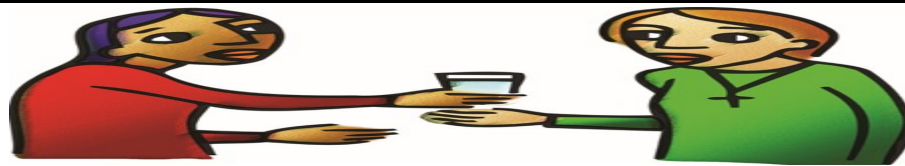


THE WEEKLY MESSENGER



1358 South Lake Drive Lexington, SC 29073

Week of June 25, 2017



The fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus said to the twelve:]⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

Did you know you were so important that if someone aids or welcomes you because you are a follower of Jesus, they receive a reward. Even if they give you a cup of cold water on a hot day, because you serve the Christ, they shall be blessed. I used to read this about doing nice things for those who are “little in this world” and therefore I would receive a blessing, but Jesus says if we become vulnerable to, even dependent upon, others then we become a source of blessing for them. That’s a lot to digest! Come consider the thought on Sunday.



A huge **Thank You** to everyone who attended June 23rd’s Movie night.

Family Movie Night

7PM June 30th in the Fellowship Hall

A fun, family friendly movie! Popcorn! Lemonade! A cool venue! Good friends around! Free! Come enjoy an evening with friends!



Catechism Corner

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and St. Paul write thus:

“In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

The words “given for you” and “shed for you for the forgiveness of sin” show us that forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament through these words, because where there is forgiveness of sin, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such a great thing?

Eating and drinking certainly do not do it, but rather the words that are recorded: “given for you” and “shed for you for the forgiveness of sin.” These words, when accompanied by

the physical eating and drinking, are the essential thing in the sacrament, and whoever believes these very words has what they declare and state, namely, "forgiveness of sin."

Who, then, receives this sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are in fact a fine external discipline, but a person who has faith in these words, "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin," is really worthy and well prepared. However, a person who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, because the words "for you" require truly believing hearts.

Are the bread and wine the real body and blood of Jesus? Yes. Isn't it just a symbol, something we do to remember Jesus and what he did for us as a way of showing our thanks and our faith? No. The emphasis according to Luther is on what God does for us. The emphasis is upon God's promise: Jesus is present "in, with and under" the bread and wine because he has promised so to be. Forgiveness of sins is granted as we receive the bread and wine, the Body and the Blood, because Jesus promised! We sometimes call this great Supper, a Eucharist (from the Greek word meaning "thanksgiving") for we are grateful but the emphasis is not upon our thanksgiving but upon the fact that Jesus took the bread, **gave thanks**, and broke it. Jesus offered God the thanksgiving and we now participate in that. We sing that this is "a foretaste of the feast to come," because in this meal we know and touch Jesus, we have the concrete assurance that we are forgiven, loved and empowered to be God's people in the world. There is no more important thing that we do as Christians than this. It is the center of who we are for each week we meet the Risen Christ in bread and wine, we are fed, strengthened, forgiven, empowered and sent out.

WORSHIP LEADERS IN JULY

Sunday, July 2

Presiding Minister
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

Assisting Minister

Acolyte

Communion Assistants
Cheryl Austin
Cora Nevitt

Altar Guild
Lynnette Steele

Greeters
Tom Boozer
Glenda Boozer

Lector

Ushers

Sunday, July 9

Presiding Minister
Pastor Mary Anderson

Assisting Minister

Acolyte

Communion Assistants
Carolyn Steele

Altar Guild
Lynnette Steele

Greeters
Tom Boozer
Glenda Boozer

Lector

Ushers

Sunday, July 16

Presiding Minister
Pastor Mary Anderson

Assisting Minister

Acolyte

Communion Assistants

Altar Guild
Lynnette Steele

Greeters
Tom Boozer
Glenda Boozer

Lector

Ushers

Sunday, July 23

Presiding Minister
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

Assisting Minister

Acolyte

Communion Assistants

Altar Guild
Lynnette Steele

Greeters
Tom Boozer
Glenda Boozer

Lector
Cheryl Austin

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
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
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 26

6:30 Yoga

Tuesday, June 27

6:30PM Girl Scouts

Wednesday, June 28

6:30PM Choir Practice

Thursday, June 29

7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, July 2

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15AM Sunday School

10:30AM Holy Communion



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

7/2

Jenna Feaster

7/5

Stephanie Fett

Lizzy Turner

7/6

Rhonda Areheart

Aubrey Poplin

7/7

Robert Germershausen

Faye Kirby

Brayson Boone

7/8

Lenora Bond

Eric Roland



Needs for House of Hope

Preemie diapers

Baby boy caps

baby socks, shoes, bibs, pacifiers

baby bottles

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

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

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,



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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>		