, on his last night before his betrayal and arrest, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them (John 13:34).

The **Good Friday** Service, will be a joint service to be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14. The service will make use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial. This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God. Worshipers will leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the coming Resurrection.



Easter Sunday, April 16, the Community Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Ministerial Association, will take place at Mountain Rest Cemetery at 7:00 a.m. with Mr. Brandon Aiken as speaker.

Following Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. (preceded by a continental breakfast at 9:15), we will gather at 11:00 a.m. for the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, with the Sacrament of Holy Communion by individual cups at the altar rail.

Everyone is reminded to bring **fresh "live" flowers** to

decorate the Easter Cross as we go to the altar rail for communion. If you have extra flowers please bring them to share with others. If you do not have fresh flowers, extras will be made available as you enter the narthex.

Easter lilies should be picked up after the service on Easter Sunday, but please leave the clay dishes since they belong to the church and are used for the potted flowers that decorate the chancel during holidays.



APRIL FOOL

My middle daughter, Marian, delights in pulling April Fool pranks on me. As a youngster, she pulled off a well-rehearsed plan. Sneaking over to the church she called our parsonage. My wife awakened me to relate that a very cantankerous, bad-tempered, and un-cooperative retired steel worker had fallen in his barn. His wife, equally high-maintenance, had demanded that I be there in five minutes and before the ambulance got there. I jumped out of bed and started washing my face and combing my hair only to hear giggling. My response was that I was glad to help but why do they have to be so rude. Riotous laughing was their response. "April Fool," they blurted out.

Despite even marking in my calendar warnings about April Fool's Day, Marian still deceives me. The latest episode this college creative-writing teacher said she was thinking of was buying a fix-it-up house in the Baltimore ghetto. She said the neighborhood would gentrify. After I went ballistic she started laughing. April Fool, yet another time.

The Good News is that belief in our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, does not mean you are an April Fool. Easter Sunday, April 16, we celebrate the resurrection with a Festival Communion Service of Holy Communion. What a blessing we have to believe in Jesus Christ and know that he died for us. Because of his death and resurrection we know now how the story ends for us. Life and love win in the end, not death and despair.

Please plan to join us for worship on Easter Sunday. If you have not worshiped with us recently, this is a special invitation for you. Come and see and feel the Spirit of the Risen Lord at St. Matthew's. We are saving a seat just for you!

Pastor Ed - - - "A fool for Christ"



I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES! Samuel Medley

I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!
 He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;
 he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.
He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessing to impart.
 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend; he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!
 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

JESUS
LIVES

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have someone to add to the prayer list please contact the church office. Names will be left on this prayer list for three weeks, then removed unless we are made aware of an ongoing need.

Our members, friends and family of the congregation:

- Betsy LeFevers (daughter-in-law of Mack and Ann LeFevers, recovering from a thyroidectomy; will be receiving radiation treatments)
- Marguerite Plonk (recovering from pneumonia)
- Swannetta Fink (broken left foot)
- Darlene White (mother of Heather Reamer, health issues)

Homebound: Kathleen Bridges, Meta Kopruch, and Jackie Queen. Non-members: Cindy Campbell (mother of Beth Suber), and Thelma Houser (mother of Charles Houser)

Those in assisted living/nursing homes: Joyce Howell

We offer the sympathy of the congregation to Justin Boheler at the death of his grandmother, Shirley Yarbrow Guyton.

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Altar Flowers – We have several open Sundays coming up where we need volunteers to place fresh flowers on the altar for the Sunday service. If you are interested in reserving one of these Sundays please contact the church office at 704-739-7466 or smlc@carolina.rr.com and let the church secretary know. You will be notified the week before you are to place the flowers so that you may order them from a florist. Any member of the Altar Guild would be glad to help you or to supply information about florists that are available in our area who have access to our church.

Open Sundays:

June 11, July 9, July 16, July 30, August 27,
September 3, October 29 (Reformation),
November 19, and November 26 (Christ the King Sunday)
and December 31.

Highlights of March 26, 2017 Church Council Meeting

- 1) **Approval** of meeting agenda with three additional items
- 2) **Approval** of minutes for 02-12-2017 church council minutes and 02-12-2017 congregational meeting
- 3) **Accepted** new member, Marilyn Flynn, by Affirmation of Baptism
- 4) **Approval** to replace flooring in fellowship hall with current type of carpet.
- 5) **Approval** of Myra McGinnis as new Finance/Stewardship Committee Chairman, replacing Geeper Howard
- 6) **Approval** of Robert Wilson as delegate to NC Synod Assembly in June, with Pastor Ed Crotty also attending
- 7) **Approval** of applications for youth scholarships to Lutheridge for 2017 summer camp. Scholarships are available to Lutheridge or Lutherock and will be announced at worship today, be placed in the bulletin and April, 2017 newsletter
- 8) **Approval** to use funds, as needed, from the Noisy Offering to help with Youth Group activities
- 9) **Approval** of Treasurer's report.
- 10) **Approval** to complete Congregational Registration Form and recommend Robert Wilson for Candidacy for Rostered Ministry in the ELCA.

Church Council Meeting

The next meeting of Church Council is Sunday, **April 9**, at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room. Contact Robert Wilson by Monday, **April 3**, if you wish to have an item added to the council agenda. His phone number is 803-610-7215 or email him at carolinateacher@me.com

Sisters in Christ will meet on Thursday, **April 13**, at noon at Gentle Moon Café. All ladies are invited. E-mail Susan Buchanan at sbuchanan@carolina.rr.com or call her at 704-484-1808 if you plan to attend so that she can reserve the space for the meeting. Plan to join us!!!

The NC Synod Assembly will take place **June 2-3** at Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. The cost of registration and meals is paid by St. Matthew's. Please contact Robert Wilson, council president, if you are interested in attending with him. Phone is 803-610-7215 or email him at carolinateacher@me.com

Contacting the pastor - Pastor Ed requests that if you need him you call his cell phone at 704-962-0103 or text him at that number, instead of leaving a message on the church phone.

CHILDREN/YOUTH INFORMATION

The kids and youth will be going to The Big E in Gaffney on Saturday, **April 1**, for fun and games at 1:00 p.m. Although the deadline to place a reservation with Beth Suber was March 29, you may contact her to see if you can be added by emailing her at bsecsmom@gmail.com or calling her at 704-692-5712.

Children and youth of all ages are invited to join us for EPIC Sunday on **April 2**. We will meet downstairs for the entirety of the worship service. We will be enjoying time together as we grow in Christ. For more information, please see Beth Suber or contact her at 704-692-6712 or email her at bsecsmom@gmail.com

Don't forget to bring your journal!!!

The Confirmation Class will meet on Sunday, **April 2**, at 1:00 p.m. instead of April 16, which is Easter Sunday. The students' assignment is to carefully read/reread the Book of Ruth (very short; 4 chapters) and memorize Ruth 1:17.

St. Matthew's Benevolent Foundation makes scholarships available for our Pre-School each year as the funds are available. These scholarship applications are due on **June 1**. Application forms for Pre-School are available from the Pre-School director. All applications must be returned to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, %Scholarship Committee, 201 N. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain NC 28086

Back Pack Food Ministry needs: individual cups of cereal, packs of oatmeal or grits, cans of soup, individually packaged breakfast, lunch, or dinner items, and individually packaged snack foods. PLEASE check expiration date on packages! Leave items in the downstairs kitchen area, or on a pew in the fellowship hall. The Lewis family will help pack the back packs for the month of April. Please consider volunteering to pack bags or financially supporting this important ministry. Contact Juanita Lutz at 704-739-3707 for more information.

The Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry is in need of jars of jelly, jars of peanut butter, bottles of cooking oil, mac 'n' cheese, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles. Items may be placed in Mumsie's Little Red Wagon located in the narthex.



Girl Scout Troop #1884 was recognized at the March 26 worship service. Following the service, they served cookies and punch in the fellowship hall. Bre Griffin is the scout leader. The Girl Scouts gather at St. Matthew's twice per month for meetings.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>B = Birthday If yours is incorrect or not listed please contact the church office at 704-739-7466 or email us at smlc@carolina.rr.com</p>						1
<p>2 5th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:15am Continental Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am EPIC Sunday Worship with Holy Communion 1:00pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Items due for council agenda</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 – 9:00 LFS Foster Care workshop</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Noon-Community Lenten Service at E. Gold Street Wesleyan</p> <p>5:45pm Light meal 6:30pm Vespers 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 – 9:00 LFS Foster Care workshop</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Church office closed</p> <p>B:Meta Kopruch</p>	<p>8</p> <p>B: Karen Hollenberger</p>
<p>9 PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>8:00am Church Council meeting 9:15am Continental Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion Choir will process with palms</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 – 9:00 LFS Foster Care workshop</p> <p>B: Lindsay Suber</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30pm Choir</p> <p>B: Juanita Lutz</p>	<p>13 MAUNDY THURSDAY</p> <p>Noon – Sisters in Christ luncheon at Gentle Moon Café</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00pm Maundy Thursday Joint Service at Resurrection</p> <p>B: Emily Suber</p>	<p>14 GOOD FRIDAY (no school)</p> <p>Church office Closed</p> <p>7:00pm Good Friday Joint Service at St. Matthew's</p> <p>B: Ernest Oliver</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 EASTER The Resurrection of Our Lord</p> <p>9:15am Continental Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion BRING LIVE FLOWERS!</p>	<p>17</p> <p>(no school)</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>18</p> <p>(no school)</p> <p>B: Ron Fink</p>	<p>19</p> <p>(no school)</p> <p>12:30 Devotion at Heritage Oaks Assisted Living</p> <p>6:30pm Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>(no school)</p> <p>B: Anne Mauney</p>	<p>21</p> <p>(no school)</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 2nd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>9:15am Continental Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Information due for May newsletter</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30pm Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00pm LFS Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>29</p> <p>B: Ila Reamer</p>
<p>30 3rd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>9:15am Continental Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion</p>						

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**A Community of
 God's Redeemed People**

Church Staff

Interim Pastor, Rev. Ed Crotty	704-962-0103
Secretary, Faye Dellinger	704-739-7466
Music Director/Organist, Carolyn Rhyne	704-860-7571
Pre-School Director, Ina Blanton	704-739-7467
Sexton, Jewel Watson	(call Property)

Council Officers (until 12-31-16:

President, Robert Wilson	803-610-7215
Vice-President, Nancy Smith	704-739-9428
Secretary, Nancy Abasiakong	704-473-3225
Treasurer, Jeff Mauney	704-692-4186

Committee Chairpersons:

Altar Guild, Emily Suber	704-739-6710
Benevolent Foundation, Fred Kiser	704-739-5471
Christian Education, Beth Suber & Tim Buchanan	704-692-6712 704-477-7184
Evangelism, Susan Buchanan	704-484-1808
Property, Vinny Hollenberger or Jimmy Mauney	704-750-4130 704-739-9137
Social Ministry	Vacant
Stewardship/Finance, Myra McGinnis	704- 473-9338
Worship & Music, Judy Wilson	704-739-3547

Servers for April, 2017

Communion Assistant: Robert Wilson
 Usher Captain: Jeff Mauney
 Usher: Myra McGinnis
 Back Pack helpers: the Lewis family

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Capacity:</u>	<u>Server:</u>
April 2	Flowers Greeter Lector	No flowers during Lent Vinny Hollenberger Chris Nichols
April 9	Flowers Acolyte Crucifer Greeter Lector	Palms for Palm Sunday Samaria Downs Dayvion Downs Chrystal & Journey Buchanan Judy Wilson
April 16	Flowers Acolyte Crucifer Greeter Lector	Judy Wilson Sabra Reamer Ila Reamer Juanita Lutz Robert Wilson
April 23	Flowers Acolyte/Crucifer Greeter Lector	Scott and Sarah Mayse Emma McGinnis Bobby Buchanan Priscilla Mauney
April 30	Flowers Acolyte/Crucifer Greeter Lector	Ernest & Jackie Oliver Mallory Buchanan Chuck Downs Samaria Downs