

Tour to the Holy Land

Have you ever wanted to travel to the Holy Land and explore first hand the places and spaces described in the Bible? If there is enough interest, we can partner with another area Lutheran church for a packaged, all inclusive trip. Tours are usually 10 days and total cost is usually around \$3000-\$3500 per person (includes airfare, hotel, meals, transportation, tour guide and entrance fees). Potential trips would be in 2019 or 2020. If interested, see Pastor Brook.



Easter Breakfast

Please join the Men's Group, for our annual breakfast, on Easter morning, April 1st. We will begin serving at 7:30 AM, until 10:30AM. There will be a good will offering to cover costs. Proceeds will go to fund Men's group projects. So come join us, for fellowship and food. We look forward to seeing you there!

Processional Cross

As some of you might have noticed, our processional cross is bent and crooked. After exhausting repair efforts and attempts at adjustment, it's been concluded that it simply needs to be replaced. These things aren't cheap. To replace the one we have will cost at least \$1200. If you would like to chip in for this replacement, please let either Pastor Brook or Pastor Ginn know. Or, if you would like to contribute anonymously, that's fine as well. A processional cross is a beautiful and essential component to our worship, and we want to have one that reflects this reverence and importance.



GOOD SOIL

The Young Families/Parenting Group has a new name! We will now be referred to as "Good Soil." When we see our parenting role as cultivating the soil, planting seeds, watering, weeding, pruning, fertilizing, and consistently nurturing the spiritual growth of our children, we allow God, the master gardener, to ultimately make our children grow in faith, up towards his light.



Good Soil Service Project:

Please join the Good Soil class (The Young Families Group) in a service project for COSKIDS. On Sunday, April 29th, we'll meet in the Fellowship Hall for a pizza lunch; then we'll head over to the COSKIDS campus to do some Spring planting as we grow and build some "Good Soil."

All are invited and kids are included.

Just RSVP to the church office so we know how much pizza to order!

YOUTH & YOUNG FAMILIES This Sunday @9:30 a.m.



- ◆ Children begin in the Choir Room. Then they'll move into learning and crafts time.
- ◆ Middle School and Senior High students meet downstairs in the Confirmation room and the Youth room.
- ◆ Good Soil (Young Families group) series on parenting. Weekday School Music room.

Summer Camp

Looking for a special experience for your kids this summer? Consider summer camp. Lutheridge and Lutherock are terrific summer camps rooted in our Lutheran faith but filled with opportunities for fun and life-changing experiences. Your kid will make new friends, grow in skills and self-esteem, be immersed in the beauty of nature, and draw closer to Jesus. The earlier you register, the more money you save! Check out the websites at www.lutheridge.novusway.org and lutherock.novusway.org.



In preparation for the May 6th launch of Emmaus (Lutheran) Church (the West Charlotte mission church we are helping support), Dr. Shanitria Cuthbertson has requested that we join in 40 days of intentional prayer beginning Tuesday, March 27th. Let's commit to lending our voices in this exciting effort!

Men's Group "Beer & Bible" with Pastor Brook and Pat D. is Thursday, April 5th at 7 p.m. We are studying Romans.

Beer is not required, but a Bible is! Join us.



SAVE THE DATE!!! Stewardship will be handing out Time and Talent sheets April 15th. We are so excited to see what you want to do!!

Start thinking.

STEWARDSHIP IS MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY!



OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

- * **Book of Faith class**, Continues a series on Hebrews. Meets in the Cross room.
- * **The Contemporary Issues class**, continues the series of DVDs by Fr. Richard Rohr on the Contemplative Life. Meets in the parlor.

NC Lutheran Men

The 95th Annual Gathering of the NC Lutheran Men in Mission will be on Saturday, April 14th at Morning Star Lutheran in Matthews. The keynote speaker is the Rev. Tony Marciano from the Charlotte Rescue Mission. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, April 4th. Cost is \$25 if interested, see Pastor Brook for a registration form.

Get Steady in Unsteady Times

Want to renew your spiritual connection in these unsteady times? Have you asked yourself these questions: How are my daily actions connected to my grounding in God? How can I live a sane and balanced life in today's world? *The Active Life*, a three-part workshop based on Quaker teacher Parker Palmer's book with that title, will help you find grounding that strengthens your everyday life and gives purpose to what you do. (Reading the book is NOT a prerequisite for the workshops.)

April 14th, May 12th and June 9th

9a.m.—12p.m. at Cross & Crown

Call the church office for more information about registration.

Topics: April (Action); May (Contemplation);

June (Contemplation-and-Action)

Cost for all 3 sessions \$30

CAR WASH

Benefiting the National Youth Gathering! Sat., April 28th 8:30 a.m. to noon. Middle and High School youth need your help!

Miriam Circle Yard Sale

The annual Miriam Circle yard sale is scheduled for April 28. We need your donated household goods (no clothing). Items should be delivered to the church basement. Questions? Contact the church office.

Reminder: those working with youth: if you haven't completed your Safe Gatherings training and background check, please try to do this ASAP. Plan for 2 hours.

MARCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Motion to accept new members on March 25.
- Motion to appoint a member to fill the vacant seat on Council.
- Motion to proceed with stripping and waxing all the floors upstairs.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHURCH

- Thanks to a member for coordinating the Dinner Dance, along with all of her cooks and volunteers.
- Thanks to a member for planning our Sunday Children's Time, along with all her volunteers.
- Thanks again to all those who have stepped up to fill in for the church secretary.
- Thanks to members for their handyman talents. Check out the Cross Room and the corner behind the organ.



Help us spread the word! Pick up a postcard about Easter services in the narthex and give it to a friend or neighbor!

Readings for 4-1-18

Isaiah 25:6-10a
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16: 1-8

Remember to
PRAY
for those on our
Church Prayer List

No Wednesday Night Happenings this week!

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