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 **Advents Events March 2019**

**Leaders for March**

 **Lay Assistant:**

Gwin Poston

 **Lay Readers**

3/3 Gwin Poston

 3/10 Jansen Bohanan

 3/17 Hannah Bowers

 3/24 Jim Jones

**HaPpY *MARCH***

**BIRTHDAY !!!**

Bobby Holladay - 11th

Beverly Dyson – 19th

Courtney Gaither - 24th

David Gilmore - 26th

Ryan Gilmore - 29th

Dylan Heinsohn-29th

McKenzie Carroll - 29th

Bubba Dunlap - 30th

Barbara Roman-31st

**Golden Agers**

Brigitte Payne - 9th

Thelma Horres - 21st

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***Life Changes***…

Sherry Sherfesee’s sister Vicky Llewellyn passed to the Church Triumphant.

*Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort: Deal graciously; we pray, with those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*- Prayer from the Lutheran Book of Worship*

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 ***Life Changes***…

Ruthie Padgett’s sister Millie Everett passed to the Church Triumphant. *Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort: Deal graciously; we pray, with those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*- Prayer from the Lutheran Book of Worship*

 ***Life Changes***…

Ruthie Padgett’s brother, Jerry Steele passed to the Church Triumphant. *Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort: Deal graciously; we pray, with those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*- Prayer from the Lutheran Book of Worship*

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***Life Changes***…

Joliene Bower’s sister-in-law Faye Williams passed to the Church Triumphant. *Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort: Deal graciously; we pray, with those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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**Bible Blitz**

**March 2**

**9 am until 2pm.**

**Lunch will be provided.**

**Pastor’s topic for this month will be**

**“The Parables of Jesus.”**

**Hope to see you there.**

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 **Shepherd’s Voice**

NALC Retreat for young men and women with spiritual gifts suitable for ministry in Word and Sacrament**.** This will be March 9th and 10th.

**Carolina Mission District** **Youth Retreat** @ Camp St. Christopher March 16th-17th

Seabrook Island, SC

 **Invitation To Lent**

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of lent- self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love- strengthened by the gifts of Word and sacrament.

 **Ash Wednesday**

Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

Noon and 6:45pm

**Weds. in Lent**

**Noon**

Holy Communion

**6:00** Dinner

**6:45** Worship

**7:30** Choir practice

**HOLY WEEK**

**Sunday April 14 Saturday April 20**

Palm Sunday – Bring a Palm!!!

Holy Monday - Holy Wednesday

Prayer & Service of Word

**TRIDUUM**

**Maundy Thursday**

Noon & 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday**

Good Friday Activity Day 9-11:45

Way of Cross, Noon

Worship, 7:00

**Holy Saturday**

**Easter Sunday, April 21**

Feast Day of the

**Resurrection of our Lord**

9:45 am Breakfast

10:15 am Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 Festival Service of Holy Communion

A Word from Pastor Jones:

**Individual Confession offered during Lent**

I will be offering Individual Confession and Forgiveness during the Lenten season. This form of confession is basically a prayer of confession, which may or may not include an accounting of specific sins and pardons.

*Confession consists of*

*two parts.* ***One*** *is that we confess our sins. The* ***Second*** *is that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the confessor as from God himself, by no means doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thereby forgiven before God in heaven.”*

***Small Catechism***

Luther intended confession and absolution especially for those who were about to receive Holy Communion and the Lutheran Church, as a whole, has maintained that connection.

**Please feel free to contact me any time to make an appointment to reap the benefits of this office.**

In the peace of Christ,

*Pastor Jones*

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 **MARCH 10th**

Any members who have not received your 2019 Membership Directory or your Yearbook, please contact office at 843-554-1181 and Lin will send one out to you.

If there are any changes, omissions, or errors please notify me asap so a correction can be made.

Thank You, Lin

**Congregational Meeting**

was held on Feb. 17th.

The congregation elected Gwin Poston to replace Sarah Pinkerton on the Council for 2019, the Baptismal Fount will be removed because of the fact it can no longer hold water. A replacement fount is already in the church.

**Season of Lent**

Each year, the Christian church embarks on a forty-day journey leading up to Easter, known as the season of Lent.

**The first visual component** is that of the color purple that adorns the Lord’s house in various manners throughout the season of Lent.  The dye to make purple was very difficult to source in ancient times, thus attributed to royalty, and adorned the Christ only once—as He was mocked and ridiculed as the “King of the Jews” prior to His gruesome crucifixion.  This deep hue has come to represent solemnity, penitence, and prayer as God’s people meditate on the agony His Son willingly endured.  Twice in the Lenten season, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the Lord’s house may be adorned with the color black which represents the absence of light and the curse of sin and darkness which fell over creation that only the death of the perfect Son of God could abolish.

**The second visual component** is that of the sign of the cross applied upon the repentant Christian’s forehead during the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday.  Typically utilizing ash created by the burning of palms from the previous Palm Sunday, this symbolic rite is a reminder of the sign of the cross that was placed on us in our Baptisms, our mortality (“Remember: you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”), and the filth of our sin that has been washed clean by the blood of Jesus.

**A historical/traditional component** of the Lenten season is the omission of the word “Alleluia” from the liturgy and hymnody as well as an omission of the Hymn of Praise.  “Alleluia”—a Hebrew word meaning “Praise the Lord”—returns full-voice in the glorious celebration of Easter morning. .

A historic service, the Great Vigil of Easter, on the eve of Easter Sunday, had fallen out of common practice, yet is recently experiencing a resurgence.  The service—which is centered on the themes of darkness to light, and God’s rescue of His people—includes the Services of Light, the Word, Holy Baptism, and the Holy Eucharist.

As mentioned earlier, the emotional/spiritual character of the Lenten season is one of penitence.  Connected to the Great Vigil of Easter; however, the season of Lent may also be one of preparation, as catechumens who had been prepared, were appointed to be baptized during the Service of Holy Baptism in the Easter Vigil service.

The practice of fasting (or “giving something up”) during Lent is not required for Lutherans because it is not commanded in Holy Scripture.  Rather, as a matter of Christian freedom, starving oneself of a pleasure of the flesh is a way to remember daily the great sacrifice of Jesus on the cross to pay for the world’s sin.

You may already be well-along your Lenten journey.  May it be a blessing to you as you again experience the depth of Jesus’ obedience and the great love of God to redeem a world so desperately in need of salvation.

 *Jonathan A. Swett is Kantor of Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, Hartland, Mich.*

 **SHROVE TUESDAY!!!**

Once again we will be having our Shrove Tuesday celebration at Advent along with ZionOlivet on Tuesday, March 5th at 6pm

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**Why do we eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday**? The thought behind eating pancakes is to get rid of any indulgences and fatty foods in the house before the beginning of Lent. Traditionally, pancakes were eaten on this day to use up these foods before the 40-day fasting season of Lent began.

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**Dust to Dust**

We put ashes on our foreheads in Lent to remember that we are sinners in need of God’s grace and mercy. When our first parents, Adam and Eve, lived in the Garden of Eden they enjoyed perfect love and perfect communion with the Lord. God instructed them not to eat from the tree in the middle of the garden. But Satan, the enemy, twisted God’s words and created doubt in their minds. They

![C:\Users\Advent\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\B2NG1R0Y\ash-wednesday[1].png]()wondered, “Does God really have our best interests at heart? Can we really trust him or is he holding out some special secret or power from us? The first couple believed the lie. They ate against God’s clear instructions. They wanted to be like the Creator, to control their own lives rather than be obedient to God. This was the first sin - and every human since Adam and Eve has committed similar sins because we want to be in charge of our own lives rather than be faithful to God. God searched for the couple after they had sinned. He knew they were ashamed and he covered them. But because of their disobedience they were cast from the garden and would spend their lives working the land and toiling for their needs. To the woman God pronounced pain in childbirth. To the serpent God cursed him to slither on the ground and eat dirt. And to Adam God said, “By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

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**Sunday School at Advent**

Beginning at 9:45 every Sunday, we have an informal meeting of fellowship to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, successful medical treatment, and also to establish a list of people that need uplifting through prayer.

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Our teachers are Pastor Jones, Jane Beam, Gwin Poston and Thelma Horres. All are excellent and we appreciate the time they put into not only teaching but the preparation to do so.

Why don’t you invite a friend, or just stop by yourself and join our group. All are invited and we look forward to seeing you there!

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Congratulations to

**Gwin Poston** on receiving this years Certificate of Appreciation from the

Women of Advent, WNALC

 ![C:\Users\advent\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\P32IJ1UG\MCj03985850000[1].wmf]()Easter Lilies will be ordered soon. A form for the order is placed on ths page, or you may email the church office @ adventlutheran@comcast.net

They will be $12.00 and deadline is April 5th.

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 2019 Easter Lilies

If you would like to have a lily placed in the chancel of Advent on Easter, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or mail it to:

**Advent Lutheran Church**

**3347 Rivers Ave.**

**North Charleston, SC 29405**

Payment must accompany your order. The cost is $12/each, made payable to Advent Lutheran Church. **Deadline for orders is April 5th** You may collect your lily after the 11:00 a.m. service, Easter Sunday,

**April 21st.**

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Any ideas you may wish to share for info in newsletter , please contact Lin in office 843-554-1181