
The Encourager



St. Luke's Lutheran Church
"a church that encourages"

March 2024

(Deadline for the upcoming Newsletter submissions is on March 25th)

**The Mission of St. Luke's Lutheran Church is to
Share God's Love Through
Welcoming, Encouraging and Serving**

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Budget for fiscal year 2024 Current & Proposed
Tenants

CONGREGATION & WORSHIP LIFE



Watch us on YouTube

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - March 3rd at 10:00am
(Sanctuary)

Kid's Worship
Worksheet

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - March 10th at 10:00am
(Sanctuary)

Kid's Worship
Worksheet

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - March 17th at 10:00AM
(Sanctuary)

w/ Noisy Offering Roof Above

Kid's Worship
Worksheet

PALM SUNDAY - March 24th at 10:00am
(Sanctuary)

Kid's Worship
Worksheet

MAUNDY THURSDAY - March 28th at 7:00pm
(Sanctuary)

Kid's Worship
Worksheet

GOOD FRIDAY - March 29th at 7:00pm
(Sanctuary)

Kid's Worship
Worksheet

EASTER SUNDAY - March 31st

at 7:00am (Chapel)

at 10:00am (Sanctuary)

WORSHIP NOTES LENT TO EASTER 2024

“Yet Even Now”

Overall Theme: We often say that the children are our future, but we then forget that this future is present. During this season of Lent, we are going to explore the book by Reggie McNeal called “The Present Future: Six Difficult Questions for the Church.” In this book it is recognized that the future looks very different from the past. What does it mean that this future is present? The reading from the prophet Joel for Ash Wednesday, speaks of the day of the Lord as darkness and gloom. It speaks of the end of what was. In verse 12, however, the tone switches. The prophet speaks, “Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with weeping and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing.” We also can focus on the gloom and darkness as everything seems to be changing or falling apart. Yet even now, we are invited to embrace a different future not grounded in our works but solely on God’s grace and love won through the resurrection of Christ. Join in this season of Lent as we recognize and embrace the present future.

March 3rd

Third Sunday in Lent

“Proclaim Christ Crucified”

How Do We Develop Followers of Jesus?

Main Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
(Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22)

March 10th

Fourth Sunday in Lent

“In The Ages To Come”

How Do We Prepare For The Future?

Text: Ephesians 2:1-10
(Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21)

March 17th

Fifth Sunday in Lent

“He Learned Obedience”

Text: Hebrews 5:5-10
(Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33)

March 24th

Palm/Passion Sunday

“Listen As Those Who Are Taught”

Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

Text: Isaiah 50:4-9a (Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 15:1-47)

March 28th

Maundy-Thursday

“Set You an Example”

(John 13:15)

Text: Farewell Discourse of Jesus in John 14-17
(Excerpts)

March 29th

Good Friday
Tenebrae Service

“Today You Will Be With Me”
(Luke 23:43)

Text: John 18:1-19:42
(Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 10:16-25)

COPELAND'S CORNER

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. (Mark 8:34-35)

If Any Want To Become My Disciples: In this culture of opinion polls and valuing individual desires above responsibility, these words from Jesus raise an important question. Do you want to be a disciple of Jesus? Before you answer too quickly, you need to know there is a cost to following Jesus. He calls us to take up our cross and follow him. He calls us to put responsibility above our desires. He calls us to do what is right even if it is not what you desire. Jesus, himself, asked for the cup to be removed. Nonetheless, he submitted to God’s will above his own desires. To want to be a disciple of

Jesus is to check your own desires at the door. To want to be a disciple of Jesus is to want what God wants. Do you want to be a disciple of Jesus?

Take Up Your Cross and Follow: Many who were following Jesus to this point pulled back from the journey. They counted the cost and did not want to deny themselves. They no longer wanted to be his disciple. Now it is your choice. Are you ready to deny yourself? Are you ready to lay down your desires to take up the will of God in Jesus Christ? Are you ready to follow him?

Want To Save Their Life, Will Lose It: Either way, you will not be able to hold onto your life. Either way, you will lose this life. That is the irony. In trying to protect it, you fail to live it. I heard a recent song that said, "you can love a memory, but a memory can't love you back." Are you holding onto your life and what you have so strongly that you are no longer living it? If you want to save your life, you will lose it.

Those Who Lose Their Life, For My Sake and the Sake of the Gospel, Will Save It: As followers of Christ, we are called to put our lives on the line for the Gospel. St. Lukes as a community of faith is being called to do the same. We are being called to put all that we have and all that we are on the line. We can't protect ourselves from death. Instead, we are invited to walk right into it with the assurance that because He lives, we will live also. Are we ready to lose our lives for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel? Are we ready to take up our cross and follow him?

Let us pray...*God of life, sometimes we don't want to follow. Sometimes we would rather protect what we have, than to lay it all on the line to follow you. You remind us, either way we will lose our life. Yet, if we take up our cross and follow you, then we will gain your life now and forever. Lead us, O Lord, from death to life in Jesus name. Amen!!!*

LENT 2024 CONTINUES "SIX TOUGH QUESTIONS FOR THE CHURCH"

When The Previous Answers No Longer Work: When things are stable, answers continue to work. When things change, it is important to ask different questions. Only with different questions will we discover new answers for a new day. During the season of Lent, we are going to explore six questions that can reshape our vision and lead us to new answers. This is based on the book by Reggie McNeal, *"The Present Future: Six Tough Questions for the Church."*

Wednesday Night Lenten Service and Program: As we prepare to move forward as a community of faith, we will explore these six questions with the hopes that they will open our eyes to the future God is preparing for us. The schedule will be:

· **6:30pm Soup Supper:** Join for some food and fellowship prior to our Lenten service and program. Look for sign-up genius to sign up to bring soup to share.

· **7:00pm Service and Program:** As we center ourselves in scripture, prayer and song, we will explore the below Questions:

- **How Do We Develop Followers of Jesus?**
- **How Do We Prepare for the Future?**
- **How Do We Develop Leaders for the Christian Movement?**

Make plans now to prepare your heart for the present reality of a new future and let us get ready to receive the resurrection and new life.

NOISY OFFERING

In Febraury we collected for:

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

This month we will be collecting for:



The March Noisy Offering will go to Roof Above. St. Luke's has been faithfully active in Room in the Inn, one of Roof Above's programs. Each day, Roof Above serves 1,200 people in Charlotte who are experiencing homelessness and extreme poverty. They offer everything from street outreach and basic services, to shelter and housing. Roof Above believes that home is critical for safety, stability, and dignity in people's lives.

Meet Quintin, who has "Walked That Mile" to housing with support from Roof Above.

Quintin's charm and quick wit are magnetic. A rising star in high school, he was a talented quarterback and the vice president of student government. He became a father at a young age and joined the Marines after graduation, serving for six years.

He's always been curious, which led him to pursue studies as a paralegal, to coach children's sports, including a Special Olympics team, and to attend culinary school.

Ever curious, Quintin also made choices that eventually led him to prison. While incarcerated, he felt a spiritual call to preach and wrote a sermon called "U-turn." He asked himself, "Who are you to take away what God gives? God gives you your freedom."

That perspective shift nudged him to change his life, as did the heartbreaking loss of his mother, whom he described as his best friend, while he was in prison. After being released, he also experienced the tragic losses of his son and grandson. He grew tired of “being in the street,” so he went to Roof Above’s shelter.

Quintin describes his journey to housing as an answered prayer. He has been safely housed in one of our permanent supportive housing sites for a year. He says, “I got what I asked God for, a roof over my head. At Roof Above.”

These days, Quintin spends time with his family, including his four great-grandchildren. He’s using his curiosity to pursue his enjoyment of books, food and music. He’s also written a few sermons.

He’s not sure yet when he’ll share those sermons he’s written. He says, “I’m gathering myself spiritually, which is a challenge considering the life that I’ve lived previously. I’m learning to accept that I’m here for a purpose. I get to share with everybody that things can change.”

Roof Above
Website

FLOWER CHART IN THE NARTHEX

If you would like to beautify our church sanctuary, honor someone, or commemorate a special day, please add your name to the chart!

We are now using Starclaire House of Flowers. They can be contacted at 704-553-2435. Payment is by credit card or check in advance to the florist.

Remember to tell the florist the date you are giving.

Call Ami-Luise at the church office at 704-523-7981 or email office@stlukeselca.org with the information you would like put in the bulletins by Wednesday morning of the week you are giving.

If you have any questions, call Pam Moser at 704-552-0996. Thanks!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Did we miss your birthday?

Email us
or
call us at
704-523-7981
so we can update our Birthday List.

Email the
office

6 Carrie Beckham
8 Tiffany Miller
9 Judith Whelan
10 Alyene Keen
11 Karen Smith
15 Linda Horne
16 Joe Perez
17 Tom Huber
18 Prissy Carpender
19 Gray Howard
20 Sean McCall
21 Steven Lorimer
24 Cozette Nowak
24 Betty Paysinger
26 Amanda Howard
27 Alexandra Jenkins
28 Bob Morris

Katharina Circle

The Katharina Circle members please reach out to your circle members

Anna Vee Circle

The Anna Vee Circle will be meeting in the conference room
at 12:00pm on March 5th.

Lutheran Men In Mission (LMIM)

If you need minor repairs, changing out smoke detectors, and batteries please contact the church office and we will get you in touch with Tom Frick.

The LMIM gents want you to know they are available for odd jobs with their "Congregation/Community Help Program".

ST. LUKE'S HAPPENINGS!

UPDATE ON OUR JOURNEY TO THE FUTURE

Waypoint Has Chosen Not to Move Forward With Leasing:

Waypoint Community Church with whom we have been in conversation regarding leasing space in St. Lukes facility has chosen to remain where they are. This decision came as we began to engage deeper questions of logistics regarding facility use and parking. Though this relationship will not move forward, it does not mean that we are not.

Still A Great Need for Space and We Have it: There is still a great need for affordable space in Charlotte for Not-for-Profit Ministries and community activities and organizations. This need has the potential to provide enough funds to cover all the costs associated with the facility while also filling it up with activity that fits the mission of St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

With Burden Removed – Congregation Can Be Redeveloped:

Once the weight of the facility is removed from the congregation, the congregation can begin search for a pastor to lead the congregation in redevelopment for a time such as this.

Plans To Move Footprint of Congregation: To open the most space for facility use while preserving enough space for present and future ministry and mission of St. Lukes, plans are being made to consolidate and move our presence to the front. This involves:

- **Architectural Drawings for the Space**
- **A Plan for Moving Into this New Footprint that includes:**
 - Moving Costs
 - Technology
 - Security
- **One Year Facility Use Manager Salary**

Financing the Future: Once we have a clear plan and costs for this move, we need to explore how we raise those funds. This will include conversations about:

- **Capital Campaign**
- **Fund Raisers and Benefits**
- **Loans**

Loans are certainly not the desired means but may be necessary. Paying them back would be factored in the business plan. The only other option is to sell the

facility. With the value of the property, any loan would be paid off on sale. Our prayer, however, is that selling will not be necessary.

Development of the Encouragement Center: Moving forward, leadership is engaging the following toward creating the St. Luke's facility as a sustainable encouragement center with anchor tenants as well as events and community service. Ongoing work includes:

- **Develop Position Description for Facility Manager Full Time**
- **Continued work on Leases for Anchor Tenants**
- **Development of Policies To Guide Use and Decisions**

All This Pending Approval by Congregation: The plan will be brought to the congregation for review and approval before moving forward. Please continue to pray and watch for updates as we move toward the future God is preparing.

MUSIC DIRECTOR POSITION

A team is being formed that is representational to guide the search for a Music Director. Recognizing that it is impossible to replace Jan, we need to envision the position anew. This will mean creating a new position description that describes the needs and skills needed for the position. Please pray for this team as it is developed and begins its work and more information will be coming soon.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need help in these areas:

- Video (Live Stream)
- Sound
- Organ
- Sunday Offering Counters
- Easter Egg Event

Please reach out to the office.

CHILDREN EASTER EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need help with this event both before and day of event:

- Candy to fill eggs (dairy & Gluten free needed).
 - Handwritten special messages of the resurrection and God's love for them.
 - Egg stuffers.
 - Hiding the eggs day of event.
 - Clean up after event.
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LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Sign Up Genius

Sign Up for soups and bread for the Wednesday evening dinners followed by worship. Beverages will be provided by the church.

6:00pm - 6:30pm Soup Supper
6:30pm - 7:30pm Worship

March 6th

Parish Hall & Chapel

March 13th

Parish Hall & Chapel

March 20th

Parish Hall & Chapel

March 27th

Schumacher Community Room & Sanctuary



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm/Passion Sunday – March 24th: We are invited on Palm Sunday to not just hear the story but connect it with our stories. We become the characters in the story. We become those who lay palms at Jesus feet on Sunday and yell crucify by Friday. We remember the failure of all and prepare ourselves to receive the grace and victory of Jesus that only God could win.

Maundy-Thursday Worship 7pm March 28th: Maundy means command. It is where we remember Christ's command that we are to love as Christ loved us. Our mission is to Share God's Love through welcoming, encouraging and serving. This is the story that defines that love. We hear how Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. We hear how he prepared his disciples for his death. We hear the institution of the Lord's supper. Now we are called to do this in remembrance and as the remembrance of Christ.

Good Friday Tennebrae Service 7PM March 29th: Good Friday Tennebrae is a service of shadows. It is a time when we remember that on that day, every enemy and shadow that can overshadow and threaten us hung over the cross. We remember our weakness and vulnerability in the face of those shadows. Yet, we also remember that we are not on the cross. Jesus died for our sins. It's Friday, but Sunday is coming!

Easter Sunday March 31st: Every Sunday is a celebration of Easter, but the Festival of the Resurrection comes on the culmination of our journey to the cross and Jesus' death. It is on this Sunday that we are invited to hear the victory of Jesus anew. We are reminded that death does not win, and life is always in front of us through the resurrection. We need that message more than ever this year. Easter did not begin with fanfare. It began in the darkness and an empty tomb. We are invited to bring our grief and pain to the cross where we are reminded that "He Has Risen!"

- **Easter Sunrise Service at 7AM in the Chapel:** Come as the women who approached the tomb that first Easter morning. In the darkness and the quiet, we will gather in the chapel as the light begins to dawn. Let the message dawn upon you. "He Has Risen, He Has Risen Indeed!"
- **Potluck Easter Breakfast at 8:30AM in the Parish Hall:** Bring a breakfast dish to share and join us as we break bread together.
- **Flowering of the Cross 8:30AM:** Plans are being made to continue this tradition. Plan to bring a flower to place in the cross for Easter morning.
- **Festival of the Resurrection at 10AM:** We will soak in the incredibly good news of the resurrection in this festival celebration. As we do we will dedicate ourselves anew to the Easter Life before us in Jesus Christ.
- **Easter Egg Hunt Following the Service:** The children present will be invited onto the lawn for an Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Eggs will be filled with special messages of the resurrection and God's love for them to find.

ROOM IN THE INN 2024

March RITI Sign Up Genius

Our second Room in the Inn was held on January 28th and went as smoothly as our first one. We can thank the many St. Luke's members who give such strong support to this program. The set up of beds, tables and chairs, and making of the beds were done by Alyene Keen, Prissy Carpenter, Margit Hunt, Julie Bartlett and Judy Hall. Our faithful van driver, Heather Micci, brought our guests to St. Luke's and returned them to Roof Above on Monday morning. She also takes the time to join us for dinner so she can socialize with our neighbors.

We had seven women, including one mother and her nine-year-old son, as our guests. They were greeted by Prissy Carpender, Margit Hunt and Julie Bartlett who helped them settle in. Then they all enjoyed chicken noodle soup provided by Helen Morris.

Our host team for dinner was the Katharina Circle, and they did a wonderful job providing a delicious meal of baked and BBQ chicken, mac and cheese, green bean casserole, corn on the cob, salad, rolls, red velvet cupcakes, and strawberry covered pretzels. Volunteers preparing and serving the meal were Janet Henderson, Mary and Jim Lachacz, Judy Hall, Cheri Williams, Lynn Sidlovsky, Phil and Diana Brooks, and Ryan McCall. Food

donations were also given by Yvonne Bartlett, Kristy Elgart, Karen Smith, Julie Bartlett, and Jan Brauer.

We especially appreciate Phil Brooks and Gary Williams, who stayed overnight and served breakfast to our guests and supervised the breakdown of beds, tables and chairs, and locked up the kitchen and gathered the laundry the next morning. On their way out to the van Monday morning, our guests were given a delicious to-go lunch provided by Fancita Lorimer.

All in all, it was a great success. We had a delightful group of women that we enjoyed meeting. And sometimes we find unexpected talent in our guests. This night we discovered that the nine-year-old child was a chef who had his own vegan cooking show on YouTube. He also goes to people's homes to give private vegan cooking lessons. He was fascinating to talk to. While we received many "thank yous" that night, this child took the time to write a personal note to St. Luke's (see below). This is how we share God's love!

Phil & Diana Brooks

Children of St. Luke's making Valentine cards and decorating bags for treats for our Room in the Inn guests on February 18th.



Thank you VOLUNTEERS
of ST. LUKE'S for giving
me and my mom a
place to sleep Thank
you for passing the
Blessing.

Aiyden Scott-Drahn

1/29/2024

BOY SCOUT TROOP 355

The Scouts still have some BBQ left to sell.

**Smoked BBQ, Brunswick Stew, Red Slaw &
BBQ Sauce are still available.**

Hickory Smoked BBQ \$14.00 per pound

Brunswick Stew \$14.00 per quart

Red Slaw \$5.00 per pint

BBQ Sauces \$5.00 a bottle
Eastern Mild, Eastern Hot, Western

Please make checks out to Boy Scout Troop 355.

Please call the office regarding purchase.

A NOTE FROM STEVE HUBBARD

Steve Hubbard sends his sincere thanks for the cards and words of comfort after the passing of his mother, Margaret Dickens, who was a member of St. Paul Lutheran in Statesville. She was also aware of the prayers from St. Luke's members and was genuinely grateful.

I feel so blessed to be part of the St. Luke's family.

FROM TOM AINSWORTH

One of my favorite movies is "Major League" where a bunch of misfit

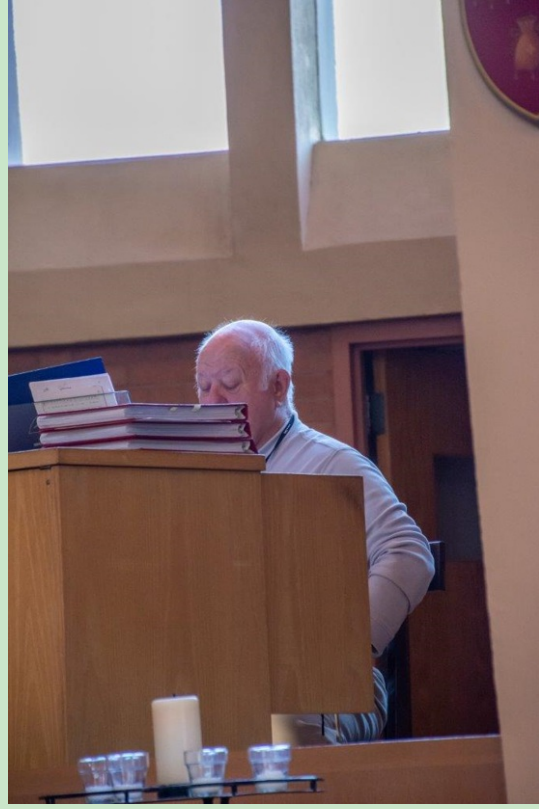
professional baseball players for the Cleveland Indians try to make the playoffs to avoid being let go by the team's owner, a woman who wants to move the team to Miami. If their playing is so bad that the season attendance drops below a certain figure, she can accomplish that. Visiting the locker room unexpectedly after implementing a series of harsh playing conditions to make the team lose, she suddenly encounters the naked manager screaming after having experienced a whirlpool without hot water. When she suggests that he put on a towel, the sharp-witted and seasoned manager replies "I'm too old to keep diving into lockers!" I feel the same way about people who say very unacceptable things. Sorry, but I think it's my "Christian duty" to challenge some really bad and idiotic behavior. The old adage we all grew up with, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all", needs a lot of rethinking in many respects. I know that we are taught as Christians to love one another as we would be loved. But when a fellow Christian acts in a way, or says something, that is stupid, wrong and offensive I think it is our duty AS Christians to not only come out and say something to counter that behavior but to come down hard. Even Jesus rebuked his disciples pretty harshly without hesitation when he saw fit. It came to light recently that just next door to us here in Charlotte, down in Monroe last Summer, a man who calls himself a "pastor" at a Baptist church there said that if he were on a jury where a woman claims she was raped, and she was wearing shorts, he would let the man go free because "a man's a man"! You've got to be kidding. In this day and age to say something like that – excusing a man for raping a woman because of her choice of clothing – is not only morally repugnant and reprehensible it's also inexcusable in my opinion to the point where I believe he ought not to be allowed to be a preacher in any church at all. If we don't allow ourselves to be righteously indignant sometimes, and not only say so openly to the offender but punish them as well, can we really call ourselves Christians? If we don't do so, I think we've lost some of our own Christianity in failing to redress such an obvious wrong. Either way – quoting John Stuart Mill who said "It's been said that bad men need nothing more to accomplish their ends than for good men to look on and do nothing" or "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men should do nothing" mistakenly attributed to Edmund Burke – the message is the same. You can't go diving into lockers when you need to confront what you know, as a Christian, is morally wrong. And if I do the same, rebuke me too!

FROM BEHIND THE LENS OF "MR.TERRY" CHEVILLE











OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

HEART MATH TUTORING VOLUNTEERS

My name is Padgett Vaughn and I'm the Director of Volunteers at a local nonprofit called **Heart Math Tutoring**.

We are looking for volunteers for **one hour per week at local elementary schools** to support students who need foundational math skills (counting, adding to 10, etc) and confidence building but can't afford tutoring.

We have several school partners near St. Luke's Lutheran, including Charles Parker Academic Center.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE REACH OUT TO:

Padgett Vaughn | padgett.vaughn@heartmathtutoring.org | 704-651-2133
Director of Volunteer Operations, **Heart Math Tutoring**
Mailing Address: PO Box 30623, Charlotte, NC 28230
Office Address: 4601 Charlotte Park Drive, Suite 145, Charlotte, NC 28203

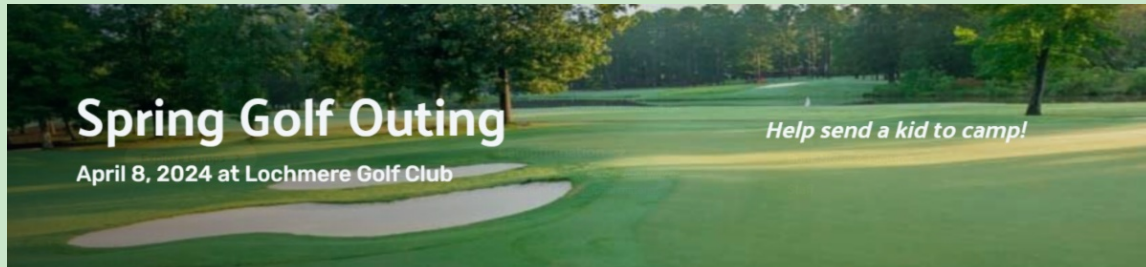
Heart Math Tutoring Website

GOLF OUTING MONDAY APRIL 8th

Help Support Campership Funds
& Program Development

Support a great cause while enjoying the fun and fellowship of a day on the Lochmere Golf Course! Why? Help us bring kids to camp this summer! Funds raised in this Golf Event will be used to provide scholarships to attend camp and for program development. It is our policy that no one is turned away from camp programs due to a lack of funds.

Format: 4 Person Scramble



NOURISH UP

You are a true hunger hero!

Last month we donated of 186 lbs. of items to Nourish Up helps provide groceries and meals to our neighbors in need.

We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity.

We are so grateful for your support making it possible to nourish our neighbors with food and compassion.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Houser

Community Engagement Coordinator

We are continuing to collect items for our neighbors in need.

You can bring items on Sunday or during office hours.

Priority Needs

- Canned Meat - Tuna, Chicken, etc.**
- Canned Fruit - No Sugar Added**
- Canned Vegetables - Low Sodium**
- Pasta - Canned or Dry boxed**
- Cereal - Whole Grain**

No Glass Please



New Name, Same Mission

Loaves & Fishes/Friendship Trays is now **Nourish Up**, providing the same mission to nourish our neighbors with food and compassion.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF COFFEE

Lutheran World Relief Farmers Market now offers chocolate in addition to coffee!

Mountain Harvest works with roughly 850 farmers in eight communities on Mount Elgon, Uganda with each farm growing between 600 and 1,000 coffee trees. We pay farmers up to 30% above local market prices allowing them to better provide for their families, invest in their crops and land, and ultimately, drive the local economy to benefit their community.

Latitude Craft Chocolate signs long term contracts with their suppliers to grow organic cocoa, promote biodiversity and ensure fair labor practices on all the farms. Over half of their contracted farmers are women. Latitude pays on average 50% higher than prices in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire, the world's leading cocoa producing countries.



LWR Farmer's Market
Coffee

Assist M.E.

We take in gently used medical equipment and gift it to low income, uninsured patients in our community.

Assist M.E. is a non-profit [501c(3)] organization in the Charlotte, North Carolina area. We take in gently used medical equipment and gift it to low-income, uninsured patients in our community. Assist M.E. gets wheelchairs, bedside commodes, walkers, shower chairs, and other medical equipment from individual donors and organizations.

If you have any unused, or gently used medical equipment to donate, simply call our church office 9-12:30pm M-F to make arrangements to drop your equipment off so that it may be reused by someone in need.

Visit Assist M.E.
website

List of donation needs

FAMILIES IN CRISIS NEED YOUR HELP

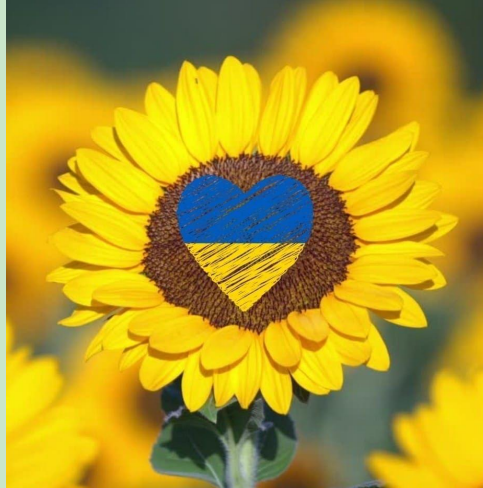
Your love will reach your neighbors who feel so alone as they continue to fight for their lives.

You'll provide frightened, cold and hungry children, mothers and seniors with:

- Shelter from the deadly cold with beds, pillows and heaters.
- Warm meals and clean water.
- Mobile medical clinics that provide health care, critically needed medical supplies and mental health support for PTSD and trauma.
- Essential supplies, like soap and toilet paper.
- Comforting quilts made by members of our caring Lutheran family.
- Love, support — and most importantly — hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Click on the button below and connect to the website enabling you to contribute directly and your offering will flow swiftly to where it needs to go.

Lutheran World Relief



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