

THERE'S SOMETHING BETTER COMING

The Easter season is a precious time for Christians to celebrate the source of our hope: Christ is risen, and he invites us to rise with him into new life. Easter reminds us that God is still at work, even in the places where we've felt stuck or discouraged.

Easter is an invitation to try again—with his strength—to break habits we thought were unbreakable.

Easter is a chance to breathe new life into a marriage we feared was beyond saving.

Easter is an opportunity to slow down, reach out, and reconnect with those we've unintentionally neglected.

Easter is an invitation to look at our lack of love and seek God for compassion.

Easter is a chance for all no-hopers to regain their vision of what can be!

Easter is an opportunity to renew our faith.

Easter is a chance to “renew our strength and mount up with wings as eagles; to run and not faint.” There's something better coming.

BIBLE QUIZ

According to Matthew's account, something remarkable happened to the earth on the day Jesus was crucified and again on the morning when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary visited the tomb. What occurred on both days?

- A. There was a flood on both days.
- B. There was an earthquake on both days.
- C. There was a huge fire on each day.
- D. There was complete darkness on both days.

*Answer: B (Matthew 27:51;
Matthew 28:2)*



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

April begins the time of Easter. It is a time when new life bursts out of dreary seed pods. It shows how light comes out of darkness; how joy comes out of sadness and how 'new life' comes from the Resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus puts 'springs' in the steps of our souls... and 'bounce' in our emotions and feelings.

Happy Easter Greetings to all,

Pastor Don Safrit

CHURCH CALENDAR

- 4/2 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship
- 4/3 **GOOD FRIDAY**
7:00pm Good Friday Worship
- 4/5 **EASTER SUNDAY**
7:30am Faith Community Sunrise
Service at Shiloh Reformed Church
8:30am Annual Easter Breakfast
10:30am Resurrection Sunday Worship
- 4/11 5:30pm Men of Faith Fish Fry at Faith
Lutheran Picnic Shelter
- 4/12 K-5 Youth Meeting (Bost Family)
- 4/13 5:30pm Yount Group Meeting in Assembly
Room
- 4/15 **TAX DAY**
- 4/18 5:00pm Relay for Life Survivor Dinner in
FLC (Registration at 4:00pm)
- 4/20 5:00pm Social Ministry Meeting
- 4/22 **EARTH DAY & ADMINISTRATIVE
PROFESSIONALS DAY**
- 4/24-4/25 FLC Reserved (Faith Academy Charter
School Dinner Theater)
- 4/25 9:00am-1:30pm Confirmation Class
- 4/26 **SCOUT SUNDAY**
10:30am Worship (Cub Scout participation)
11:30am Cub Scout's Spaghetti Lunch
4:00pm MS/HS Luther League at Salem
Lutheran (Sheets Family)
- 4/28 8:00am-9:00pm FACS Sports Awards
Ceremony

CMR Spring Youth Retreat:
April 17-19 in Murrells Inlet, SC

WEDNESDAYS – 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29
10:00am – Bible Study / Chapel
6:30pm – Handbells
7:30pm – Choir Practice

SUNDAYS – 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26
9:00am – Refreshments & Fellowship
9:30am – Sunday School
10:30am – Worship



- 6 – Brittany Norman
8 – Jayne Lingle
Olivia Herrin
9 – Olivia Wright
11 – Sheila Williams
15 – Tammy Petrea
16 – Tim Kluttz
19 – Hannah Thompson
20 – David Lingle
21 – Brenden Harvell
24 – Nancy Gamewell
29 – Traci Bost

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 – Sally & Mitch Drew
9 – Ted & Shirley Peeler

FAITH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Family Life Center Reserved

Dates: 4/1, 4/8, 4/9, 4/13, 4/14, 4/15, 4/16

Times: 3:30pm-5:30pm

AND

Dates: 4/20, 4/21, 4/22, 4/23

Times: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Family Life Center Reserved All Day

Dates: 4/24-4/25 and 4/28

CUB SCOUTS

Dates: Thursdays – 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30

Times: 7:00pm-8:00pm

WiFFLe

Dates: Every Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, and Friday mornings in FLC

Times: 10:00am-11:00am

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



NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Carolinas Mission Region

Annual Convocation May 1-2, 2026
INGATHERING INFORMATION

During the month of April, Faith Lutheran Church will collect donations for the Carolinas Mission Region (CMR) Annual Convocation.

Randy & LeaAnn Buckwell will be attending as our congregational delegates this year, with Pastor Don Safrit. We will send our donations with them to the Convocation.

CMR INGATHERING:

The Carolinas Mission Region is requesting bath towels and wash cloths, as well as monetary donations for NALC Disaster Response. See more information below.



Bath Towels & Wash Cloths

At the Continental Youth Gathering in July 2026, the Youth plan to assemble 2000 Health Care Kits. The Youth are asking for those attending the CMR Convocation to bring bath towels and washcloths with you, so that they can take them to the Continental Youth Gathering. If you have donations, please place them in the room off the Narthex or on the pew in the Gathering Room.



NORTH AMERICAN
LUTHERAN CHURCH
DISASTER RESPONSE

NALC Disaster Response

CMR Convocation Offerings will be used for the continued help for those in Western North Carolina. CMR encourages all congregations to send an offering with their delegates. We will collect monetary donations for the Convocation Offering. If you would like to contribute, please write “CMR Convocation” on your envelope.



I DO NOT LIKE CANCER!
HERE OR THERE!
I DO NOT LIKE CANCER
ANYWHERE!

But we **DO** love hope.
We **DO** love courage.
We **DO** love survivors.
And we **DO** love Relay for Life.

Join us April 18

Survivor Dinner

Registration 4:00 PM
Dinner 5:00 PM

Free for Survivors
\$5 for Family & Friends

Faith Lutheran Church
205 S Main Street, Faith, NC 280041

To Register: **Carolyn Rogers**

☎ 704-279-5053

✉ cmr1002@hotmail.com



RELAY FOR LIFE

of Rowan County



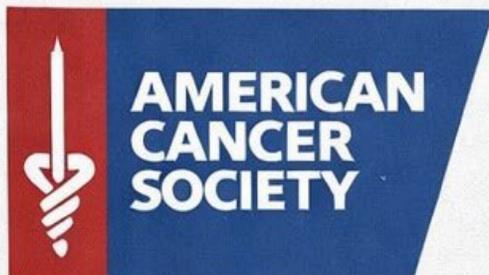
Saturday, May 2, 2026

11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Rowan County Fairgrounds

SIGN UP FOR RELAY'S GOT TALENT

- Silent Auction • Food
- Chance Drawings • Entertainment
- Basket Raffle ... and more!



Benefiting
American Cancer Society

CONTACT: Terri Dockins – 704-314-5459
or Sandy Flowers – 704-267-2089

Spring into Fashion

Sponsored By: Shiloh Women's Guild,
and Lilleigh Jane Clothing

Saturday May 16,
from 11-4 at
Shiloh Reformed
Church of Faith

Tickets \$15 each,
includes Lunch,
Fashion Show, Raffle,
and Guest Speaker

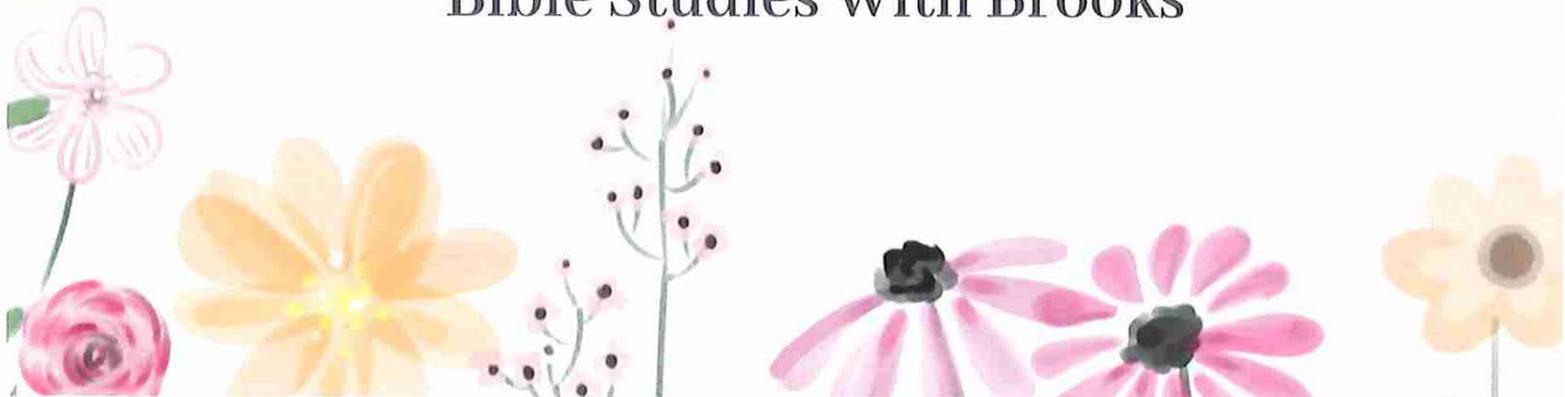
Doors open at 11, lunch is served at 11:30, followed
by Speaker Brooks Zino and Fashion Show

Anyone is welcome to shop the booths from 1-4

Mary Kay ~ Grow With Us NC ~

Handmade By Jess ~ Moments By Emilee ~

Bible Studies With Brooks



Spring into Fashion

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and Lilleigh Jane Clothing

Ticket Link





April Events

4/2

7:00PM - MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

Service of communion and remembrance of the last supper.



4/3

7:00PM - GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

Prayer and solemn reflection of Christ's sacrifice on the cross.



4/5

8:30AM - ANNUAL EASTER BREAKFAST

10:30AM - EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP



4/11

5:30PM - MEN OF FAITH FISH FRY

Enjoy a good fish fry and community at the Picnic Shelter!



4/26

10:30AM - SCOUT SUNDAY & LUNCH

Cub Scouts will serve a Spaghetti Lunch after Worship.



APRIL

YOUTH MEETINGS

April 5 & 19: No Youth.

April 12: K-5 Youth (*Bost Family*). 4PM to 5PM in the FLC.

April 25: Confirmation Class - 9:00am to 1:30pm. Lunch provided.

April 26: MS/HS Luther League (*Sheets Family*). 4PM to 5PM at Salem Lutheran Church.

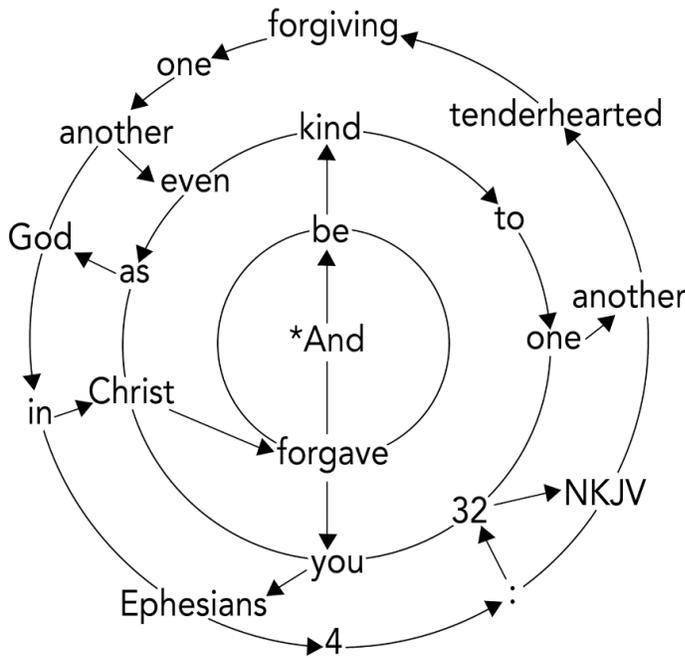


Puzzle!

This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.



Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



"And _____ ,
 _____ , _____
 _____ , _____
 _____ ."
 _____ , _____

Answer: "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32, NKJV



The butterfly reminds us of new life and the Resurrection. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and brings us the hope of new beginnings. This simple craft helps children celebrate that joyful truth.

What you need:

- Light-colored construction paper
- Card stock
- Glue
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Paper towel or baby wipe



What you do:

- Cut out a butterfly body from the construction paper.
- Glue the butterfly body onto the card stock.
- Use a paintbrush to coat the palm of one hand with paint.
- Press your painted hand beside the butterfly body to create a wing.
- Repeat with your other hand to make the second wing.
- Clean your hands with a paper towel or baby wipe.
- Optional: Add Luke 24:5-6 (NIV) around the butterfly or on its body:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

DATE	TOTAL OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
FEBRUARY 22	\$8,365.02	50 Sunday School, 92 Worship
MARCH 1	\$3,990.00	35 Sunday School, 81 Worship
MARCH 8	\$7,632.33	27 Sunday School, 93 Worship
MARCH 15	\$5,684.00	33 Sunday School, 87 Worship
MARCH 22	\$4,649.03	51 Sunday School, 95 Worship

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

	APRIL 5	APRIL 12	APRIL 19	APRIL 26
Acolytes	Adam Short, Caylee Sheets	Leila Roberts, Reagan Bradshaw	Griffin & Sydney Alderman	Julianna Sheets, Mia Spinella
	MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2: Reagan Bradshaw, Leila Roberts GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3: Brooks Moody, Sailor Shoaf			
Audio/Broadcast Team	David Alderman, Aaron Smith, Jeff Mills, Jeff Overcash, Caitlin Rimmer			
Children's Church	<i>Children take Communion</i>	Julie & Sarah Parker	<i>Children take Communion</i>	Amanda Meacham
Children's Message	Pastor Don	Lu Gamewell	Vicki Fink	<i>Faith Kids Sing</i>
Church Sign	Barbara Moose			
Communion Prep.	Ann Bruce & Wanda Mills			
Fellowship Refreshments	<i>Annual Easter Breakfast</i>	Kenny & Meredyth Fisher	Perry & Robin McKnight	Chad & Jamie Sheets
Lector	Jayne Lingle	Rhonda Alderman	Beverly Smith	Allison Smith
Nursery	Meredyth Fisher, Lela Brooks	Amanda Meacham, Holly Moody	Carolyn Rogers, Crystal Bradshaw	Stephanie Barkley, Marissa Asbury
Offering Tellers	Becky Cobb, Barbara Moose			
Ushers	Chad Sheets, Ellis Cauble, Dwayne Fink, Aaron Smith			
2026 Council Members	Rhonda Alderman, Dwight Bradshaw, Randy Buckwell, Dallas Cobb (<i>Vice President</i>), Chandra Fink, Lisa Laws, Perry McKnight (<i>President</i>), Jake Moose, Laura Peeler (<i>Secretary</i>)			

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