

April Newsletter 2025



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

*Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.*

Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

***for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.***

***I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!***

***Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!
(Psalm 27:11-14)***

There are times when we as Christians face persecution in some form or fashion. In those times it can be quite unnerving. But David reminds us in Psalm 27 that the Lord is not blind, and he sees and knows all. Our trust is in him who made heaven and earth.

This is First Commandment stuff. God is not slow as some count slowness. ***“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)***

We can trust that in his time he will act according to his will. So, we take courage in our Lord and pay attention to his just decrees. We ask for his forgiveness and receive his absolution. Then we partake in the Sacrament together to receive Christ, that we may be strengthened and preserved in the one true faith.

All of this helps us as we wait for the Lord's coming. We keep

praying that all may come to the knowledge of Christ so that they too may receive eternal life in him.

May this Lenten season be a blessing to you as we remember the journey Christ took to the cross to give us salvation.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Welmer

Success

I was reading for my Principal 360 class and the topic of success was mentioned and I thought about how we measure success at BCA/Lutheran School. What does success look like? How do we know we have achieved it? These are questions that can be addressed in assessments for academics, but what about character that is rooted in Christ our Lord? "They will know we are Christian by our love" from a children's song sums it up quite well. David Frost stated "Don't aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally." and if you believe and love what you are doing, success will follow. Together we will succeed!

Nehemiah prayed this prayer, "O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man." I know that a lot of people pray for

BCA/Lutheran School and those prayers are felt in many ways as our team does what it loves and believes in an awesome God.

God has given us success forever in His son Jesus!

Growing in Love through Jesus,

David Topp

April Birthdays

Noel Bezaire	4/2
Janet Ryan	4/3
Jim Avriett	4/4
Christine Post	4/4
Barbara Wright	4/4
Bill Wright	4/7
Jim Post	4/9
Lucas Barber	4/10
Michael Galik	4/10
Kathy Fisher	4/11
Connie Uffalussy	4/12
Leland Dettloff	4/12
Stratton Guy	4/15

Oscar Kelley	4/15
Vickie Puterbaugh	4/17
Miriam Schlie	4/18
Ingrid Hall	4/20
Robert Hyde	4/21
Shari Kappel	4/22
Madeline Gatlin	4/23
Nancy Morkert	4/24
Jodie Hyde	4/25
Edeltraud Parker	4/26
Paula Tallant	4/28
Eradesa Stroud	4/29

April Anniversaries

Eric & Sandy Turner	36	4/3
Rick & Debbie Sparks	50	4/25

Prayer Requests

Members

Ingrid Hall
Judy Nance
Teresa Petty

Family of Members

John Coffelt (Yarman)
Page Dover (Stroud)
Doug Emmer (Emmer)
Sherry Emmer (Emmer)
Kris Hall (Hall)
Ashley Koss (Schlie)
Jim Koss (Schlie)
Kathy Kreiman (Lewis)
Austin Martin (Petty)
Dusty Martin (Petty)
Christian McCall (Schlie)
Valerie McMullen (McMullen)
Lloyd Miller (Uffalussy)
Avery Morkert (Morkert)
James O'Connell (Pacenti)
Melanie Salvaggio
(Bumgardner)
Tim Stroud (Stroud)
Jo & Steve Vail (Vail)
Katie Williams' father

Friends of Members

Jane Amstutz (Streufert)
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)
Stella Kuhn (McMullen)
Naomi (Randall)
Ollie Reeves (Simmons)
Les Seibert (Anderson)
Greg Sifton (Selcer)
Joyce Skiles (J Freer)
The Squires Family
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Amy Turner, Lilly and Tabitha
(Turner)

LONG-TERM: Joan Ashton, Marian Fretwell, Carolyn Kempson, Ida Jane Larson,
Walter Meyer, Peggy Moselage, Paul Parker, Pastor Pingel, Stan Puterbaugh,

David Ratchford, Pat Stroud, Robbie & Sue Barnes (Hyde), Bonnie Blair (Nance)
Thomas Caines (Lowe), Bethany Dillard (Johnson)



WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH

**Saturday, March 1 & April 5 beginning at 9 a.m.
Lunch Included!**



*"A new command I give
you: Love one another."*

Maundy Thursday



Maundy Thursday Divine Service April 17 at 6:00 pm.

**But He was wounded for our transgressions;
He was bruised for our iniquities.
the chastisement of our peace was upon Him,
and with His stripes we are healed.**

Good Friday Chief Service April 18 at 6:00 pm.



*Help Adorn Our Church
For Easter
With The Purchase Of At
Least One Easter Lily*

This year in lieu of purchasing lilies by sign up, we are asking you to bring in the lily or lilies of your choosing which you have purchased on your own. You may bring the purchased lily or lilies to church on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday and place them downstairs in the fellowship hall on a table. The Altar Guild team will come in Saturday morning before Easter and use what you have supplied to decorate our church for Easter morning. After the second Easter service, those who purchased lilies may take them home. The Altar Guild will keep them watered for one additional week if you are a first service person who does not wish to come back to pick up your lily or lilies.

Egg Hunt at 10:00 on Easter Sunday

Children through 6th grade
are invited to join in the fun.

Please help by donating plastic eggs,
individually wrapped candy, small toys,
change, stickers, etc. All donations must
be in by Palm Sunday.

Volunteers are also needed to hide eggs
Easter morning at 9:45.

To volunteer or for more info please call
or text Sheli Baker, 423-580-9922.





*"He will cover you...under His wings you will find refuge" -
Psalm 91:4 (ESV)*

**Get ready for a heartwarming
and inspiring day at the**

**LWML Spring Christian Life Workshop
at First Lutheran Church in Cleveland, TN!**

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 26th, 2025**,
and join us bright and early at **9:30 am** for registration and a
delightful cup of coffee. Our workshop kicks off at **10 am**, and
we can't wait to embrace the theme **"Wrapped in Hope!"**
—a beautiful reminder from Psalm 91:4 that assures us of God's protective embrace.

**We are thrilled to welcome the wonderful
Linda Venturino from Project Linus as our speaker!**

To learn more about Project Linus: <https://www.projectlinus.org/>

WHAT ELSE ARE WE GOING TO DO AT THE WORKSHOP??

Together, we will create 100 cozy single-layer fleece blankets, spreading
warmth and love throughout our community. Don't worry; instruction
sheets will be provided to guide us along the way! Each of our five LWML
groups is excitedly purchasing fleece to craft 20 blankets each,
demonstrating our commitment to mission and service.

So, gather your friends, bring your creativity, and
let's come together in fellowship and faith-driven fun!
We can't wait to see you there!



BCA

BCA Dates to Remember for April

- Friday, April 18 – Closed for Good Friday

- Monday, April 21 – Closed for Easter Monday



**Amazing Masterpieces from
BCA's Annual Arts Night!**



BCA Basketball Season Finale!

Basketball season has come to a close, and the students said good-bye with a super fun adult vs. student game. A BIG thanks to all who coached and supported the kids through the season!



Ash Wednesday - A special part of today's National Lutheran Schools Week chapel included "The Imposition of the Ashes", led by Pastor Cox of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and Principal Topp. Students came to the altar to have ashes in the sign of the cross applied to their forehead, reminding us that "we are dust and to dust, we shall return".



Students are also taught that this is the 40+ day start of the Lenten season, leading up the most significant day on the Christian calendar, Easter. Pastor Cox did an amazing job with his message about Jesus' suffering and sacrifice so that we can all have eternal life with Him one day! We wish everyone a blessed Lenten season!

April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9-2 Food Pantry 6:00 Adult Education Class	2 5:00 Lenten Meal 6:00 Lenten Service	3 11:00 Evangelism	4 Pastor Out	5 9:00 Church Workday with Lunch
6 5th Sunday in Lent 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service Pastor Out	7	8 9-2 Food Pantry 6:00 Social Ministry 6:00 Elders 7:30 Christian Ed	9 5:00 Lenten Meal 6:00 Lenten Service	10 10:00 LWML 6:30 Church Council	11	12 9am-3pm Camp Workday with Lunch
13 Palm Sunday LWML Mite Box 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	14 6:00 BCA Board 6:00 Parish Fellowship	15 9-2 Food Pantry 10:00 Quilters	16	17 Maundy Thursday 6:00 Divine Service Bring Lilies to church	18 Good Friday 6:00 Chief Service Bring Lilies to church	19
20 Easter: The Resurrection of Our Lord New Member Sunday 8:30 Divine Service 9:30 Breakfast 10:00 Egg Hunt 11:00 Divine Service	21 Newsletter & Calendar Deadline	22 9-2 Food Pantry	23 1:30 Bible Study	24	25	26 6:30 Wrapped in Hope at First Lutheran, Cleveland, TN
27 2nd Sunday of Easter Food Pantry Offering 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	28	29 9-2 Food Pantry	30 1:30 Bible Study	APRIL 2025		
		Pastor Out				

April Sunday Worship Assistants

April 6 8:30

Organist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Jeff Anderson Frank Streufert
Ushers	Tony Seiberlich Kurt Piepenbrink
Altar Guild	Connie Uffalussy

April 6 11:00

Organist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Jordan Halabrin
Assistants	Freer Team
Ushers	Yarman Team
Altar Guild	Sandy Turner
Acolyte	Shiloh Miller
Nursery	Chelsea S. Miller

April 13

Organist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Jeff Anderson Frank Streufert
Ushers	Chris Douglas David Topp
Altar Guild	Patty Chewning

April 13 11:00

Organist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Eric Turner
Assistants	Freer Team
Ushers	Yarman Team
Altar Guild	Carla Brooks
Acolyte	Eradesa Stroud
Nursery	Ashley Shamblin

Holy Thursday, April 17 7:00 PM

Organist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Adam Weidman Jordan Halabrin
Assistants	Freer Team
Ushers	Yarman Team
Altar Team	Sandy Turner

Good Friday April 18 7:00 PM

Organist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Adam Weidman Jordan Halabrin
Ushers	Yarman Team

Easter Sunday April 20 8:30

Easter Sunday April 20 11:00

Organist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Steve Kempson Jim Post
Ushers	Ralph Meissner Kurt Piepenbrink
Altar Guild	Ralph Meissner

Organist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Adam Weidman
Assistants	Freer Team
Ushers	Yarman Team
Altar Team	Sandy Turner
Acolyte	Audrey Hipp
Nursery	Jasley Montgomery

April 27 8:30

Organist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Jim Post Steve Kempson
Ushers	Tony Seiberlich David Topp
Altar Team	Connie Uffalussy

April 27 11:00

Organist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Charlie Simmons
Assistants	Freer Team
Ushers	Yarman Team
Altar Team	Jodie Hyde
Acolyte	Jackson Barber
Nursery	Chelsea S. Miller



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