

MESSENGER

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Dear Folks,

As we begin the month of February we continue our journey through the Epiphany Season. Sunday scripture texts have us observing two miracle stories (one exorcism and one healing) and then finishing the Epiphany journey at the Mount of Transfiguration. Come join us as we hear and explore what it means today for the power of Jesus to have been on display long ago. Then make plans for another journey, this one through Lent on the way to the cross and resurrection.

WHAT IS LENT ANYWAY?

- The Lenten season is remembered by most as solemn and penitential
- It is preceded by a Shrove Tuesday party, in our case a Pancake Supper, February 17
- It begins on Ash Wednesday with Confession and a Cross of Ashes, when
 - 1) We acknowledge our unfaithfulness to God, our lack of love for our neighbors, and our neglect of suffering and injustice in the world
 - 2) We ask God to wash us and to create in us clean hearts
 - 3) We leave Ash Wednesday worship carrying across-shaped trace of sin and death
 - 4) We continue during Lent to listen for the perpetual call to return to the Lord our God who is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love
- The Lenten season is modeled after the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, tempted by the devil. (Lent is forty days, not counting Sundays, ending on Easter)
- This season is an opportunity for us as people of faith, to focus less on the accumulation of material goods and to take up a faith practice which deepens our piety and serves others in the world. The three classic practices of Lenten Piety are Prayer, Almsgiving, and Fasting. I invite you to take on an additional time of prayer or designate additional offerings to a cherished cause or give up some favorite food or drink for the entire season.
- During Lent we'll retire the 'Alleluia' and 'Hymn of Praise' from the weekly liturgy
- The Acclamation before the Gospel reading will be, "Return to the Lord Your God"

OUR SUNDAY MORNING LENTEN WORSHIP

In addition to worship changes mentioned above we will switch the Sunday Morning 9:30 worship liturgy from *Bread of Life* liturgy in *With One Voice* (blue hymnal) to Marty Haugen's *Now the Feast and Celebration*. Here's a preview of Sunday Morning Gospel Texts:

February 22 - 1st Sunday in Lent: Baptism & Temptation of Jesus, Mark 1:9-15

March 1 - 2nd Sunday in Lent: Repentance & Cross Bearing, Mark 8:31-38

March 8 - 3rd Sunday in Lent: Jesus as the Temple, John 2:13-22

March 15 - 4th Sunday in Lent: Jesus, like a Serpent Lifted Up, John 3:14-21

March 22 - 5th Sunday in Lent: Jesus as Grain which Dies, John 12:20-33

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OUR SUNDAY EVENING SUPPER and LENTEN WORSHIP

On Sunday evenings in Lent we'll gather for supper at 5:15 PM. Below is a list of dates of the gatherings and the committees assigned to provide the meals:

- Feb. 22 - Music and Worship
- March 1 - Family Life and Education
- March 8 - Property and Personnel
- March 15 - Stewardship and Social Ministry
- March 22 - Evangelism, Youth, Finance

Our **worship will focus** on what Jesus called two great Commandments, Mark 12:29-31 "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

- February 22 - Week of Lent 1: Hear, O Israel, Mark 12:28-34 and Genesis 9:8-17
- March 1 - Week of Lent 2: With all your Heart, Mark 12:29-31 and Genesis 17:1-7
- March 8 - Week of Lent 3: With all your Soul, Mark 12:29-31 and Exodus 20:1-17
- March 15 - Week of Lent 4: With all your Mind, 12:29-31 and Numbers 21:4-9
- March 22 - Week of Lent 5: With all your Strength, Mark 12:29-31, Jeremiah 31:31-34

Gather with us so that we may support each other and grow in faith as we make our way to cross of Holy Week and as we make ready for the joys of Easter and resurrection.

Joy and Peace,
Pastor Steve

Social Ministry

Let us join together in the Race Against Hunger. Hope you have placed Feb. 28, 2015 on your calendar for this year's Lexington's Race Against Hunger. You can walk or run: 1 mile, 5K or 10K.

Lexington United Methodist Church will be setting up stations after our services to register our members for the Race to support the four charities which will be receiving the funds. This year LICS will receive **50%** instead of 40% of the profits after the distribution amount to World Vision. LICS funds will remain capped at the receiving amount of \$10,000.

We will further support LICS by bringing canned food to the race or the day prior when we pick up our race packet at the race site: Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church.

We urge you to join us to participate as a church team. The LUMC team challenges other churches to see how many church teams will participate. **And**, don't forget—participate and bring a can of food!

Contact Connie Brock—Lexington United Methodist Church 359-9172
cibroock@windstream.net

Souper Bowl – February 1st is Souper Bowl Sunday. Youth groups across the country are collecting food and money to help eradicate hunger in their own areas. You can help St. James youth by donating items for the Snack Pack and Food Pantry (Toilet Paper is a priority for us this month), or you may put cash in the 'Bowl' out in the narthex. Thanks for sharing Christ's love.

Youth Group - Our youth will be trying something different in 2015 by holding youth meetings during the Sunday School hour beginning February 8. We will meet every Sunday. All youth, grades 7 - 12 are invited. See you at 10:45 on the 8th. Thomas Backman and Mary Hines.

Christian Education Committee - Will meet on Sunday, February 8th immediately following Sunday School. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to discuss children's programs. If you are interested in working with children, please plan to attend this brief meeting. In March, we will meet to discuss Summer Sunday School and a curriculum for Vacation Bible School. April will see us gathering to look at curriculums for the fall. Hope to see you after Sunday School February 8th!

Food Pantry - We need anything that comes in a pack that you only need to add water (Grits, Bisquick, Muffins, etc.).

Backpack Program - We are collecting single drink item, (Capri Sun, Kool Aid). You can usually find them in 10 Packs for around \$2. All donated items may be left in the designated tote in the narthex.

SC Lutheran Men in Mission - Mark you Calendars, February 20-21. 72nd Annual SCLMM, hosted by Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Lexington. Friday the 20th, 7 PM Past Presidents Banquet, Joe Davis, Guest Speaker Saturday the 21st, Registration, Noon; Convention, 1– 5 PM; Worship 5:15 PM; Banquet, 6:30 PM, \$25 each or \$40 per couple.

Coffee House - Family Life would like to thank everyone for their participation in the Coffee House last Saturday. We had a great turnout and the treats everyone brought were delicious! We look forward to the next Coffee House this month.

LICS - Thanks to our congregation for the contributions we gave in 2014. With generous contributions from our church family and many others, LICS served over 20,000 people in Lexington County. 2015 brings continued emphasis in programming for LICS clients and the promotion of self-sufficiency of the entire family. Thank you to everyone for your support of our community!

St. James Lutheran Church Organizational Meeting

1/10/15

Officers for 2015

President: Robert Sharpe Vice President: Cheryl Austin

Treasurer: Sharon Duke Secretary: Carolyn Steele

Financial Secretary: Jeff Hibbs

Asst. Financial Secretary: Kevin Turner

125th Anniversary Committee Chair/Co Chair:

Lisa and Joel Tyson

Congregational Committee Council Representatives

Cemetery: Cheryl Austin

Christian Education: Gwen Freeman

Evangelism: George Steele

Family Life: Dick Kyzer

Finance: Russell Taylor

Personnel: Hazel Kyzer

Property: Dwight Bachman

Social Ministry: Carolyn Steele

Stewardship: Mike Crumpton

Worship and Music: Rebecca Koch

Youth Ministry: Mary Hines

February Birthdays

2/04

Bryan Kyzer, Jr.

Lynnette Steele

2/05

Gene Joyner

2/08

Gwen Freeman

2/11

Jesse Koch

John Spanko

2/13

Retha Slice

2/15

Tommy Hollis

2/16

Zachary Frye

2/18

Jim Tyner

2/23

Robbie Germershausen

Debbie Kyzer

2/25

Brenda Poplin

2/26

Cheryl Austin

2/28

Joyce Zeigler





We Pray for Our Members, Friends and Family:



Prayer List

Members

Charlene Crumpton	Anna Lee Roland
Virginia Hall	Luke Roland
Bill Hogan	Dot Shealy
Gerry Jeffords	Betty Jean Tyson
Evelyn Knox	Frank Taylor
Norma Moore	

Friends & Relatives of Church Members

Gina Amick-Niece of Russell Taylor	Jack Morich - Father of Krisie Turner
Courtney Cagle-Granddaughter of Dollie Pounds	Frankie Pounds - Grandson of Dollie Pounds
Clarence Davis-Father of Jason Davis	Jerry Pounds - Son of Dollie Pounds
Donna Florence - Mother of Megan Joyner	Randy Pounds - Son of Dollie Pounds
Robin Goodman - Niece of Hank Poplin	Pam Presley - Friend of Charlene Crumpton
Mildred Gunter - Cousin of Anna Ree Roland	Fred Sharpe - Friend of Danny & Cheryl Austin
Lee Hamilton - Grandson of Norma Moore	Priscilla Shealy - Sister of Alice Raffa
Vera Havird - Aunt of Miranda West	Johnny Starnes - Brother of Anna Ree Roland
Lanell Hicks - Mother of Miranda West	Emily Whitten - Mother of Lynn Sloan
Michelle Johnston— Friend of Miranda & Eric West	Daughton Woodle—Brother of Dee Franklin
Patricia Jolly - Daughter of Hazel Rawl	
Rick Kyzer - Son of Richard Kyzer	
Roger Lindler-Brother of Mendel Lindler	

Our Military Workers

Michael Anderson - Friend of St. James
 Dwight Barrs - Grandson Eunice Backman
 Joseph Brown - Grandson of Bill & Kathryn Kyzer
 Ryan Caulder - Son of Mot Caulder
 Daniel Herb - Son in Law of Mot Caulder
 Jeremy Jolly - Grandson of Hazel Rawl
 Wayne Watkins - Nephew of S. Jeffords
 Keith Zeigler - Son of Tom Zeigler

Our Shut-ins

Jerry Hutto
 Roberta Pound
 Alvin "Jr." Sharpe
 Dorothy Shealy
 Kathleen Smith

Worship Assistants

February 2015

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>Acolytes</i> February 1 Callie Poplin February 8 Emily Enlow February 15 Mattie O'Quinn February 22 Marshall Hibbs	1 9:30AM - Holy Communion 10:45AM - Sunday School	2 7PM - Cub Scouts	3 6PM - Girl Scouts	4 6:30PM - Choir 7PM - Handbells	5	5	7
<i>Altar Guild</i> Jan Sharpe	9:30AM - Holy Communion 10:45AM - Sunday School Souper Bowl Sunday!	7PM - Cub Scouts	6PM - Girl Scouts	6:30PM - Choir 7PM - Handbells			
<i>Chuck Backman</i>							
<i>Announcements</i> February 1 Gwen Freeman February 8 Rebecca Koch February 15 Robert Sharpe January 25 Carolyn Steele	8 9:30AM - Holy Communion 10:45AM - Sunday School 3:00PM - Youth Meeting	9 7PM - Cub Scouts	10 6PM - Girl Scouts	11 6:30PM - Choir 7PM - Handbells	12	13	14
<i>Assisting Ministers</i> February 1 Katrina Shealy February 8 Lisa Tyson February 15 Robert Sharpe February 22 Lynn Sloan	15 9:30AM - Holy Communion 10:45AM - Sunday School 3:00PM - Youth Meeting	16 7PM - Cub Scouts	17 6PM - Girl Scouts Shrove Tuesday 6PM - Pancake Supper	18 7:00PM - Ash Wednesday 8PM - Handbells	19 12PM - Owls Luncheon @ Flight Deck in Lexington	20	21
<i>Communion Assistants</i> February 1 Susan Thisell February 8 Von Goff February 15 Cheryl Austin February 22 Lynn Sloan Bill Hogan Margaret Hollis	15 9:30AM - Holy Communion 10:45AM - Sunday School 3:00PM - Youth Meeting	16 7PM - Cub Scouts	17 6PM - Girl Scouts Shrove Tuesday 6PM - Pancake Supper	18 7:00PM - Ash Wednesday 8PM - Handbells	19 12PM - Owls Luncheon @ Flight Deck in Lexington	20	21
<i>Lectors</i> February 1 Margaret Hollis February 8 Carin Seward February 15 Ronnie Shealy February 22 Bill Barley	22 9:30AM - Holy Communion 10:45AM - Sunday School 3:00PM - Youth Meeting 5:15PM - Lenten Supper 6:00PM - Lenten Evening #1	23 7PM - Cub Scouts	24 6PM - Girl Scouts	25 6:30PM - Choir 7PM - Handbells	26	27	28
<i>Ushers</i> Ronnie Shealy Joel Tyson	1 9:30AM - Holy Communion 10:45AM - Sunday School 3:00PM - Youth Meeting 5:15PM - Lenten Supper						

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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor

G. Steven Plonk

Music Director

Martha Caulder

Secretary

Meredith George

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 Holy Communion

10:45 Faith Formation

Sunday Church School

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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