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2025 April Messenger


Volume 4

**Lamb**




Jesus is called the "Lamb of God" because he died for us.

**Easter Eggs**




The egg hatches and is the chick is a symbol of new life just like Jesus's resurrection from the tomb.

**Fish**




We make a sacrifice to not eat meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays during Lent. The fish symbol reminds us of this.

**Easter Lily**




The Easter Lily is the symbol of the resurrection and everlasting life.

**Ashes**




The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday remind us that God made us and we will go back to Him someday.

**Palm Leaves**




The people waved palm leaves and cheered when Jesus rode in on a donkey.

**Crown of Thorns**




A crown of thorns was placed on Jesus's head.

**The Bread & Wine**




Jesus changed the bread and wine into His Body and Blood.

**The Tomb**




After Jesus died, His body was laid in a tomb.

**The Crucifix**




The crucifix is a picture of Jesus on the cross that reminds us of his love for us.

**Easter Candle**



The candle represents the light of Christ. It has the Greek symbols for beginning (alpha) and end (omega) because Jesus is our beginning and end.

**Purple**



Purple is the color that the priest wears during lent. It is also the color the priest wears for confession. It reminds us to be sorry for our sins.

**SYMBOLS OF LENT & EASTER**

## **Tuesday, April 1**

**6:00 p.m.** Food will be provided by the Church Council in the Dutch Meeting Hall  
*A monetary donation to offset the cost of the food is greatly appreciated.*

### **6:30 p.m.** Lenten Service

Psalm 121:1-8; 2 Thessalonians 3:3-4; John 14:18-27

Sermon Topic: Protector

*Lenten Loose Offering will go towards the General Fund*

## **April Choirs Rehearsals**



### **Belles & Beaus**

**Dates:** Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16 & 30

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Sanctuary

**Contact Persons:** Jan Huffman and Sonya Mulkey

### **Union Youth Choir**

**Dates:** Sundays, April 6, 13 & 27

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** Choir Room

**Contact Persons:** Jan Huffman and Sonya Mulkey

### **Kids Choir**

**Dates:** Sundays, April 6, 13 & 27

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** Chapel

**Contact Person:** Mary Hutchens, Pastor Heidi Punt, and Lisa Morgan

*Please review your weekly bulletin for updates on the **Chancel Choir** rehearsing for Easter.*

## **CATECHISM CONFIRMATION**

**Dates:** Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16 & 30  
Catechism Confirmation will not meet the week of Wednesday, April 23, in observance of the Easter holiday.

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Focus:** Doctrine of The Bible and Basic Faith

**Location:** Drew Wise Sunday School Class Conference #1

**Contact Person:** Lisa Morgan and Pastor Heidi Punt

*The Property, Cemetery & Columbarium will meet **Thursday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Drew Wise Sunday School Class Conference #1.*

## **Sunday, April 6, 2025**

*The loose offering will go towards the Mission Outreach Fund.*

The monthly benevolence focus is Lutheran Services Carolinas.

*During Lent, the **Altar Branches** are given to the glory of God.*

Pre-orders are being accepted through Palm Sunday, April 13, for the Union Youth Pie & Cobbler Fundraiser. The suggested cost of pies and cobblers is \$20 each.

*Please see a Mission Outreach member to purchase a \$10 ticket to reserve a **BBQ Chicken Fundraiser plate** on Friday, May 16.*

**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

**9:20 a.m.-9:30 a.m.** Children & Youth  
Sunday School Opening (*Chapel*)

**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class  
Vision of God's Throne

Isaiah 6:1-12; Revelation 4:2-8

*I heard the voice of the Lord saying  
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for  
us?"* (Isaiah 6:8 ESV)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class  
Christ's Once-for-All Sacrifice ~ Mark  
10:41-45; Hebrews 9:23-10:25

**9:30 a.m.** Children & Youth Sunday  
School and Music

Vision of God's Throne

Isaiah 6:1-12; Revelation 4:2-8

**10:30 a.m.** Worship & Holy Communion  
Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians  
3:8-14; Luke 20:9-20

Pulpit Supply:

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Weisner

**2:00 p.m.** Emergency Response Team

**4:00 p.m.** Little Lutherans  
(5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger)

Program: *What a Mess*  
Lesson 2: *Rich Young Ruler*  
Leader: Mary Hutchens

*Pastor Heidi Punt is out of the office from  
Monday, April 7-Monday, April 15. Her son,  
Michael will be marrying on Saturday, April  
12.*

**Mary & Martha Circle**

*All women are invited to attend!*

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, April 8, at 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Drew Wise Sunday School Class  
Conference #1

**Hostess & Program:** Judy Boyd

**Tuesday, April 8**

**6:00 p.m.** Food will be provided by the  
Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class in  
the Dutch Meeting Hall

*A monetary donation to offset the cost of the  
food is greatly appreciated.*

**6:30 p.m.** Lenten Service

Isaiah 51:1-6; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7; John  
11:17-27

Sermon Topic: Comforter

*Lenten Loose Offering will go towards the  
General Fund*

**Mission Outreach Team** will meet  
**Wednesday, April 9, at 5:30 p.m.** to  
finalize plans for the BBQ Chicken  
Fundraiser in May.



**GOOD TIMERS**

**Date:** Thursday, April 10

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Old Pine Center

**Program:** Pastor Jarrod

Lanning

**Lunch:** Lakeview Restaurant

**Contact Persons:** Deena Lanning and Doris  
Shepherd



*Saturday, April 12*

*Come join us to beautify the church grounds and facilities for Holy Week on Saturday, April 12, at 9:00 a.m.! Bring your supplies, tools and anything you think could be useful.*

*Please note that Christmas Flowers will be removed from the Cemetery.*



*Holy week*

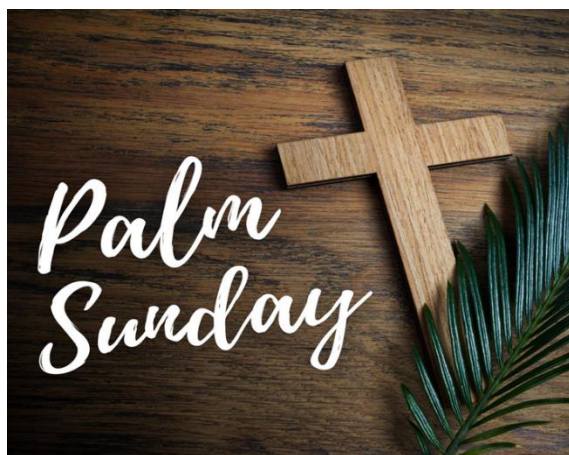
As **Holy Week** begins on Palm Sunday we are drawn into the dramatic turn of events of the last days of Jesus' life. On Sunday, he is welcomed into Jerusalem with shouts of joy and roaring of "hosannas." By the end of the week he will be betrayed, arrested, and abandoned by the Passover pilgrims and his closest friends. Things turn quickly from a parade to a death sentence which is carried out on a cross between two thieves.

Journey with us through Holy Week at Union Lutheran Church!



## STATIONS of the CROSS

An opportunity to drive to each Station of the Cross in the Cemetery for meditation and prayer during Holy Week. Every station resembles the journey Christ took from Gethsemane to Golgotha.



April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday is the day we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, one week before His resurrection ([Matthew 21:1-11](#)). As Jesus entered the holy city, He neared the culmination of a long journey toward Golgotha. He had come to save the lost ([Luke 19:10](#)), and now was the time—this was the place—to secure that salvation. Palm Sunday marked the start of what is often called "Holy Week," the final seven days of Jesus' earthly ministry.

**Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025**

*Palms are available for everyone!*

The loose offering will go towards the Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship Fund.

*The monthly benevolence focus is Lutheran Services Carolinas. A noisy offering will be collected today in support of Lutheran Services Carolinas.*

During Lent, the **Altar Branches** are given to the glory of God.

*Deadline to turn in **Potted Flowers list** to the church office for Easter Sunday bulletin.*

Pre-orders are being accepted today for the Union Youth Pie & Cobbler Fundraiser. The suggested cost of pies and cobblers is \$20 each.

*Please see a Mission Outreach member to purchase a \$10 ticket to reserve a BBQ Chicken Fundraiser plate on Friday, May 16.*

**Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025**

**9:20 a.m.-9:30 a.m.** Children & Youth Sunday School Opening (*Chapel*)

**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class  
From the Stump of Jesse

Isaiah 11:1-10; Hebrews 1:1-4

*“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.” (Isaiah 11:1 ESV)*

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class  
Christ the Atoning Sacrifice

Isaiah 59:1-8; 1 John 2:1-6, 4:7-21

**9:30 a.m.** Children & Youth Sunday School and Music

From the Stump of Jesse

**Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025**

Isaiah 11:1-10; Hebrews 1:1-4

**10:30 a.m.** Worship & Holy Communion  
Deuteronomy 32:36-39; Psalm 118:19-29;  
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40  
Pulpit Supply: Pastor Carl Haynes

*For those who do not wish to keep their palm, please return the palm to the box when leaving.*

**4:30 p.m.** Union Youth

*Pastor Heidi Punt will be returning to the office on Tuesday, April 15.*

It's Union Lutheran Church turn to sponsor Chapel Time at Autumn Care on **Wednesday, April 16, at 2:00 p.m.**



**Maundy Thursday, April 17**

**4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary

*As Jesus gathered his closest friends for a Passover meal, he instituted what the Church calls, “Holy Communion.” He informed the disciples that he would not eat with them again until all things were fulfilled in the kingdom of God. As he blessed the bread and wine, he also blessed his followers with a life giving gift. In return for that gift, one among them would betray him, but that would be no surprise to Jesus.*

# Good Friday



**Good Friday, April 18**

**4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

*The solemnity and reality of Good Friday can affect us deeply as we get in touch with our own sinfulness and culpability in Jesus' suffering and death. Knowing that his death was drawing near he uttered, "I thirst." When he received his last sip of sour wine he proclaimed, "It is finished." Indeed it seemed as if darkness had won, that death was the last word, but even in the dark God continued to act.*



Our Middle & High School youth will have a **Lock-in** following the Good Friday, April 18, evening service. The youth and adults will prepare for the Pie & Cobbler Fundraiser.

*Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support, will be out of the office from Thursday, April 17-Friday, April 18.*

## **Union Youth Pie & Cobbler Fundraiser**

Pre-orders available through Palm Sunday

Suggested cost of \$20

per pie and/or cobbler

Saturday, April 19, 9:00 a.m. Pick Up



Union Youth is sponsoring a **Pie & Cobbler Fundraiser** on **Saturday, April 19**. The suggested cost of **pies and cobblers** is **\$20 each**. Pre-orders are being accepted through Palm Sunday, April 13.

Please see a Union Youth to pre-order: Blueberry Cheesecake Pie, Cheery Cheesecake Pie, Peach Cobbler or Apple Cobbler.

Proceeds will go towards the Youth Missions/Retreats Fund.

Pick up pies and/or cobblers on Saturday, April 19, at 9:00 a.m.



**Saturday, April 19**

**9:15 a.m. flowers for inside cross**

**Sanctuary**

*Please bring white flowers such as daffodils and spirea for the inside cross.*



*Everyone is invited to bring spring into the Sanctuary this **Easter Sunday, April 20**. As we make our way through Lent to the glory of Easter morning we look forward to **members bringing their own beautiful spring potted flowers**.*

*Examples are tulips, hydrangeas, geraniums, peace lily, gerbera daisies, etc.*

*Please remember to mark your potted flowers before you **drop them off** on **Saturday, April 19, between 11:00 a.m.-12 noon**.*

*The church office is offering to create an Easter Potted Flowers booklet of flowers placed in honor and/or in memory of loved ones. Deadline to turn in the information to the church office is Palm Sunday, April 13.*

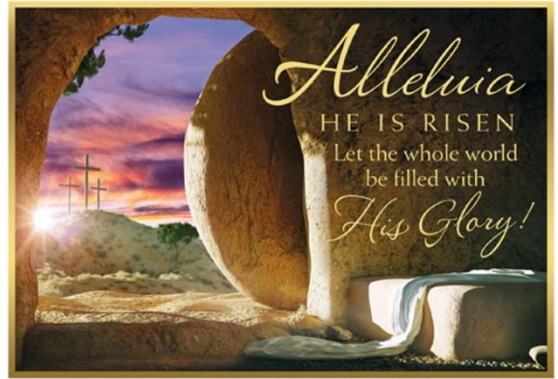
### **Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025**

The loose offering will go towards the Building & Repair Fund.

*The monthly benevolence focus is Lutheran Services Carolinas.*

Please see a Mission Outreach member to purchase a \$10 ticket to reserve a BBQ Chicken Fundraiser plate on Friday, May 16.

A new day has dawned on the creation! Jesus is alive; death was unable to hold him in the grave. God has done a new thing. Each Easter the story of Christ's resurrection from the dead greets us anew. With awe and wonder, we hear the good news of the empty tomb with new ears and full hearts. This event that happened so long ago continues to impact humanity with God's unbreakable promise of new life.



### **Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025**

**You are invited to bring flowers from your yard for the outside cross.**

**7:30 a.m.** Sunrise Service in the large fellowship hall

Job 19:23-27; Psalm 118:15-29; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57; John 20:1-18

**8:30 a.m.** Easter Breakfast

**9:30 a.m.** Easter Egg Hunt (Little Lutherans and Union Youth)

**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream  
Daniel 2:26-47; Luke 20:17-28

**Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025** *continued*

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class  
Christ Dies and Rises to New Life ~  
Hebrews 2:1-13; Matthew 27:24-28:10

**10:30 a.m.** Easter Service in the Sanctuary  
Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians  
15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

We welcome Ashton Lambert during the Children's Message by Holy Baptism on Easter Sunday.

*The church office is closed in observance of the Easter Holiday on Monday, April 21.*

In observance of the Easter Holiday the Belles & Beaus and Catechism Confirmation will not meet Wednesday, April 23.

*The Family of George Kluttz will meet for a reunion on Saturday, April 26, in the large fellowship hall.*

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**

*The loose offering will go towards the Youth Missions/Retreats Fund.*

The monthly benevolence focus is Lutheran Services Carolinas. A noisy offering will be collected today in support of Lutheran Services Carolinas.

*Please see a Mission Outreach member to purchase a \$10 ticket to reserve a BBQ Chicken Fundraiser plate on Friday, May 16.*

Dawn Merrell has reserved Altar Flowers for April 27, 2025.

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**

**9:20 a.m.-9:30 a.m.** Children & Youth  
Sunday School Opening (*Chapel*)

**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class  
Joel: Return to the Lord

Joel 2:1-2a, 10-17; Acts 3:17-21

*Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)*

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class  
The Lamb is Worthy

Psalm 118:15-29; Revelation 5:1-10

**9:30 a.m.** Children & Youth Sunday  
School and Music

Joel: Return to the Lord

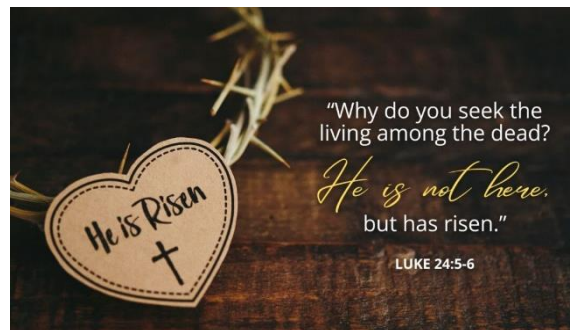
Joel 2:1-2a, 10-17; Acts 3:17-21

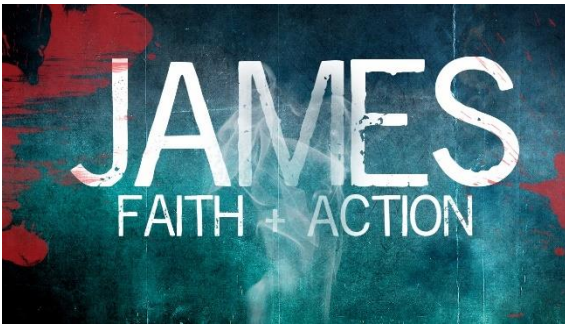
**10:30 a.m.** Worship & Holy Communion  
Acts 5:12-32; Psalm 148:1-14; Revelation  
1:4-18; John 20:19-31

Sermon: *No Secret Identity*

**2:00 p.m.** Church Council

**4:00 p.m.** Luther League at  
Organ Lutheran Church





**James Bible Study**

4-week Bible Study Series

Tuesdays, April 29, May 6, 13 & 20

6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, April 30, May 7, 14 & 21

4:00 p.m.

In this book, we have the legacy of James’ teaching and wisdom condensed into a short but powerful work. While it begins like a letter, with James greeting all the messianic Jews living outside the land of Israel, the rest of the work doesn’t read like a letter at all because it doesn’t address the specific problems of one local church like Paul’s letters. Instead, this book is a summary of James’ sage wisdom for any and every community of Jesus’ followers. His goal isn’t to teach us new theological information; rather, he wants to get in our business and challenge how we live. In essence, James is calling the messianic community to become truly wise by living according to Jesus’ summary of the Torah—love God and love your neighbor as yourself.

***Lay Minsters will meet Wednesday, April 30, at 2:30 p.m. in the Drew Wise Sunday School Class Conference #1.***

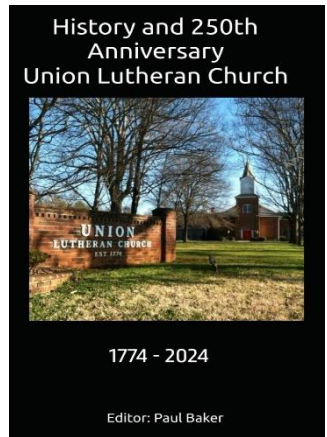
**Those Serving in April**  
**Acolytes:** Mallory Eagle and Moses Miller  
**Altar Guild and Communion Assistants:** Mallory Eagle, Patsy Lyerly, Moses Miller, Angie Poole, and Vivian Sprinkle  
**Lay Readers:** Frank Merrell and Doris Shepherd  
**Ushers:** Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble, Ron Chase, and Adam Thompson  
**Sound System:** Thad Mulkey, Dusty Morgan, Sr., and Dusty Morgan, Jr.  
**Live Streaming:** Pete Nguyen  
**Offering Counters:** Jennifer Curlee, Ali Davis, and Doris Shepherd

*May Messenger & Handouts will be printed on Friday, May 2.*

If you have not received your USB thumb drive purchased during the time of your picture shoot for the Pictorial Directory, please contact Dusty Morgan, Sr.

*Paperbacks are available from Amazon for purchase!*

*Cost is \$14.99 per book.*



## Carolinas Mission Region Convocation

May 2-3, 2025

Christ's Lutheran Church, Stanley, NC

*The following were elected to serve as Union Lutheran Church's representatives for the Carolinas Mission Region & Piedmont-East District from May 2-3, 2025 at Christ's Lutheran Church, Stanley, NC, with Pastor Heidi Punt: Susan Knight (delegate) and Deena Lanning (alternate).*

As required by the CMR Constitution, Article 7.04: "The responsibilities of the annual Convocation shall include: provision for breakout Mission District Convocations, the business of which may include the election of their respective Deans and other representatives on the Regional Council; installation of officers and the Regional Council; adoption of a budget for the subsequent fiscal year (to be defined as July 1–June 30) by a majority vote; consideration of mission and ministry needs of the Carolinas Mission Region; reception of reports; and other items of business as may be determined by the Regional Council, the Convener, or by the Convocation." We will provide this AND MORE!

All are invited to attend.

*Did you know that the Mission Team will mail out cards (get well, thinking of you, birthday, etc.) to members of the church? All you have to do is place your card and addressed envelope in the blue basket in the Narthex. The Mission Team will provide the postage and mail the card out for you.*

## ULC Church Yearbook Corrections as of Friday, March 28:

page 2

removed Judy Boyd's name

page 8

added Rev. Dr. Jukka Kaaariainen has been appointed the North American Lutheran Seminary President.

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updated Table of Contents

page 18

corrected April 29/30-May 20/21 James Bible Study on Tuesdays at 6:30pm & 4:00 pm on Wednesdays

pages 28-29

added Mallory Eagle, Patsy Lyerly, Moses Miller under Altar Guild and Communion Assistants lists

page 46

added Ken Davis to Feeding Group A  
corrected Name: Cauble-McPherson, Debbie on Feeding Group A

page 96

added Bevis Norris  
removed Glenn Honeycutt, Jr.  
removed Nancy Mulkey  
removed William Page

page 105

added Bevis Norris  
removed William Page

# BBQ CHICKEN

## Fundraiser

TAKE OUT ONLY

12 NOON-6 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 16

UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Mission Outreach Team of Union Lutheran Church (ULC) is excited to sponsor a BBQ Chicken Fundraiser (take out only) on Friday, May 16.*

*Please purchase a ticket in advance so you will be guaranteed a plate!*

*\$10 per plate includes: 1/4 chicken, slaw, baked beans, roll and cookie.*

*Proceeds towards raising funds for the two ULC Mission Trips to Western North Carolina this summer.*



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Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talents for this project! Contact, Janie Vellines or a Mission Outreach member, to learn more about how you can get involved.

## Highlights at ULC...

*We collected over 100 pounds of canned soups in February for Rowan Helping Ministries! Thank you for your generosity!*

We continued to call upon Sunday musicians both laity and professionals to lead the worship services while the church searches for Music Director/Organist. In March, Genevieve Baker, Gene Brittain, Sonya Mulkey provided the music.

*Scott Misenheimer was welcomed as an active confirmed member of ULC on Sunday, March 2. Thank you to Betty Sue Lowder for providing the beautiful decorated wooden Martin Luther's Rose.*

On Sunday, March 2, an Eagle Scout Project Spaghetti & Salad Fundraiser was held following worship. We are excited that Andrew Baker, Boy Scout Troop #315, will be building and installing two free Little Libraries (driveway entrance and playground area) for the community and church members as well as updating the safety requirements for the church's playground. Proceeds received \$1,947.00.

*Everyone was invited to eat Breakfast for Supper on Tuesday, March 4, in the large fellowship hall sponsored by our Youth Program. Proceeds went to the Youth Ministries.*

Ash Wednesday began on March 5. ULC held two services including the Imposition of Ashes at 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday Lenten Evening Services (March 11-April 8) were held at 6:30 p.m. in the large fellowship hall with Lenten Suppers provided at 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Season Theme was: *Savior, Servant, Friend* with Lenten Loose offering towards the General Fund.

*Thank you to Pastor Heidi Punt (March 11 & 18), Elbert Kluttz (March 25), Pete Nguyen (April 1), and Cathy Kluttz Painther (April 8) for sharing the Word with us during the Lenten Evening Services.*

In March, thank you to the Union Youth (March 11), Good Timers (March 18), and Property, Cemetery & Columbarium Committee (March 25), for providing the Lenten Suppers.

In April, we thank in advance the Church Council (April 1) and Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class (April 8) for providing the Lenten Suppers.

Thank you to Vivian Sprinkle and Patsy Lyerly for coordinating the Lenten Suppers.

*Ken Davis was welcomed as an active confirmed member of ULC on Sunday, March 9. Thank you to Betty Sue Lowder for providing the beautiful decorated wooden Martin Luther's Rose.*



## Highlights at ULC...*continued*

Since January 16, 2025 the church has been without a phone system. On Wednesday, March 12, Secure Solutions Technology installed new equipment. Telephones have been placed in the: Sanctuary, Counting Room, Pastor's Office, Music Room, Church Office, and Kitchen.

*Thursday, March 13, the Union Youth began a project of restoring a closet to be used to store items for their use in the small fellowship hall.*



Union Youth & Adults (Mallory Eagle, Lucinda Fraley, Brad Huffman, Landon Kesler, Janie Lesley, Moses Miller, Gladys Morgan, Pr. Heidi Punt, Adam Thompson, Brad Trexler, Noah Trexler, Bailey Wilhelm, Ellie Wilhelm, Ethan Wilhelm, and Lucas Wilhelm) attended the Carolinas Mission Region Spring Youth Retreat at Garden City Chapel & Retreat, Murrells Inlet, SC, from Friday, March 14-Sunday, March 16.

*2025 Church Yearbooks were available for pick up on Sundays, March 16 & 23. Thank you to Deena Lanning, Patsy Lyerly, Angie Poole and Vivian Sprinkle for assisting Genevieve Baker in printing, punching, and collating.*

Love offering was collected on March 2, 9, & 16: Pastor Heidi's Trip. During the March 18 Lenten Service the congregation presented Pastor Heidi with the love offering.



*Before the Sunday, March 16, service the organ was found to have an electrical problem. Thank you to Frank and Dawn Merrell for contacting Morris Organ Tuning and Lincoln Pipe Organs, Inc. After several technicians, phone calls, and follow ups, the organ is back running just in time for the funeral service and Sunday, March 30, worship service.*

*Picture is included of the part that had to be replaced on the organ.*



Thank you to the following for preparing and painting the Office Hallway from March 17-March 19: Larry Barringer, Mike Cauble, Phil Cauble, Ron Chase, Don Davis, Scott Misenheimer, Thad Mulkey, Ronald Vellines.

## Highlights at ULC...*continued*

*Friday, March 21-April 5, Pastor Heidi Punt traveled to Turkey and Greece to "Follow in Paul's Footsteps."*

March 23, ULC was honored to have Pastor David Breidenbach, Spiritual Orphans Network (SON) Executive Director, officiate the worship service. The Mary & Martha Circle presented Pastor David and Angela Breidenbach each with a prayer shawl and check for SON ministries.

*March 23, ULC Union Youth hosted the Luther League event.*

March 30, ULC was honored to have Vicar Cody Carpenter officiate the worship service.

*During the Children's Message on March 30, the Little Lutherans and Union Youth presented the Prodigal Son Skit. Thank you for sharing their theater arts talents: Prodigal Son Skit Cast: Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Moses Miller, Dusty Morgan, Jr., Dusty Morgan, Sr., Sam Nguyen, Adam Thompson, Noah Trexler, Bailey Wilhelm and Lucas Wilhelm; Little Lutherans: Piglets; Skit Costumes: Brad Trexler*

A called congregation meeting was held Sunday, March 30, following worship to discuss and vote on the 2025 Church Yearbook.

We welcomed Bevis Norris as active confirmed member by Letter of Transfer from St. John's Lutheran Church.

*During the month of March, applications for the Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship were available.*

Mission Outreach March Project: collecting craft supplies for Mary Hutchens' July Mission Trip to Slovakia

*Thank you to everyone who donated craft supplies!*

Tax deferred cash donation to cover the expense of Mary Hutchens' July Mission Trip may be given directly to Spiritual Orphans Network (mailing address or website) or through Union's Sunday offerings.

Mailing Address:

SONetwork  
5901-J Wyoming Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Online at [sonetwork.org](https://sonetwork.org)

March Benevolence Focus: Spiritual Orphans Network (SON)

***History and 250th Anniversary Union Lutheran Church: 1774 – 2024*** paperbacks are available from Amazon for purchase! Cost is \$14.99 per book.

Thank you to the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, Genevieve Baker, and Paul Baker for their hard work in making this publication possible!



**April Benevolence:  
Lutheran Services Carolinas**

*Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) is the result of a 2011 affiliation between two social ministry organizations, Lutheran Services for the Aging (LSA) and Lutheran Family Services of the Carolinas (LFS). Before these two organizations joined forces, LSA offered services for seniors, including retirement living, nursing care, assisted living, and adult day services, while LFS provided family services, including foster care, residential services for adults, disaster response services, refugee resettlement, veterans' services, and adoption.*

*Today, as Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC), they continue to serve these groups with an expanded catalog of services. In addition, LSC has added programs that benefit other segments of the population that are often underserved. These services include the following:*

- **Disaster response**
- **A New Americans Program for those forced to flee their home country**
- **Residential services for adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities or brain injuries**
- **Transitional housing**

Mission Outreach April Project: Noisy offering collected on Sunday, April 13 & 27, for the Lutheran Services Carolinas.



**Stewardship**

*"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10).*

Tithing is not only a commandment but also a privilege. When we honor God with our finances, He honors us with abundance.

Avenues of Giving:

- Weekly Sunday Offering
- Mail
- <https://ulcsalisbury.org/give-online/>  
*(Please note a service fee is charged for online giving.)*

*Each year the congregation approves certain benevolences as part of the yearly Ministry Support Plan. Members are encouraged to give to this by earmarking their giving as **Benevolence**.*

*Every quarter, the fund's are equally distributed to the approved benevolence.*

*Please note that every month the monthly newsletter highlights one of these benevolences in order to tell you the story of what they do and what difference your giving makes.*

## Attendance Update

### February Sunday School

2	36
9	40
16	32
23	<u>46</u>
Total	154
Average	39

### March Sunday School

2	40	
9	34	
14-16	15	CMR Youth Retreat
16	35	
23	37	
30	_____	

### February Worship & Holy Communion

2	100
9	89
16	88
23	<u>110</u>
Total	387
Average	97

### March Worship & Holy Communion

2	100	
9	93	
14-16	15	CMR Youth Retreat
16	74	
23	102	
30	_____	

## Lent

March 5	66	(16 at 4:00 p.m. & 50 at 6:30 p.m.)
March 11	40	
March 18	44	
March 25	48	
April 1	_____	
April 8	_____	
April 17	_____	
April 18	_____	

*Each Sunday, the church office needs to establish a record of communion and giving.*

*How can you help? Please fill out a communion card and hand to the Usher and don't forget to use your offering envelopes!*

*This record also helps the office maintain accurate records of active membership.*

*The Pastor uses this to make note of any of her flock who may have strayed away.*

## New Neighbors' Gifts

We all know when moving, there is so much going on it can feel overwhelming. To add to the stress when moving you are not familiar with the place or the people.

Our Mission & Outreach Team have begun assembling helpful items to welcome new neighbors but not impose on them.

If you have new faces moving into your neighborhood, please contact Judy Boyd or a Mission Outreach member. They will in turn contact the Team to begin assembling a specialized gift. When the gift is ready, a member of the Team will contact you and work with you to reach out and deliver the gift.

Honorariums and Memorials Gifts Given to  
the Glory of God during March

A gift was received for the Mission  
Outreach Fund in memory of Sharon  
Bullock by:

Thad and Sonya Mulkey

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund  
in memory of Todd Huffman by:

Ruth Goodman

Gifts were received for the Youth Missions  
Fund in memory of Todd Huffman by:

2 F Farms

Melvin and Donna Lanning

Larry D. Miller, Jr.

Martha M. O'Quinn

Sylvia Peeler

Vivan Sprinkle

Linda Ann Taylor

Sue, Shane, and Jim Young

A gift was received for the General Fund in  
memory of Andrea Misenheimer by:

Scott Misenheimer

A gift was received for the Gerald Bame  
Memorial Scholarship in memory of Doris  
Page by:

Marvin and Phoebe Nunn

Gifts were received for the Cemetery Fund  
in memory of Steve Peeler by:

Cathy Kluttz Painter

Sylvia Peeler

A gift was received for the Property Fund in  
memory of Steve Peeler by:

Bill and Linda Safrit

A gift was received for the Youth Fund in  
memory of Steve Peeler by:

Janet Overcash

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund  
in memory of Patsy Sigmon by:

Sylvia Peeler

A gift was received for the General Fund in  
memory of Patsy Sigmon by:

Marvin and Phoebe Nunn

A gift was received for the General Fund in  
memory of James M. "Red" Swicegood, Sr.,  
and Dorothy "Dot" Potts Swicegood by:

James "Macky" Swicegood, Jr.

*Our Love and Sympathy is extended to  
Sylvia Peeler and Family upon the death of  
her daughter, Sharon Bullock.*

*Our Love and Sympathy is extended to  
Janet Overcash and Family upon the death  
of her son, Todd Randall Huffman.*

*Our Love and Sympathy is extended to the  
Family of William Page upon his death,  
March 22, 2025.*



## Good Timers

The Good Timers met in the Dutch Meeting Hall on Thursday, March 13, 2025 with Deena Lanning presiding. There were 19 members and 3 visitors (Sonya Leazer, Bobbie Kesler-Corleto and Sgt. Paul Stevens) present with an offering of \$36.00 being received. Ruth Goodman had the devotions. Sylvia Peeler won the door prize.

March birthdays: Frank Merrell (14), Nancy Kesler (20), Judy Boyd (30)

There were no wedding anniversaries to report.

Sick Report: Glenn Lowder, Patsy Lyerly

We extend our condolences to the family of Sylvia Peeler (death of her daughter, Sharon Bullock), and we remember the family of Pat Beck. She presented several programs for the Good Timers and attended our meetings April through July 2020. We extend our condolences to her family.

Prior to the arrival of our guest speaker, Sonya Leazer gave some pointers on burials at the VA National Cemetery. She is scheduled to have the program in May.

Our program today was given by Sgt. Paul (Clent) Stevens of the NC Highway Patrol. He is from Stanly County and now covers Rowan County with 18 troopers under him. He has spent 21 years in Law Enforcement. He has 9 years of service on a drug team. He explained that drug traffickers caught going north meant they are carrying drugs and if caught going south meant they were carrying money. He has been involved in many car chases. He has had to deal with traffic fatalities (24 were in Rowan County). Causes of accidents include impaired driving, seat belt violations, cellphones, and not paying attention to road conditions. He is very active in his church. He has a 16-year-old daughter who is now driving.

Deena Lanning had the blessing before the group went to lunch at Lakeview.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruby Leazer, Secretary

### Good Timers Treasurer's Report for March 2025

Beginning Balance	\$190.26
Received (Offering)	\$36.00
Donation	\$10.00
Disbursement (Program)	\$25.00
Ending Balance	\$211.26

Respectfully submitted,  
Dick Shue, Treasurer

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

**Nursing Homes** – Brenda Mahaley (Autumn Care Room 815), Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care Room 818), Jean Ray (Autumn Care Room 201) & Jay Rusher (Autumn Care), Pat Kluttz (Brookdale Room 56), Ann Tucker (Oak Park Retirement Room 236)

**Homebound/Shut-ins Members/Special Needs** – Sarah Bame, Tom Cole, Kiki Deaton, Rachel Earnhardt, Madison “Drew” Harrington, Linda Hartley, Pete Honbarrier, Howell and Teresa Kesler, James & Jean Kluttz, Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder, Doris Ludwick, Donnell Miller, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky Swicegood, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

**Sick/Surgery/Recovery** – Steve Arey, Debbie Cauble-McPherson, Rev. Randall Cauble (ICU), Patsy Lyerly, Richard Lyons, Jr., Bevis Norris, Jamie Troutman, Wayne & Pam Vellines

**Continual Prayer** – Rev. Doug Hefner Family (daughter died in car accident), Tommy Lamb (Pam Vellines’ uncle), Dr. Sean Malone (Pam Vellines’ friend), Jeff Matthews (cancer patient), Della Morgan (Pam Vellines’ mother), Tammy Winge (Mark Hunter’s cousin), Union Fire Department #76, Global Missions (Congo, Slovakia, and Haiti), especially for our NC neighbors affected by natural disasters & those affected by political disasters

**Prayers for Comfort:** Pastor Eenok Haamer (founder of Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia), Lela and Tyler Brooks, and Christian martyrs and persecution in the Congo.

*Please let us know...church staff are not automatically made aware of you or your family members and loved ones who are in the hospital, Hospice, a nursing home or shut-ins at home. This means we cannot minister to them without you letting us know. Please contact the church office (704) 636-5092 to keep us informed.*

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## Welcome Bags

Mission & Outreach Team have assembled new **Welcome bags** for our first time church visitors with useful items as well as a special welcome.

The Ushers are an integral part of this ministry but so are YOU!

If you see a new face, please welcome them and let the Ushers know.

Contact persons for Welcome Bags: Robyn Arey, Judy Boyd, or Cheryl Kluttz

## Car Magnet

Suggested cost of \$5 per magnet

Location: Narthex



**OUR MISSION:** Christ Centered ~ Mission Driven~ Traditionally-Grounded ~  
Congregationally Focused (Matthew 28:18-20)

**OUR VISION:** “Love God and Love our Neighbor” (Mark 12:30-33)

**OUR ACTION PLAN:** “By feeding, clothing, visiting, helping...” (Matthew 25:35-40)

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**2025 Church Council Members**

**2023-2025**

Ali Davis  
Vicki Hunter (Secretary)  
Sharon Leazer  
Dusty Morgan, Sr. (President)  
Debbie Rinehart

**2024-2026**

Phil Cauble  
Kevin Huffman  
John Knight (Treasurer)  
Thad Mulkey

**2025-2027**

Karen Barringer  
Pete Nguyen (Vice-President)  
Brad Trexler

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**Lay Ministers**

Tara Davis, Steve Hutchens, John Kesler, Elbert Kluttz and Deena Lanning

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**Union Lutheran Church**

Church Office Hours: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

Pastor Heidi Punt, Senior Pastor (pastor@ulcsalisbury.org)

Phil Cauble, Facility Manager

Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support (office@ulcsalisbury.org)

Pastor T. C. Plexico, Pastor Emeritus



## The Service of Remembrance and Promise for

Hardy “William” Page, Jr  
April 29, 1944 – March 22, 2025

and

Doris Smith Page  
October 3, 1936 – December 22, 2024

Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 10:45 a.m.

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**Hardy “William” Page, Jr.**, 80, of Salisbury, NC passed away Saturday, March 22, 2025 after a lengthy illness.

William was born on April 29, 1944 at home in Sheffield Township in Davie County to Hardy William Page, Sr. and Lucy Elizabeth Blankenship Page. He often told fun stories of growing up in Spencer with his sisters and the adventures they got into on 5th Street. He graduated from North Rowan High School. William joined the Army and was sent to Vietnam where he served as a heavy equipment mechanic. A lifelong logger since his teens, he worked alongside his dad for many years. He absolutely loved the outdoors and was very talented with walking a tract of timber and knowing the amount of lumber that could come from it. He owned and operated Lake Fork Lumber Company which he enjoyed and all the people he got to talk to. He was soft spoken with a wonderful sense of

humor, and put everyone he met at ease. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Judy C. Page in 1990, and by his second wife Doris Smith Page in 2024. Those left to cherish his memory are his sister, Jane Ketchie and Marie Bowen (Dan); daughters, Robin Page Cain (Ricky), Kelli Page Bame, and his bonus daughter, Angie Padon; son, Robert G. Bame (Rhonda); grandchildren: Emily Bame (Austin), Nathan Bame (Aleah), Ryan Bame (Allie), Owen Bame, Nick Cain (Christian), Holly Cain (Owen); 6 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 9:30-10:30 AM Saturday (March 29) at Union Lutheran Church with a Celebration of Life Service for William and Doris following at 10:30 AM in the church. Burial will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, plant a tree or donate to The Arbor Day Foundation, 211 N. 12th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.



**Doris Jean Smith Page**, 88, of Salisbury, passed away on Sunday, December 22, 2024, at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center.

She was born October 3, 1936 in Davidson County, NC to the late Harvey Smith and Mildred Trotter Smith. Doris was just a small child when she became totally deaf following a bout with the measles that led to a coma. She worked hard to accomplish what she wanted and she graduated from Fair Grove High School in Thomasville, NC as Salutatorian. She then attended UNC Greensboro and later graduated from Cabarrus Memorial Hospital School of Nursing where she received the Florence Nightingale award, a prestigious honor. She worked for Dr Lomax in Salisbury for over 30 years, taking care of many generations of patients whom loved her dearly.

Doris was a member of Union Lutheran Church. She was active in the ladies groups and serving in the church.

In addition to her parents Doris was preceded in death by her first husband, Gerald Ray Bame.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 33 years William Page; son Robert Bame and wife Rhonda of Salisbury; daughters Kelli Bame of Salisbury and Robin Cain and husband Ricky of Rockwell, NC; sister, Lillie Lockwood of Lexington, NC; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and her faithful dog, Millie.

A private funeral service will be held for the family with a public memorial service at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund at Union Lutheran Church.

Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com). Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Page family.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Doris Jean Smith Page please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).

## Graveside Service

Todd Randall Huffman  
May 28, 1962-March 11, 2025

Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

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**Todd Randall Huffman** passed away unexpectedly at his home on March 11, 2025, at the age of 62. He was born on May 28, 1962, in Rowan County where he attended Rowan County Schools and Union Lutheran Church. Todd was a 1980 graduate of North Rowan High School, completed a 2-year program at NC State University, and was previously self-employed.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles L. Huffman and his grandparents, Murray and Ruby Morgan Goodman and Delma and Elsie Menius Huffman.

He is survived by his mother, Janet Goodman Overcash (Vernon); son, Jonathan Clawson (Tiffany); grandchildren Hensley and Colby Clawson; brothers, Brad Huffman (Jan) and Kevin Huffman (Robin); sister, Sonya Mulkey (Thad); Stepbrother Todd Overcash (Kerri); Stepsister Tammy Overcash; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at Union Lutheran Church, 4770 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC 28146 officiated by Pastor Heidi Punt.

Memorials may be made to Union Lutheran Church for the Youth Missions Fund.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

## April Calendar – dates/times subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00 p.m. Lenten meal ( <i>Dutch Meeting Hall</i> ) 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service	2 6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus 6:30 p.m. Catechism Confirmation ( <i>Drew Wise SS Conference #1</i> )	3 6:30 p.m. Property, Cemetery & Columbarium	4	5 <i>Pastor Heidi Punt trip ends.</i>
6 9:20 a.m. Sunday School Opening 9:30 a.m. Kids & Youth Teaching & Music 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 2:00 p.m. Emergency Response Team 4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans	7 <i>Pastor Heidi Punt is out of the office from April 7-April 14.</i>	8 2:00 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle 6:00 p.m. Lenten meal ( <i>Dutch Meeting Hall</i> ) 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service	9 5:30 p.m. Mission Outreach 6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus 6:30 p.m. Catechism Confirmation ( <i>Drew Wise SS Conference #1</i> )	10 10:00 a.m. Good Timers ( <i>Old Pine Center</i> )	11	12 9:30 a.m. Church Workday <i>Christmas Flowers removed from Cemetery</i> <i>Pastor Heidi Punt will be attending her son's wedding ceremony.</i>
13 Palm Sunday 9:20 a.m. Sunday School Opening 9:30 a.m. Kids & Youth Teaching & Music 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 4:30 p.m. Union Youth <i>Stations of the Cross around the Cemetery</i>	14	15 Tax Day <i>Pastor Heidi Punt returns to the office.</i>	16 2:00 p.m. Autumn Care Chapel Time 6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus 6:30 p.m. Catechism Confirmation ( <i>Drew Wise SS Conference #1</i> )	17 Maundy Thursday 4:00 p.m. Service 6:30 p.m. Service  <i>Genevieve Baker is out of the office April 17-18.</i>	18 Good Friday 4:00 p.m. Service 6:30 p.m. Service 7:30 p.m. Union Youth Lock-in (Pie & Cobbler Fundraiser)	19 9:00 a.m. Pie & Cobbler Fundraiser Pick Up 9:15 a.m. flowers for inside cross 11:00 a.m.-12 noon potted flowers drop off to the Sanctuary
20 Easter Sunday 7:30 a.m. Easter Service 8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Easter Service 10:30 a.m. Holy Baptism (Ashton Lambert)	21 <i>Church office is closed</i>	22	23 <i>In observance of the Holiday: no Wednesday Choir(s) rehearsals or Catechism Confirmation will not meet.</i>	24	25	26 The Family of George Kluttz Reunion ( <i>Dutch Meeting Hall</i> )
27 <i>Deadline for May articles</i> 9:20 a.m. Sunday School Opening 9:30 a.m. Kids & Youth Teaching & Music 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 2:00 p.m. Church Council 4:00 p.m. Luther League	28	29 6:30 p.m. James Bible Study ( <i>Dutch Meeting Hall</i> )	30 2:30 p.m. Lay Ministers 4:00 p.m. James Bible Study ( <i>Dutch Meeting Hall</i> ) 6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus 6:30 p.m. Catechism Confirmation ( <i>Drew Wise SS Conference #1</i> )	Revised as of 3-28-2025  <i>Noisy Offering will be collected for Lutheran Services Carolinas on Sundays, April 13 &amp; 27.</i>		

### April Birthdays Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Caylea Cline	3 Daisy Martin	4 Don Davis	5
6	7	8 Noah Cauble	9 Steve Walton	10 Moses Miller	11	12 Sabrina Eagle
13 Palm Sunday Janie Lesley	14	15	16 John Knight	17 Maundy Thursday Hannah Barbee	18 Good Friday Ruth Monroe	19
20 Easter Sunday	21 Abbey Deaton	22 Avery Cline	23 Marvin Nunn	24 Rachel Earnhardt	25 Sam Nguyen	26 Ali Davis
27	28	29	30	Revised as of 3-28-2025		

#### April Anniversaries:

- April 11      Elbert and Cheryl Kluttz
- April 21      Joe and Sylvia McDaniel
- April 28      Vernon and Janet Overcash

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? Please contact the church office (704) 636-5092 – we don't want to leave anyone out!

