

Spirit of Joy

Lutherans in Mission for Christ

Welcome

February 12, 2012

It's a delight to be worshipping with you today. May you find at Spirit of Joy a rich sense of fellowship, caring and worship. You are warmly invited to take part in any of our upcoming activities. **We're glad you're here!**

Nursery Preschoolers and littler ones are welcome to join our professional nursery worker Kathy Blair and her volunteers! *Down the hall, first door on the left.*

Deeper Faith

CONFIRMATION! Kids in Grades 7-9 Classes Start **TODAY!** 3:30pm.

For Sunday School class locations, see map in Narthex or near Family Life Center.

Adult Sun School: Christ in Culture + Courageous + Experiencing God + Forgiveness + Gospel of John

Soon! Courageous Sunday School continues with 2nd study: *Honor Begins at Home! Based on the movie *Courageous*, go deeper into biblical truths for a godly family. Topics: redeem your history, walk with integrity, win the hearts of your children, etc. Readings from *The Resolution for Men* and *for Women* will help you connect with God and His best plan for your family.

Small Group Options:

God is Closer Than You Think, Sundays 9:50am Experience the intimacy you long for with God and that he longs to have with you. Contact Karen McElveen, McEDesigns@carolina.rr.com.

Romans Bible Study Wed, 6:10pm (followed by Wednesday Evening Devotions at 7:15pm)

Mother's Group: The Power of a Positive Wife, Thurs, 10:00am Learn principles to be a positive wife! All are invited! Contact Christina Stollmack for info 704-363-4004.

***New! Caregiver Support Group, Begins Thurs, Feb. 16, 7:00pm** Are you a caregiver? Share feelings, vent frustrations, comfort others, find solutions. Contact Karen Thomas: 704-241-4279.

Joyful Community

Member Business Card Book Support our members by using their services. Business Card Book is now available in the rack on the side of the family mailboxes.

Sign Language Class Want to learn basic signs for basic communication? Intended for use with young children struggling with verbal communication (but you never know when it might be needed!). Classes Saturdays (except Feb. 18), 9:00am through Mar. 31. Info or to enroll: Christine Yurko, 980-275-3061.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner hosted by GUYS. Please join us on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6pm.

Music Amnesty Month Please return any music/choir books you may have at home to the choir room. Our choir is growing and we need all our resources to accommodate our group.

Annual Choir Retreat We are taking deposits now for the retreat which will be August 24-26 at Ridgecrest. Please join us if you would like to sing praises to the Lord. This is a time of worship, fellowship, eating and singing! Deposit of \$40 to John Wiruth or Rhonda Mauney.

Time Travelers: New Group for Empty Nesters & Beyond Join us Sun, Feb. 26, 1:00pm for a potluck to learn more about our plans. For more information: Ron Whitener, ronniewhitener@bellsouth.net

2012 Council Members *Paula Aulisi, Craig Bender, Bill Byrd, Dwayne Helms, *Scott Kramer, Ann Lashley, Lynne Lerch, Doug Pierotti, Bill Roberts, Gary Roseman, Stuart Samuels, *Karen Thomas, Fran Whelan (Treasurer), and Becca Zielke (Youth) *Alternates

Reaching More

SOUPer Bowl of Caring Thank you to all who gave so generously, \$171.25 was collected for the Giants and \$99.51 for the Patriots and the real winner, the Union County Shelter for the Homeless.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 12

Loaves and Fishes Sunday

- 8:30am Student Leader Meetings
- 8:30am WORSHIP
- 9:50am Sunday School
- 11:00am WORSHIP
- 3:30pm Confirmation Class
- 4:00pm Bell Choir
- 4:00pm Youth Bible Study
- 4:00pm Youth Praise Band
- 5:00pm Youth Group
- 5:00pm Praise Team
- 5:00pm First Decade Choir

Monday, February 13

- 6:30pm Generosity Team
- 7:00pm Christian Ed Team
- 7:00pm Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, February 14

- 6:50pm Men's Discipleship Grp

Wednesday, February 15

- 5:15pm Family Dinner
- 6:00pm AWANA
- 6:00pm 20s & 30s Small Group
- 6:10pm Pastor Ed's Bible Study
- 7:15pm Wednesday Evening Devotions

Thursday, February 16

- 6:00pm Praise Band
- 7:00pm Easter Music Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Caregiver Support Grp
- 8:00pm Worship Choir practice

Friday, February 17

- 8:30am Bible Study-Heaven

Sunday, February 19

- 8:30am Student Leader Meetings
- 8:30am WORSHIP
- 9:50am Sunday School
- 11:00am WORSHIP
- 3:30pm Confirmation Class
- 4:00pm Bell Choir
- 4:00pm Youth Bible Study
- 4:00pm Youth Praise Band
- 5:00pm Youth Group
- 5:00pm Praise Team
- 5:00pm First Decade Choir

Order for Worship

Prelude

11:00am First Decade Choir

Ingathering

Gather Us In (Red 532)

The River Is Here

Confession, Forgiveness, Peace

Prayers

Children's Sermon

Lessons

First Lesson 2 Kings 5

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 9

Gospel Lesson Mark 1

Message *Pastor Ed*

Song of the Day

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Offering

8:30am First Decade Choir

11:00am Choir

Offertory

Communion Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Come via center aisle. Return via side.

Dip Bread into Wine.

Grape Juice (as an alternative) is in the cup nearest choir chairs.

Children may receive communion (hold out hands) or a blessing.

Prayers during Communion Staff or Stephen Ministers will be at the altar during communion to pray with you.

Communion Songs

Grace Alone

Shine On Us

Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone

More Love, More Power

Draw Me Into Your Presence

Sending Song

Shout to the Lord

Baptism

Rachel Nicole Burris

daughter of Tom & Ashley Burris

Financials

General Fund

Avg. Weekly Need: \$9,575

Giving Last Week: \$9,787

Avg. Giving This Year: \$8,766

Prayers

For Healing, Comfort, Hope

Patty Barnette, Mark Bruce (Kramer), Stephanie Bulla, Sandra Cook, Norm Cleveland, George Crouse, Frank Durbin (Zielke), Marge Glunk (Hejka, Bensch), Robin Hancock, Pastor Reggie & Cheryl Hansome, Brian & Missy Henderson (Richardson), Joe Herr (Hejka), Carol Hindes (Hindes), Martha Huffman (Huffman), Lesley Kisiah (Hartis), Chris & Autumn Meyers (Kramer), Bill Roberts, Janet Sharman (Sharman), Shirley (Peterson), KENZA Shoemaker, Johnny Simpson (Gordon), Bo Smith (Heath), Kathleen Taylor, Rhonda Tichman (Samuels), Allen Waters (Sharpe), Gene & Fran White, Larry Wynhoff (Voit)

World: for Christian Martyrs; for our nation and leaders; for our economy and the unemployed; for Israel and peace in the Middle East

Armed Forces: Kristina Belcourt, Ben Eklund, Joshua Hancock, Thomas Johnson, Adam Lichtman, Jesse Minick, Jeremiah Spurlock, Jeremy Sykora, Jay Thomas, Matthew Tijerina, S.A. Tilett, Gabe Wiruth, Sina & Joshua Ziemack ... and Ken Blair and Corey Harm, contractors in Afghanistan

Mission Churches: Pastor Elisa & Redeemer

Seminary Students: Conda Lashley

Stephen Ministry: The people they care for

Birthdays: Feb. 13 - Janie Owens, Gabriella Sperduto; Feb. 14 - Thomas Burris; Feb. 15 - Jennevie Flanigan, Emily Olsen; Feb. 16 - Michael Bovi, Sharon Bruckner; Feb. 17 - Ernesto Bustamante, Christian Kohler, Mary Tymann; Feb. 18 - David Casper

Anniversaries: Feb. 16 - Ken & Tawny Morrison

Prayer requests remain in the Bulletin for 2 weeks; please call the office to extend.

Email Prayer Chain: Pat Ware,

patriciaaware6@aol.com

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Serving in Worship

TODAY - 8:30am - February 12

Altar Guild: Pat Ware

Comm. Asst.: Jim & Marilyn Peterson, Jim & Julie Voit

Acolyte: Zachary Leonard

Greeters: Lisa Kaperonis, Tom Yurkos

Lay Reader: Chet Matheson

Ushers: Jeff Cook, Harrison Kaperonis, Kennedy Kaperonis, Paul Kaperonis

Captain: Jim Peterson, 704-292-7738

Sound: Robbie Thomas

Projection: Alan Lindholm

Prayer Assistant: Michele Bender

TODAY - 11:00am - February 12

Altar Guild: Becca & Tammy Zielke

Comm. Asst.: Catherine Bensch, Susan Gates, Conda & Ann Lashley

Acolyte: Joseph Bensch

Greeters: Susan Gates, Ron Whitener

Lay Reader: Linda Whitener

Ushers: Abbey Pierotti, Doug Pierotti, Adam Thiemann, Chris Thiemann

Captain: Gary Thiemann, 704-243-7383

Sound: Zachary Glasser

Projection: Alan Lindholm

Prayer Assistant: Kristen Sigmon

Tellers: Conda Lashley, Melissa Sharpe

Council Person of the Month:

8:30am Craig Bender

11:00am Stuart Samuels

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