

THE WEEKLY MESSENGER



1358 South Lake Drive Lexington, SC 29073

Week of June 18, 2017



The Third Sunday after Pentecost

What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the rooftops. Much of what Jesus taught was revolutionary – forgiving debt, honoring women with an equal voice, championing the poor and the destitute over the rich and famous. Some who criticize the powers that be do so in secret but Jesus wants us to be above board, to have no shame at the vision of a new world that God has given us in his Kingdom. Jesus calls us to trust that we are of infinite worth and so is our neighbor, and to act appropriately upon it without shame!

No Stupid Questions Event

This coming Sunday evening at 5pm there will be a meeting in the Fellowship hall for any and all members of the congregation to discuss the life of our parish, to brainstorm and to ask questions of our faith and practice. Everyone will be invited to ask any question they have about:

- *Church council directions*
- *ELCA & Synod initiatives*
- *Committee ideas and programs*
- *What we believe as Christians and as Lutherans*
- *Anything related to our faith life together*

All questions, no matter their content, will be considered respectfully and if an answer cannot be immediately found the Pastor or a member of the council will get back to you as soon as possible. Here's your chance to ask that questions you've always wanted to ask!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Under Luther's explanation to the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, he adds the following about how a person should confess their sins:

How people are to be taught to confess

What is confession?

Confession consists of two parts. One is that we confess our sins. The other is that we receive the absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God himself and by no means doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thereby forgiven before God in heaven.

Which sins is a person to confess?

Before God one is to acknowledge the guilt for all sins, even those of which we are not aware, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. However, before the pastor we are to confess only those sins of which we are aware and which trouble us.

Which sins are these?

Here reflect on your walk of life in light of the Ten Commandments: whether you are father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, servant; whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, lazy, whether you have harmed anyone by word or deed; whether you have stolen, neglected, wasted, or injured anything.

Many Lutherans are surprised to learn that Luther retained private confession to a pastor as an important ministry of the church. In some Protestant circles we have been taught to reject those things that we think are too Roman Catholic and private confession is often one such thing. But Luther thought private confession was a tremendous gift from God for freeing our consciences and lightening our burdens. What is confessed to a pastor is held in the strictest confidence – not even the government can compel a pastor to divulge what was shared. How many times have you wanted to get something off your chest but just talking to yourself or even praying about it is not enough? Luther and the other Reformers were clear that we need to hear the Gospel of forgiveness from outside ourselves so that we can truly believe it. Luther thought so highly of confession that he nearly left it as a sacrament of the church. He would be alarmed to know that it has fallen into disuse in many places.

What Luther fought against was not confession but the requirement to confess regularly as a gateway to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Roman Catholics still today have the requirement that they must make a sacramental confession at least once a year. Luther thought that this requirement sent people looking for things to confess to fulfill the requirement rather than seeking genuine comfort from the words of absolution delivered by the pastor.

Years ago I knew a man who told me that for years he had lived with the guilt of his first wife's suicide. He had been away on a fishing trip and his children were at home with his wife when she took her life. His second marriage could not bear the weight of his continuing grief and sense of guilt and ended in divorce. Twenty-five years after his first wife's death he still had trouble sleeping at night. He told me he had been to psychologists and even a psychiatrist and none had helped. Then he went to see his pastor for confession. I met him weeks after this. He said, "You know, Pastor, I haven't slept so well in years!"

Luther included confession in his explanation of Baptism because in confession we are reminded that God has claimed us and made us his own, that we have died and become alive in Christ and that nothing in all creation – not even our sin – can separate us from the love of God. In baptism we have already been forgiven; we spend the rest of our lives being reminded of it and living it out.

WORSHIP LEADERS IN JUNE/JULY

Sunday, June 25	Sunday, July 2	Sunday, July 9	Sunday, July 16
Presiding Minister Pastor Kevin Ogilvie	Presiding Minister Pastor Kevin Ogilvie	Presiding Minister Pastor Mary Anderson	Presiding Minister Pastor Mary Anderson
Assisting Minister Cheryl Austin	Assisting Minister	Assisting Minister	Assisting Minister
Acolyte	Acolyte	Acolyte	Acolyte
Communion Assistants Mary Browder	Communion Assistants Cheryl Austin Cora Nevitt	Communion Assistants Carolyn Steele	Communion Assistants
Altar Guild Laney Strickland	Altar Guild Lynnette Steele	Altar Guild Lynnette Steele	Altar Guild Lynnette Steele
Greeters John Harmon Jeanette Harman	Greeters Tom Boozer Glenda Boozer	Greeters Tom Boozer Glenda Boozer	Greeters Tom Boozer Glenda Boozer
Lector Mary Browder	Lector	Lector	Lector
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers



WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED



St. Peter writes: ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:)

You are that royal priesthood and all Christians are invited to help in leading worship. We have many opportunities from reading lessons, assisting with communion, serving as an acolyte or in the choir. Please be sure to sign up in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or speak with Pastor Kevin! He is happy to give you instruction in how to do the service you choose.

Member Prayer List

Pastor Bill Kyzer
Kathleen Smith
Sandra Chapman
Von Goff



Member Shut-ins

Bobby Frazier
Frank McLeod
Roberta Pound
Dollie Pounds
Anna Ree Roland
Kathleen Smith
Joan Leskoske
Norma Moore

Friends & Relatives of Church Members

David Ball - Father of Rosemary Davis
Randy Baker - Friend of the Freeman's
Emma Snelgrove - Mother of Cheryl Austin
Family of Jessie Mae Owens Spires - Cousin of Margaret & Allen Hollis
Jacob Dooley-Uncle of Margaret and Allen Hollis
Clarence Davis - Father of Jason Davis
Barbara Eckard - Cousin of Mary Hines
Gracey Goodman - Great Niece of Henry Poplin
Mildred Gunter - Cousin of Anna Ree Roland
Lee Hamilton - Grandson of Norma Moore
Terri Moore Hamilton - Daughter of Norma Moore
Colene Hook - Mother of Kristie Joyner
Bob Florence - Father of Megan Joyner
Ann Addy—Friend of Katrina Shealy
Laurie Williams— Marshall O'Quinn Teacher
Calla Wood— Granddaughter of Adam and Carolyn Steele
Mickey Steele and Rita Cromer— Friends of the Austin Family.
Bill & Linda Dottery —Cousins & friends of Margaret Hollis

Lanell Hicks - Mother of Miranda West
Rick Kyzer - Son of Richard Kyzer
Roger Lindler - Brother of Mendel Lindler
Billy Long - Brother of Mike Long
Sandy Martin - Friend of Janet & Russell Taylor
Samantha Molnar - Sister of Carolyn Steele
Gerald Roof - Brother of Debbie Kyzer
Priscilla Shealy - Sister of Alice Raffa
Allie Snider- Granddaughter of the Freeman's
Johnny Starnes - Brother of Anna Ree Roland
Susan Russell - Friend of Brenda Poplin
Caleb Bratcher— Friend of Mary Hines
Sandra Voelker - Friend of Margaret Hollis
Lois Watson - Mother of Debbie Areheart
William Watson - Father of Debbie Areheart
Julia Shealy—Friend of Katrina Shealy
The Family of John Price — Cousin of Margaret & Allen Hollis
Mike and Janet Crumptions family
Gene Crumpton— Uncle

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
Aaron Frazier— Grandson of Bobby and Jean Frazier

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

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Would you like to remember a loved one or honor someone special? Please consider a donation of flowers for our altar area on Sunday morning! A sign up sheet is in the Narthex. You are asked to speak directly with the florist or to bring the arrangement yourself. Speak with Pastor Kevin for details.

This Week At St. James

Monday, June 19

6:30 Yoga
7PM LMM

Tuesday, June 20

6:30PM Girl Scouts

Wednesday, June 21

6:30PM Choir Practice

Thursday, June 22

7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday June 23

7PM Movie Night

Sunday, June 25

Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:15AM Sunday School

10:30AM Holy Communion

5PM "No stupid question meeting"



We will start sending out cards to Shut-ins once a week. If you would like to sign the card it will be placed in the Narthex on Sunday's and sent out on Mondays. If you have any questions please swing by the church office.

Birthdays

6/25

Maria Wyville
Bob Koch

6/26

Scott Strickland
Emmerson Hibbs

6/27

Carin Seward
Katie Dattilio

6/28

Kathryn Kyzer

6/29

Hannah Turner



**Movie Night at St. James!
Friday June 23rd @ 7PM**

Join us for our first Family Movie Night. We will be showing "Sing", the story of a koala who decides to hold a singing competition to save his theater. We encourage you to bring your blankets and pillows and we'll bring the popcorn.

No children's Sunday School in June, July and August.

House of Hope: Info for Volunteers

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House of Hope Opening August 1st

Many of you know about our newest ministry, opening August 1st in Lexington. For those who do not, let me share this exciting news with you.

Almost a year and a half ago, God began to show us that he had even more in store for us at LICS: expanding our ministry to reach more individuals and families in our community. We were gifted the use of the parsonage at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Lexington. Pastor Bob and his team agreed to allow LICS to open a pregnancy care center, House of Hope in their space.

House of Hope will be a pregnancy care center offering education and compassionate support to women and men facing difficult pregnancy decisions.

The free services offered include:

- Pregnancy Testing
- Ultrasounds
- Pre/Post Decision Support
- Prenatal/Parenting Classes
- Baby Boutique
- Future Father Support
- Referrals to Physicians

Women and men visiting House of Hope will only receive accurate information and confidential services, always free of charge.

House of Hope will provide information about all pregnancy options to clients, as well as ongoing practical support, regardless of the decision made. We believe it is important to help fully educate individuals facing these life-changing decisions. By offering compassionate support and sharing the hope of Christ, we remove the barriers that often cause people to choose abortion; empowering them to make positive choices for themselves and their families. For those who experience grief or regret related to a past abortion, abortion recovery programs are also available.

The Medical Director of the center is Dr. David Stallard, and the Director is Cynthia Ellis. There will also be an office administrator added to the staff.

We are currently reviewing applications for the volunteer positions available at House of Hope. The application process is a little different than at LICS, because of the seriousness of the ministry and confidentiality of the medical information. The client advocates are similar to the current interviewer positions here at LICS. They are responsible for meeting with the women during their appointments, forming relationships and trust, sharing the gospel of Jesus, helping the woman walk through the pregnancy test process, and eventually providing support after the test results are revealed.

Other volunteer positions available include sonographers, males for Future Father support, Baby Boutique volunteers, community liaisons, and more.

If you are interested in being a volunteer at House of Hope, please fill out the application attached, and send to cynthia@houseofhopesc.org. With any questions, please reach out to Cynthia at 803-996-4673.

Please note that the first volunteer training for Client Advocates will be Saturday, June 24th. If you are interested in attending the training, please send your application no later than June 12th.

All other volunteers will be trained at a later date.

Stay tuned for more information about the grand-opening and sneak preview tours of House of Hope. We are so grateful for the opportunity to continue glorifying God by serving our neighbors in crisis.

Blessings,



Needs for House of Hope

Preemie diapers

Baby boy caps

baby socks, shoes, bibs, pacifiers

baby bottles

A box will be placed in the Narthex for these items. If you have any questions please stop by the church office.

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Music Director

Martha Caulder

Secretary

Sharon Summers

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15am Sunday School

10:30 Holy Communion

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

St. James Lutheran Council for 2017

Cheryl Austin,	<i>President</i>	Dick Kyzer	<i>Property</i>
Adam Steele,	<i>Vice-President/Cemetery</i>	Larry Kyzer	<i>Evangelism</i>
Kevin Turner,	<i>Secretary/Family Life</i>	Katrina Shealy	<i>Worship & Music</i>
Jeff Hibbs,	<i>Fin. Secretary/Personnel</i>	Pastor Kevin	<i>Ex Officio</i>
Ben Freeman	<i>Treasurer/Finance</i>		
Kim Backman,	<i>Christian Education</i>		
Mary Browder	<i>Social Ministry</i>		
John Harmon	<i>Stewardship</i>		
Mary Hines	<i>Youth</i>		