

BLESS YOU BENEDICTION

May there always be work for your hands to do;
May your purse always hold a coin or two;
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
May the hand of a friend always be near you;
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

—On March 17, when we remember the Christian missionary St. Patrick, Irish blessings abound.

BIBLE QUIZ

The “Christ hymn” in Philippians 2 proclaims that after Jesus humbled himself even to the point of death, God exalted him, and that eventually all will worship him. What two body parts are named as part of that worship?

- A. knee; tongue B. hands; feet
C. arms; lips D. heart; mouth

Answer: A (See Philippians 2:10-11.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH

March 1-2: Psalm 19; Exodus 19:9b-25; Acts 7:30-40; Mark 9:2-8

Third Sunday in Lent, March 3: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-22

March 4-9: Psalm 84, 107:1-22; 1 Kings 6:1-22; 1 Corinthians 3:10-23; 2 Chronicles 29:1-19; Ezra 6:1-16; Hebrews 9:11-28; Mark 11:1-19; Genesis 9:8-17; Ephesians 1:3-14; Daniel 12:5-13; Numbers 20:22-29

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 10: Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:1-21

March 11-16: Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 15:22-27, 30:1-10; Hebrews 3:1-6, 4:1-5:9; Numbers 20:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13; Isaiah 30:15-18, 60:15-22; John 8:12-20; Habakkuk 3:2-13

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:1-36

March 18-23: Psalm 118:1-29, 119:9-16; Isaiah 43:8-13, 44:1-8; 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Acts 2:14-24; Haggai 2:1-23; Deuteronomy 16:1-8; Philippians 2:1-18; Jeremiah 33:1-16; Mark 10:32-52

Palm Sunday, March 24: Psalm 31:9-16; Mark 14:1-15:47; Isaiah 50:4-9a

March 25-30: Psalm 22, 36:5-11, 40:5-10, 45, 70, 71:1-14, 116:1-19; Hebrews 10:4-25, 12:1-3; Isaiah 7:10-14, 42:1-9, 49:1-7, 52:13-53:12; Luke 1:26-38; John 13:1-35, 18:1-19:42; Exodus 12:1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Lamentations 3:1-24; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66; Job 14:1-14

Easter Sunday, March 31: Psalm 114; Acts 10:34-43; Isaiah 25:6-9; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8, 15:1-11; John 20:1-18; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:13-49

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kinsley Banks Moody Bear Ministry: You will notice a new “bear lair” in the pews of the church. Please feel free to take a bear to a friend in need, someone sick, someone celebrating, for a birth, a death or for any reason. Please remember to enter your gift information in the book located on the secretary in the narthex to avoid giving more than one bear to the same person(s). Thank you for continuing this important ministry.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: If you are a Thrivent member it is time to direct your 2023 Choice Dollars to your chosen beneficiary. **Call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and ask to direct your Choice Dollars. Please complete your designation by March 3, 2024.**

The Faith Cruisers Annual Spring Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will be on Saturday, March 9th from 7:00am to 11:00am in the Family Life Center. Breakfast will include pancakes, grits, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, and coffee. There will be a silent auction, baked goods, crafts, and more. All donations benefit the American Cancer Society through the Faith Cruisers Relay for Life team. Contact Carolyn Rogers (704-279-5053) for more information.

The Altar Guild will be taking orders for white (and possibly pink) geraniums to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Order forms are located around the church. The 8” geraniums are \$15.00 each and will be wrapped. Money and order form must be submitted together to reserve your order. **Sunday, March 10th is the last day orders will be accepted.**

MARCH Birthdays & Anniversaries

5 – Hoyle Lingle
8 – Sue Bruce
Genna Mills Overcash
11 – Jeff Overcash
12 – Mark Gamewell
14 – Ashley Hunt Roberts
18 – Betty Hunt
21 – Dee Thompson
23 – Lu Gamewell

“A Matter of Balance” Fall Prevention Program

Dates: Every Tuesday and Thursday mornings of March in FLC
Times: 9:30am-11:30am

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Dates: Every Monday and Friday mornings of March in FLC
Times: 10:00am-11:00am

CUB SCOUTS MEETINGS

Dates: 3/14, 3/21
Times: 7:00am-8:00pm

Sola - Schedule of Sunday School Lessons

| Date | Lesson | Title | Text | Theme |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------|------------|
| 3/3 Lent 2 | D3 Lesson 6 | The Last Supper | Matthew 26:17-29 | Testament |
| 3/10 Lent 3 | D3 Lesson 7 | The Way of Sorrows | Luke 23:13-34 | Sorrow |
| 3/17 Lent 4 | D3 Lesson 8 | Thomas Believes Again | John 20:24-31 | Doubt |
| 3/24 Palm Sunday | D4 Lesson 1 | Choosing a New Apostle | Acts 1:12-26 | Continuity |

**Please email or call the church office if your birthday/anniversary has been missed.*

March

CHURCH CALENDAR

Women's History Month

- 3/3 WOMEN'S SUNDAY**
4:00pm Youth Meeting (Grades K-5) in Family Life Center
Last day to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars
- 3/5**
5:30pm-8:00pm Social Ministry Serves Dinner at RHM
Jeannie's Kitchen
- 3/6 6:00pm Third Lenten Meal & Worship**
- 3/9**
7:00am-11:00am Faith Cruisers Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
(FLC Reserved)
- 3/10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**
11:45am Accepting Columbarium Applications
4:00pm Youth Meeting (Grades 6-12) in Youth Room
Last day to order Easter Geraniums
- 3/13 6:00pm Fourth Lenten Meal & Worship**
- 3/16 9:00am-5:00pm QUILTING DAY** (Assembly Room Reserved)
- 3/17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
SCOUT SUNDAY - 12:00pm Scout's Lunch Fundraiser
- 3/19 FIRST DAY OF SPRING**
- 3/20 6:00pm Fifth Lenten Meal & Worship**
- 3/23**
12:00pm-5:00pm FLC Reserved (Stephanie Petrea)
- 3/24 PALM SUNDAY**
3:00pm-5:00pm Easter Egg Hunt in Family Life Center
- 3/28 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship**
- 3/29 7:00pm Good Friday Worship**
Church Reserved All Day (Easter Prep/Decorating)
- 3/30**
- 3/31 EASTER SUNDAY**
7:00am Sunrise Service at Faith Baptist Church
8:30am Easter Breakfast in Family Life Center
10:30am Easter Worship in Sanctuary

SUNDAYS – 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31

9:00am – Refreshments & Fellowship
9:30am – Sunday School
10:30am – Worship

WEDNESDAYS – 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27

10:00am – Bible Study / Chapel
7:30pm – Choir Practice

FLC COUNCIL CORNER

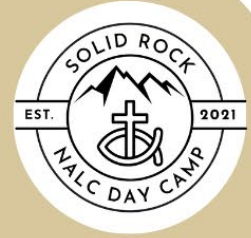
1. The treasurer reported that we have a General Fund balance of \$145,380 and a Designated Fund Balance of \$204,888 as of January 31st.
2. The Annual Congregation Meeting was set for February 25th to approve the Annual Reports and any other business for the good of the congregation.
3. The Council discussed proper means of fund raising for our Church Committees. A message from the Council will go to all Committee Chairs. Generally, all Fund-Raising events along with a brief description of the event and how the funds will be raised should go through Council for approval. This should be done well in advance of the proposed event.
4. The Council welcomes the congregation's input for a Mental Health awareness program or any way we can support this much needed awareness in our congregation.
5. The Bomb Squad Presentation hosted by the new Lutheran Men In Mission was a hit! Thank You to Randy Buckwell for our Lutheran Men's group joining together once again with a demonstration from the Cabarrus Bomb Squad. All in attendance enjoyed the presentation and our youth were able to enjoy during their scheduled youth time. All the Faith Lutheran Men are invited to attend and become active in the Lutheran Men's group. Look for more to come!
6. The Council unanimously voted to support the "Operation Hope Nurses Mission" trip the same as last year. They will be traveling to Honduras again this year. Last year they performed 129 surgeries in a 5 day period. They will be leaving on April 20th. Council will donate \$300 from the Council Contingency Fund and asks the Congregation for additional donations. If you would like to personally give to this please write "Operation Hope" on the memo line and place in offering plate.
7. The council also approved support of Solid Rock Day Camp with the donation of \$750 from the Council Contingency Fund. The camp will be at Faith Lutheran Church the last full week of June.
8. "Wiffle" still going strong with lots of participants
9. "Matter of Balance" will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning March 5th through March 28th 9:30am until 11:30am.
10. Coming Soon: Middle and High School Youth Retreat at Union Lutheran Church March 15th and 16th.

WHAT THE YOUTH HAVE BEEN UP TO LATELY...

We've had a great start to the year with Youth! **The middle and high school youth have started getting involved with the county-wide youth. These meetings are usually the last Sunday of the month, and we will be hosting one in April.** Everyone seems to have a great time. Randy Buckwell and the Cabarrus County Bomb Squad came and did a great presentation for all of the youth. Thanks to Randy and all!

The middle and high school students that have attended our youth group meetings have been assigned to the different committees at the church. **Did you know that any member of the church can go to any of the committee meetings or even join any of the committees at any time? It is important for our youth to see the many hands it takes for the church to function.** Whether it is finding out what the council does, to planning meals, to the various ways that we help others in our community, to running the service smoothly, to how we work with the children in our congregation. It takes many hands, and more are needed all the time. We teach our children many times when they watch what everyone else is doing. **As they learn more about the stewardship of our church family, they are learning how to be an active member of our congregation!**

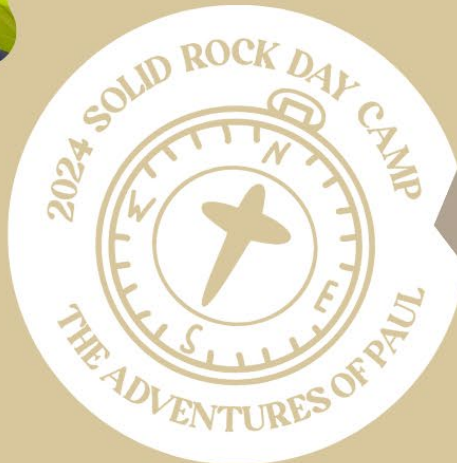
Now as we move in to spring, we have Lenten Wednesday night meals and services. This year we are holding studies for the K-5 and also the middle and high schoolers. The Easter Egg Hunt is coming up, as well as a middle and high school Youth Retreat with the youth from the entire Carolina's Mission Region. **Thank you all for your support of our youth and for modeling for them in their Christian walk through service to our congregation, and to others!**



Solid *Day Camp* Rock

The Lord will keep your coming in and your
going out from this day forth and forevermore.

PSALM 121.8



**June
23-28**

M-TH: 9am-4 pm
F: 9am-12pm

CALLING ALL CHILDREN, GRADES K-5...

Day Camp is coming your way!

Bible Study, Singing, Games, Crafts, Skits, and Lots of Fun!

Friends Are Welcome!

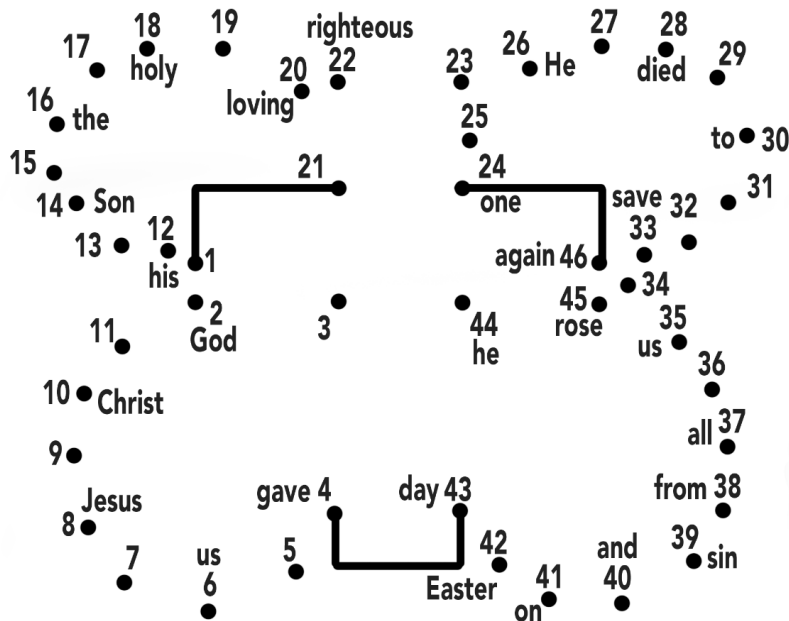
Sign Up Begins

April 1st

Faith Lutheran Church

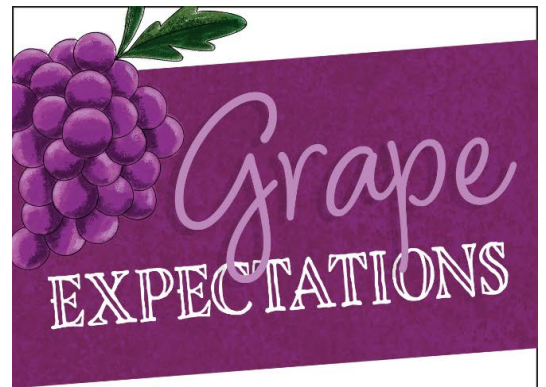
Puzzle!

Connect the dots to find two symbols of Easter. Then write the words in the correct blanks to complete an Easter poem.



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| 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 |
| 16 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 24 | | |
| 26 | 28 | 30 | 33 | 35 | 37 | 38 |
| 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 |

Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, his Son, the holy, loving, righteous one. He died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day he rose again.



Try this chilly new take on a healthy snack.

What you need:

- 30 grapes, washed and dried
- ½ cup vanilla yogurt
- 4 graham crackers, crushed
- Toothpicks
- Parchment paper

What you do:

1. On a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, arrange grapes in a single layer. Freeze for two hours.
2. Insert a toothpick into each grape.
3. Dip each grape into the yogurt, coating half of it.
4. Roll each dipped grape in the crushed crackers. Place back on the parchment.
5. Freeze for two more hours. Enjoy!

