

March Newsletter 2025



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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written,

"The righteous shall live by faith.""

(Romans 1:16-17)

***“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”***

(Habakkuk 2:4)

Paul is reiterating what has been said by the prophet Habakkuk in Romans. He is connecting the Old Testament with the New Testament. From the time of Adam, those who are righteous are those who have faith in God.

Thankfully in the New Testament this is made clearer, because the Gospel has now been fully shown to us through Christ and his Cross. Salvation unto us has come. There is nothing we as human beings can do to earn salvation.

You are righteous because Christ has made you righteous. This is a gift in Baptism. There the old Adam is drowned, and the New Adam (Christ) emerges within us strengthening us and preserving us in our faith.

We can confess the times when we may be puffed up and not upright and receive forgiveness. Upon forgiveness we can do good works according to Christ and his mercy for our neighbor. This is the New Obedience we have in Christ.

It is also taught that such faith should yield good fruit and good works and that a person must do such good works as God has commanded for God's sake but not place trust in them as if thereby to earn grace before God. For we receive forgiveness of sin and righteousness through faith in Christ, as Christ himself says [Luke 17:10]: “When you have done all [things] ..., say, ‘We are worthless slaves.’” The Fathers also teach the same thing. For Ambrose says: “It is determined by God that whoever believes in Christ shall be saved and

*have forgiveness of sins, not through works but through faith alone,
without merit.”*

(Augsburg Confession, Article VI., Concerning New Obedience)

Good works earn us no favor with God, but they are for our neighbor whom we love. In this way, we give thanks to God that he resides in us and is at work in our Sanctification. Building us up in faith to better serve our neighbor.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Welmer

Vision - Mission - Values - Portrait

Many of you may know that I have been enrolled in Principal 360 and in this program we are looking to craft a strategic plan for BCA that will allow us to grow and sustain that growth with solid planning for many years to come.

We will be working on our vision and mission statements and then moving into identifying values that support that vision and mission. Once this is completed we will wrap up with a Portrait of a Graduate that will provide us with a picture of the attitudes, skills and work ethic we want our graduates to possess when leaving as eighth graders.

This is an exciting time for BCA as we look to share Jesus with our community that will ripple throughout our families and churches.

We are entering March like a BCA Lion and will ROAR (Respect, Optimistic, Accountable, Responsible) as we build the skills of our students so they are ready to take on their next challenge.

God will bless our efforts and please take the time to pray for your

team at BCA. Your prayers make a huge difference.

Growing in Love through Jesus,
David Topp

March Birthdays

Joel Hipp	3/1
Jimmy Savor	3/3
Colleen Schwab	3/4
Christian Dettloff	3/4
Carey K. Mullroy	3/5
Ida Jane Larson	3/5
Frank Streufert	3/5
Paul Parker	3/6
Erik Johnson	3/12
Kurt Kappel	3/13
Peggy Moselage	3/15
Claudia Chiaro	3/17

Pastor Welmer	3/17
Ruthie Vinson	3/19
Judy Freer	3/20
Gilbert Pingel	3/22
Linda Schroeder	3/23
Nancy Gray	3/24
Matt Townley	3/26
Bill Haigler	3/27
Vera Yarman	3/28
Ian Randall	3/28
James Norman	3/29
Tim Vines	3/31

March Anniversaries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Date</u>
Charlie & Cassi Parell	21	3/6
Stan & Vickie Puterbaugh	27	3/7
Craig & Teresa Curtis	23	3/9
David & Ashley Shamblin	8	3/25
Tom & Sandy Lowe	6	3/25

Prayer Requests

Members

Joan Ashton
Marian Fretwell
Ingrid Hall
Carolyn Kempson
Ida Jane Larson
Walter Meyer
Peggy Moselage
Paul Parker
Teresa Petty
Pastor Pingel
Stan Puterbaugh
David Ratchford
Pat Stroud

Family of Members

Bonnie Blair (Nance)
Brittany (Hunter)
Robbie & Sue Barnes (Hyde)
Rick Brown (Curtis)
Thomas Caines (Lowe)
Sheryl Caylor (Lawson)
John Coffelt (Yarman)
Page Dover (Stroud)
Doug Emmer (Emmer)
Sherry Emmer (Emmer)
Fields Family (Guy)
Brittney Foerster (Hunter)
Freddie Fryar (Harris)

Lloyd Miller (Uffalussy)
Avery Morkert (Morkert)
James O'Connell (Pacenti)
Tim Stroud (Stroud)
Jo Vail (Vail)
Ronnie Walker (Musser)
Katie Williams' father

Friends of Members

Jane Amstutz (Streufert)
Kayla Carrol (Griffith)
Bailey Deweansbe (Harris)
Marty Dunagan (Slaten)
Gene & Faye Edwards (Tyson)
Ava England (Anderson)
Jon Freese (Gatlin)
Jim Gilliland (Hyde)
Charmaine Goines (Petty)
Barbara Hart (Selcer)
Alta Hook (Schroeder)
Marvin Kaylor (Guy)
Kleinpeter Family (Welmer)
Stella Kuhn (McMullen)
Morgan Family (Nance)
Naomi (Randall)
Ollie Reeves (Simmons)
Les Seibert (Anderson)
Greg Sitton (Selcer)
Joyce Skiles (J Freer)

Chris Hall (Hall)

Kathy Kreiman (Lewis)

Austin Martin (Petty)

Dusty Martin (Petty)

Valerie McMullen (McMullen)

Pastor Ralph & Sue Wetzel

Kay Wise (Nance)

Amy Zeleny, Lilly and Tabitha

(Turner)



Divine Service on
March 5 at 6:00 PM

There is no meal served on Ash Wednesday.

**Wednesday Lenten Services at 6:00 PM
RETURN TO THE LORD**

March 12 – Hosea 14

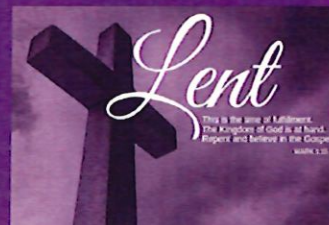
March 19 – Zechariah 1:1-6

March 26 – Jeremiah 4:1-4

April 2 – Malachi 3:6-15


April 9 – James 4:1-10

**A meal will be served at 5:00
prior to services.**





**W O R K D A Y A T T H E
C H U R C H**
Saturday, March 1 & April 5 beginning at 9 a.m.
Lunch Included!



All ladies of the congregation
are invited

to an
Expecting Mothers' Brunch

to rejoice with those
expecting in our church:


Rachel Schlig (due April 7, sex unknown)
Abby Holihan (due mid-April, baby boy)
Rachel Forsyth (due May 23, baby girl)
Paige Baker (due June 2, baby girl)
Katie Halabrin (due Sept. 1, baby boy)

on Saturday, March 15th
10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
in the FLC fellowship hall

On behalf of the women of FLC, we will be hosting a
potluck-style brunch as well as a meal train sign-up
for each family after their little ones are born.

Should you feel inclined to contribute otherwise, we
will also be collecting gift cards to Amazon and
Walmart in increments of \$10 to divide and gift to the
mothers-to-be. They can be left in the church office or
with Naney Girag up until Friday, March 14th.

Please sign up in the narthex by March 13th if you plan
to attend and if you're able to contribute food
towards the brunch. Hope to see you there!



"Children
are a gift
from the
Lord."
Psalm
127:3





BCA

BCA Dates to Remember for March

- Mar. 3 – 7 – National Lutheran Schools Week
- Mar. 6 – Arts Night – 6 p.m
- Mar. 7 – Grandparents' Day – 8 a.m.
- Mar. 10 – 14 – Spring Break for K – 8th Infants – PK4 open as usual, along with Spring Break camp for K – 8th graders who need care during the week.
- Mar. 21 – BCA Parent-Teacher conferences – PK3 – 8th grade closed



Sixth graders, Callie and Carson, were nominated by Ms. Williams, middle school teacher, and Ms. Christine, office manager. "These two students showed respect and responsibility by taking the initiative to keep our school looking clean.

During one of our indoor breaks, they noticed that it was incredibly messy under the bleachers in the gym and asked if they could clean up the trash. Since break was almost over and they didn't have trash bags, they were asked to wait until the next day when we could supply bags and gloves. Without being prompted the next day, they asked for the bags and gave up their break time to clean under the bleachers and had several bags full of trash. We are so thankful they went out of their way to help make our school a more pleasant place to be!"



Third grade student, Holden, was nominated by his teacher Ms. Randall, who said, "As the year has progressed, Holden has displayed more maturity and respect for others, shown greater optimism and encouragement than competitiveness, is accountable for the work he has completed in class and for homework, as well as his actions and words. He has taken on the responsibility of cleaning the classroom at the day's end without being asked or seeking recognition or reward. I am so proud of the work he has put into his growth this year!"



BCA's third and fourth graders completed a **service project to benefit The Chatt Foundation**, an organization that supports Chattanooga homeless. The students prepared 152 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to share with those at the shelter. BCA will collect offerings for the organization for the remainder of the third quarter for those who would like to support the cause.

March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 Church Inside/Outside Workday with Lunch
2 <i>Quinquagesima</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service 3:00 LWML Prayer Service	3	4 9-2 Food Pantry 6:00 Adult Instruction Class	5 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 1:30 Bible Study 6:00 Ash Wednesday Divine Service	6 11:00 Evangelism	7	8
9 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> LWML Mite Box 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	10 6:00 BCA Board 6:00 Parish Fellowship	11 9-2 Food Pantry 6:00 Social Ministry 6:00 Elders 7:30 Christian Ed	12 1:30 Bible Study 5:00 Lenten Meal 6:00 Lenten Service	13 10:00 LWML 6:30 Church Council	14	15 9am-3pm Camp Workday with Lunch 10:00 Expecting Mother's Brunch
16 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	17 Happy Saint Patrick's Day! <i>Newsletter & Calendar Deadline</i> Pastor Out	18 9-2 Food Pantry 10:00 Quilters 6:00 Adult Instruction Class	19 1:30 Bible Study 5:00 Lenten Meal 6:00 Lenten Service	20 6:00 Ladies' Fellowship at Wood Oven Kitchen, Ringgold Rd. 6:30 Men's Fellowship at Rib & Loin	21	22
23 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	24	25 9-2 Food Pantry 6:00 Adult Instruction Class	26 1:30 Bible Study 5:00 Lenten Meal 6:00 Lenten Service	27	28	29
30 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> Food Pantry Offering 9:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School	31			MARCH 2025		

March Sunday Worship Assistants

March 2 8:30

Organist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Jeff Anderson
 Frank Streufert
 Ushers Tony Seiberlich
 Kurt Piepenbrink
 Altar Guild Ralph Meissner

March 2 11:00

Organist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Charlie Simmons
 Assistants Yarman Team
 Ushers Townley Team
 Altar Guild Jordan Halabrin
 Acolyte Eradesa Stroud
 Nursery Chelsea S. Miller

March 9

Organist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Jeff Anderson

March 9 11:00

Organist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Jordan Halabrin

	Frank Streufert
Ushers	Ralph Meissner
	David Topp
Altar Guild	Michelle Bumgardner
	Linda Cox

Assistants	Yarman Team
Ushers	Townley Team
Altar Guild	Carla Brooks
Acolyte	Audrey Hipp
Nursery	Ashley Shamblin

March 16 8:30

Organist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Steve Kempson
	Jim Post
Ushers	Tony Seiberlich
	Kurt Piepenbrink
Altar Guild	Janet & Ted Ryan

March 16 11:00

Organist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Eric Turner
Assistants	Yarman Team
Ushers	Townley Team
Altar Team	Sandy Turner
Acolyte	Jackson Barber
Nursery	Jasley Montgomery

January 26 8:30

Organist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Jim Post
	Steve Kempson
Ushers	Ralph Meissner
	David Topp
Altar Team	Janet & Ted Ryan

January 26 11:00

Organist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Adam Weidman
Assistants	Freer Team
Ushers	Yarman Team
Altar Team	Gay Tallant
Acolyte	Eradesa Stroud
Nursery	Chelsea S. Miller

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