

The Beacon

"He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved."

Psalm 62:2



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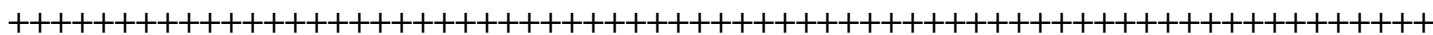
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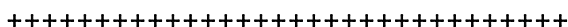
Sherrie McKean, Secretary
Office Hours: 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Monday-Friday
Gary Reitzel, Custodian

Council Members: Betty Hawn, David Arndt (Vice Chair), Benjamin Stewart (Secretary), Gary Reitzel, Robin Sigmon, Victor Paquin, Christopher Painter Wesley Stinson, Celia Reece (Treasurer), and Kristen Helton



February 14th at 7:00 p.m. Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

On Ash Wednesday we will gather to worship. God's mercy and forgiveness through Word & Sacrament will be at the center. We begin this season of Lent with an invitation to make each day a new beginning with the assurance of God's grace. Together we will look to the spiritual renewal that flows from the Easter Feast. So, let us return to the Lord our God. The Easter Sunday shouts of "Christ is Risen!" are just around the corner.



WISDOM FROM 1ST CORINTHIANS

Sunday Nights in Lent
6:00pm, Supper
6:30pm, Bible Study



Sun. Feb 18	1 Cor. 1:18-31	"Wisdom & Foolishness"
Sun. Feb 25	1 Cor. 2:1-16	"Applying God's Wisdom"
Sun. Mar 3	1 Cor. 3:1-5	"Wisdom & Christian Life"
Sun. Mar 10	1 Cor. 12 31-13:13	"The Wisdom of Love"
Sun. Mar 17	1 Cor. 15:1-11	"Wisdom & Resurrection"

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Lay Communion Training is Feb. 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir room. Anyone interested in taking Holy Communion to our homebound and sick members is urged to attend.

The **Daytime Ladies' Circle** (which will meet on the 1st Thursdays at noon) has been put on hold at this time.

The **Evening Ladies' Circle** will meet on Monday, Feb. 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room. See article BELOW for more details.

The Youth are having a **Bake Sale** on Sunday, Feb. 11th at the church. Please support.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is Feb. 13th from 6 - 7:30 p.m. See flyer on page 4.

Lenten Services and Meals: February 18th and 25th. See page 1 and below.

The **Men's Breakfast** will be on Sunday, Feb. 25th at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Building.

The **Crusaders** will meet on Sunday, Feb. 25th at 3:00 p.m.

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WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday Evening Lenten Services will start February 18th. Soup and sandwiches will be served. If you would like to bring either, please see Robin Burgess for the sign-up sheet.

The Annual Community Prayer Breakfast will be held on March 2nd beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Catawba Valley Baptist Church in Maiden. There is **NO** charge. Please let Robin know by Feb. 10th if you plan to attend.

Planning for Bazaar: Yes, it is early — but never too early to start planning! We plan on having some craft workshops through the year. ALL are invited. As you are beginning to do your spring cleaning there are things that we can use:

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| Buttons | Material | Thread | Yarn |
| Glue | Ribbon | Any craft supplies | |
- If you have any, please let Robin know.

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We Have Four Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm (Fellowship Bldg.)
(studying scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday)

Thursdays @ 10:30 am (Sanctuary)
(currently studying the Psalms)

Sundays @ 9:30 am (Fellowship Bldg.)

Sundays @ 9:30 am (Library)

Come join us! We have a place for you!

FEBRUARY

Birthdays and Anniversaries

2. Victor Lineberger
3. Amy Brown, Brandon Nelson
6. Linda Sipe, Preston Workman
8. Seth Ford
9. Regina Lee
10. Shanna Smyre Rabon
13. Judy Brown, Taylor & Zach Harris,
Ron Sipe
14. Colby Collins, Max Lowman
16. Heather Hagan
18. Susie Devine, Earl Sipe
20. Annabelle Hernandez
21. Kristy Estep
22. Allison Ford
23. Bill Armstrong, Joseph Reitzel,
Dwayne Sipe
25. Kaitlyn Stewart
26. Lynn Hill

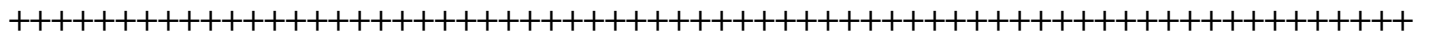
MARCH

Birthdays and Anniversaries

1. Amy Bolick, Rick Heavner, Bobbie Sain
3. Jessie Sipe, Margaret Travis
4. Ricky Estep
6. Isaac Crouch
8. Jessica Beal, Bain Sipe
11. Kristy Painter
16. Benjamin Stewart
17. Jane Sain
19. Sharon Arnold
21. Janice Elmore, Donna Sigmon
23. Jeff Link
25. Torre Boldon
26. Bob Hullet
28. Susan Cook, Jill Raines
29. Ashton Hatley



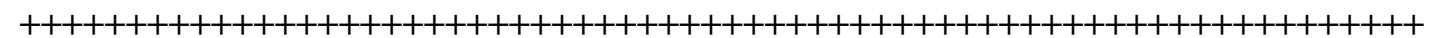
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. & Mrs. Kelly York 3. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sipe 6. Ps. & Mrs. John Lingle 9. Mr. & Mrs. Victor Paquin 21. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Smyre | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Mr. & Mrs. Chris Painter 9. Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Clark 12. Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Brittain 22. Mr. & Mrs. Nickie Sain |
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THE LAITY TEAM

Laity Team plans to meet monthly to assess the current status of Church members. Prayers, cards, encouragement, and support to each other is our calling from our Lord.

Kristy Painter or Keeley Stikeleather, co-chairs, may be contacted. God's continued blessings and peace to everyone.

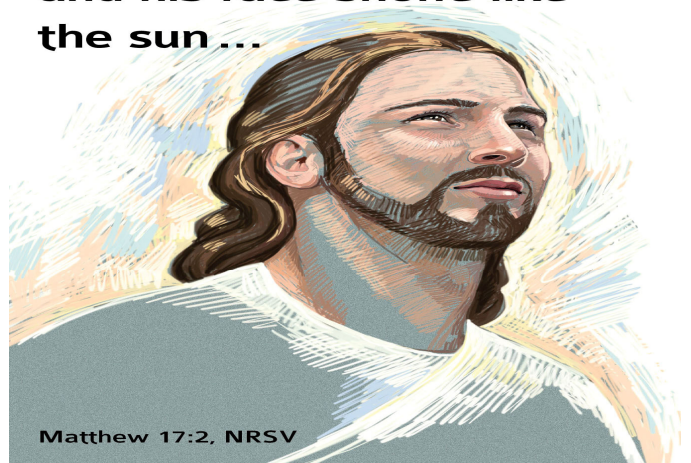


IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY

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| Groundhog Day | Feb. 2 |
| Transfiguration Sunday | Feb. 11 |
| Valentine's Day | Feb. 14 |
| Ash Wednesday | Feb. 14 |
| Presidents' Day | Feb. 19 |



**He was transfigured
before them,
and his face shone like
the sun ...**



Shrove Tuesday

pancake supper



Tuesday, February 13th, 2024
6:00pm - 7:30pm

St. James Lutheran Church
1942 St. James Church Road
Newton, NC

PANCAKES
SAUSAGE & BACON
COFFEE - JUICE - TEA

EVERYONE WELCOME !

COME JOIN US !!

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS FUNDRAISERS

American Heritage Girls Spirit Night at
Boxcar Grill in Claremont on Wednesday,
March 6 from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.
10% will be donated to the Washington
Trip in June.

Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 18.
Lincoln Country Club
2052 Country Club Road
Lincolnton, NC 28092
Tee time is 2:00 p.m.
Players - \$75.00 Team - \$300.00
Sponsors - \$100

JOIN US FOR A

Housewarming Party for Benjamin Stewart

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 11,
2024
DROP IN
2:00-4:00

ST. JAMES
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP
BUILDING



PLEASE JOIN US AS CELEBRATE HIS NEW HOUSE WITH HIM
HELP STOCK HIS KITCHEN OR ANY NECESSITIES A NEW
HOMEOWNER NEEDS.
GIFT CARDS ARE APPRECIATED!



*St. James Lutheran
Crusaders*

Bake Sale

February 11, 2024
After church under carport

Funds are going towards youth
mission trips this summer.
Thank you for your support!



February schedule:

February 11:

Bake Sale - after church

SuperBowl Party - the youth and their families
are invited to attend

February 25:

Meeting at 3:00 (Jessie - devotions)



NORTH AMERICAN
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

OUR LENTEN MISSION

We would like to have your help once again to create Health Care Kits for the NALC Disaster Response Team. Please bring the following items to the church during Lent. Donation bins will be at the front and the back of the church.

Please note: the dates are suggestions. You may bring any item at any time.
THANK YOU!

February 18 - bath towels and washcloths (dark color preferred)

February 25 - toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss

March 3 - shampoo and bars of soap

March 10 - deodorant

March 17 - nail clippers

March 24 - combs

Donations of 2-gallon sized ziploc bags are also appreciated, as they are used to package the care kits.

Join us for packaging day! We will put the kits together on Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 in the Fellowship Building. Many hands make light work, so come lend yours!

A note from the Crusaders:

Thank you! We are always overwhelmed by your love and support. We appreciate your generosity at the Second Sunday lunch. The earnings will go a long way toward our fundraising goal this year. Thank you again!

♡ the Crusaders ♡



Congratulations to Jerry Peeler, son-in-law of Wilma Hedrick, and Gary Reitzel for receiving the Claremont Rescue Squad Member of the Year Awards at the recent Awards dinner. Also, Jerry was recognized for his 35 years of Service and Gary for his 46 years of Service to the community

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Congratulations to Bryson and Alexis Faith Horne. Little Rue Bellamy Horne was born on January 17, 2024. Rue is Jennifer Barr's first grandchild and Barbara Sigmon's first great-grandchild.



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Thank You Church family for all the prayers, cards and kind words for the passing of my sister Brenda Isenhour.

Thank You to the ladies of the Church for the wonderful meal that was provided for my family.

Thank You again through Christ our Lord.

Barbara Harris

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The American Heritage Girls participated in an Art Show at the church last month. All of the girls received Participation Ribbons for being in an art show and they earned their Art Badge.



First Place Pathfinders
First Place Tenderhearts
First Place Explorers
First Place Pioneer/Patriots

Riley
Peggy & Anna tied
Bella
Ava

