

March Newsletter 2026



Church
Staff

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Organist/Pianist	Anna Hipp
Custodian	Denise Topp
President	Adam Weidman
BCA Principal	David Topp

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

*“Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!*

*For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another...”*

(Job 19:23-27)

Amid Job’s suffering he makes this wonderful confession of faith. He knows that there is a resurrection of all flesh. That all those who believe in the Lord will rise to eternal life, both in body and soul.

We know that our bodies are perishing. Paul teaches us that the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). But Paul also teaches us that our mortal bodies will put on immortality, and that our perishable bodies will become imperishable (1 Corinthians 15:53). This is our gift in Christ Jesus.

We are not some spirit floaty creature in heaven, but actually have flesh and blood and all things that make up the body we currently have. However, these things will be physically glorified on the last day.

What it looks like to be glorified is beyond comprehension. The closest thing we have is Jesus’ glorification when he rose from the dead. And yes, he physically rose from the dead, and not as some spirit floaty creature.

Death has been swallowed up, so there is nothing to fear. As we move through Lent into Easter, we can praise God as Job does,

*“For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been
thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for
myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another...”*

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Welmer



The joy of carrying out the mission of BCA will be on display as we celebrate our Lutheran heritage in education. National Lutheran School Week begins on March 9th and ends on Grandparents Day the 13th. Our theme this year is "Let's Make a Joyful Noise" based on Psalm 98 with an emphasis on verse 4.

What does it mean to make "Joyful Noise" as stated in the ESV "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" and the NIV "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;" This is how we will celebrate this with our students at BCA.

Monday (9th): Make a Joyful Noise in Praise

Tuesday (10th): Make a Joyful Noise in Worship

Wednesday (11th): Make a Joyful Noise in Service

Thursday (12th): Make a Joyful Noise in Community – Arts night at 6 pm

Friday (13th): Make a Joyful Noise in Christ Alone – Honoring Grandparents at 8:35

Thanks to everyone who has made BCA/The Lutheran School a beacon of light in Chattanooga for 138 yrs. With your support we have shared Jesus with thousands and thousands of children, parents, and community members.

Making a Joyful noise for Jesus,

David Topp

March Birthdays

Joel Hipp	3/1
Jimmy Savor	3/3
Christian Dettloff	3/4
Carey Kelley-Mulroy	3/5
Ida Jane Larson	3/5
Frank Streufert	3/5
Paul Parker	3/6
Tirian Aho	3/7
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
Nancy Gray	3/24
Leslie Vail	3/25
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

	# Yrs.	
Charlie & Cassi Parell	22	3/6
Stan & Vickie Puterbaugh	28	3/7
Craig & Teresa Curtis	24	3/9
David & Ashley Shamblin	9	3/25

Prayer Requests

Members

Monty Simmons

Debbie Pfitzer

Family of Members

Carl Anderson (*J. Anderson*)

Jane Aaron (*Petty*)

Sue Baumgarth (*Petty*)

Page Dover (*Stroud*)

Doug Emmer (*Emmer*)

Sherry Emmer (*Emmer*)

Lynn Erke (*Randall*)

Joshua Falloon (*Turner*)

Marty Gray (*Gray*)

Janet Hallibren (*Anderson*)

Dusty Martin (*Petty*)

Austin Martin (*Petty*)

Valerie McMullen (*McMullen*)

James O'Connell (*Pacenti*)

David Rittenberry (*Curtis*)

Tim Stroud (*Stroud*)

Friends of Members

Cari Chittick (*Morkert*)

Gene & Faye Edwards (*Tyson*)

Ava England (*Anderson*)

Jon Freese (*Gatlin*)

Charmaine Goines (*Petty*)

Jeff Hale (*Bumgardner*)

Lisa Hearn (*Cox*)

Jimmy Kroeger (*Bumgardner*)

Stella Kuhn (*McMullen*)

Jollie Reeves (*Simmons*)

Rick Williams (*Williams*)

LONG-TERM

Members: Joan Ashton, Mariann Fretwell, Ingrid Hall, Carolyn Kempson, Ida Jane Larson, Walter Meyer, Peggy Moselage, Judy Nance, Paul Parker, Pastor Pingel, Stan Puterbaugh, David Ratchford, Pat Stroud

Ratchford, Pat Stroud

Non-Members: Eleanor Aramil (*Piepenbrink*), Robbie & Sue Barnes (*Hyde*), Bonnie Blair (*Nance*), Thomas Caines (*Lowe*), Bethany Dillard (*Johnson*), Marty Gray (*Gray*), Kris Hall (*Hall*), Ashley & Jim Koss (*Schlie*), Bern Langley (*Bumgardner*), Mia Marine (*Cox*), Lloyd Miller (*Uffalussy*), Avery Morkert (*Morkert*), John Rhoads (*Galik*), Becky Whitfield (*Bumgardner*)

Wednesday Lenten Services at 6:30 PM

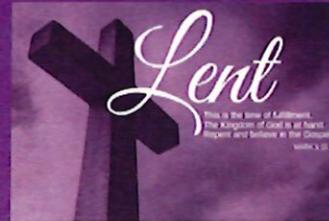
February 25 – Job 1:13-22

March 4 – Psalm 6

March 11 – Isaiah 53

March 18 – Psalm 22

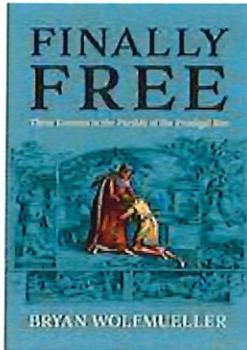
March 25 – Romans 5:1-11





It's that time again, for a new Easter Day!
Time for praise and fun, our usual way.
But, we have a problem, and call out to you!
We need Easter candy! We have too few!
Please bring lots on in and ready for fun,
To help made Easter Day great for everyone!





Please help yourself to a free copy
of the books that are
in the Narthex.

In them, Rev. Wolfmueller unpacks
the parable of the prodigal son to
reveal three ways we're enslaved
by sin and three freedoms Christ
bringsto set us free.





CHATTANOOGA ZONE LWML

**Spring
Workshop**

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

@ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Theme: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Theme Verse: Mark 9:37



GUEST SPEAKER: DANA JONES

Director of Volunteer Services at

CHAMBLISS CENTER FOR CHILDREN

GROWING YOUNG LIVES 24 • 7 • 365

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:15 AM!

Breakfast refreshments & lunch will be served!

SERVICE PROJECT

*We will be making Easter Baskets for 3-4 year old children
for the Chambliss Center for Children.*

Special Collection will be taken for LWML Mites Offering



Brushes & Bubbles

Friday, March 27, from 6:30-8:30
in the Church Fellowship Hall

*Make your check for \$25,
payable by cash or Venmo
(@Kathleen_Pacenti) directly
to Kathleen Pacenti no later
than March 20.*



BREAKFAST SNACKS!

Sunday Breakfast Snacks are a wonderful way to bond with fellow church members and create a welcoming environment. We would like to encourage additional members to participate in this endeavor. There is a 2026 signup sheet in the Breakfast Room with many Sundays available. You will even receive a reminder text the Saturday before your chosen Sunday.

Thank you for your assistance!

Cabin for Sale

12737 Lutheran Way
Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379

Where can you get a cabin with a view of the lake for **\$65,000**? Only at First Lutheran Church Camp 1621 Lee Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379 where the Townley's are selling their fully remodeled cabin. Speak to Matthew Townley 423-322-0660 or Marie Townley 423-322-4238 for more information.

Remodeling over the last 9 years includes the following:

- Stabilized Foundation
- All new electrical wiring
- Walls replaced
- Foam Insulation put in all walls
- Energy efficient water heater
- PEX plumbing throughout
- Heating and Air Unit
- Metal roof
- All lighting
- All ceiling fans
- Kitchen cabinets
- Corian countertop
- New refrigerator
- Glass top stove
- Energy efficient windows
- Sliding glass door with blinds
- Door with blinds
- 2 Screen Doors
- Bathroom subfloor and flooring
- Bathroom sink
- Toilet
- All new screen porch & grill deck
- Landscaped rock borders
- Exterior paint
- Extra Deck (repaired)
- Beadboard walls
- Lockable Storage under cabin
- Custom Built Armoire





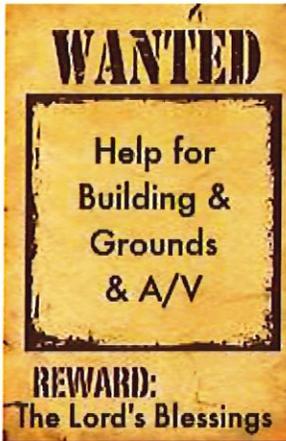
Ladies' Fellowship
meets at 6:00 on
Thursday, March 19,
at Portofino's
on Ringgold Road.



Men's Fellowship
meets at 6:30 on
Thursday, March 19
at Rib & Loin
on Brainerd Road.



Volunteers to run the AV equipment
for Sunday morning services are still
needed immediately. If you can help,
please contact Adam Weidman.

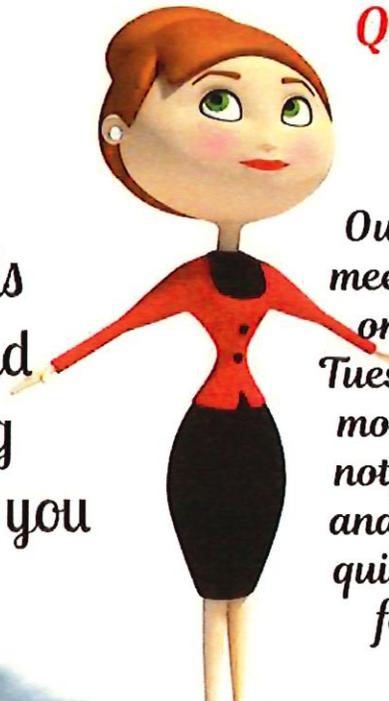


Grounds Committee

This committee is currently manned by one person: **Michael Stephens, Chair.**

Able-bodied people desperately needed to help with current tasks within the church. Please contact Michael Stephens to help.

In my dream world, fabric is free and quilting makes you thin!



Quilting!

Our quilters meet at 10:00 on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Why not join them and see what quilting does for you!

BCA

BELVOIR CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ENCHILADA

SALE!

Proceeds
benefit 7th/8th
Washington D.C.
trip this April!



Church Members! Please help support BCA's 7/8th graders by pre-ordering a pan of enchiladas on Feb. 22 or Mar. 1. A BCA representative will be in the narthex to take orders and payment. Orders may be picked up at BCA March 6. Delivered curb-side at BCA.

Pans include 6/7 enchiladas, topped with salsa

Cheese: \$15

Chicken or Beef: \$20

Pay cash or check (to BCA).

Contact - casandramelton@yahoo.com or 423-653-3304.

**Thank you for
supporting our
students with
your purchase!**

**You can place your order in the Narthex on Sunday, March 1.
BCA parents, Sarah Barber and Lisa Randall will be there to help
you.**

COMING UP!

WALK WITH FIRST LUTHERAN
ON APRIL 11

CHOICES
WALK FOR LIFE

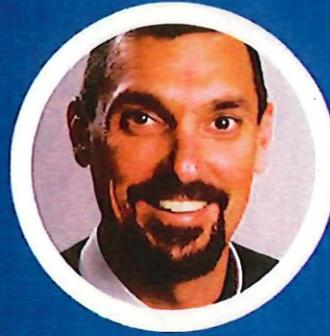
Help support moms and babies in
Chattanooga through the ministry of Choices.



The Choices Walk for Life is on Saturday, April 11 from 9:30 to noon. When you sign up as a walker, select First Lutheran Church as your team, and then ask friends and family to sponsor you!

[Register here.](#)

DYING WELL IN CHRIST



A Christian Response to Issues at Life's End
Hosted by Christ Our Savior
Lutheran Church

with Rev Dr. Aric Fenske
Executive Director, Lutherans for Life

**FREE
ENTRY**
*limited seats

Reality

- What is death
- Life in a culture of death

Decision

- Advance Medical Directives
- Hospice & Palliative Care
- Family Conversations

Hope

- Going Grace-fully

Light breakfast & lunch
provided

Saturday, April 18th
8:30am -1:30pm

Christ Our Savior
Lutheran Church
260 Wade Rd W. Loudon

Scan for more info



REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 865-458-9407

March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent (Reminiscere)</i> LWML Mtg Box 8:30 Divine Service 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	2	3 9-2 Food Pantry 1:30 Bible Class 6:30 Christian Ed Meeting	4 5:30 Children's Confirmation Class 6:30 Lenten Service	5	6	7
8 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent (Oculi)</i> Daylight Savings Time 8:30 Divine Service 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	9 6:00 BCA Board	10 9-2 Food Pantry 12:00 Evangelism Meeting at Armando's, N. Lee Hwy 1:30 Bible Class <i>Meetings:</i> 6:00 Elders 6:00 Parish Fellowship 6:00 Social Ministry	11 5:30 Children's Confirmation Class 6:30 Lenten Service	12 10:00 LWML 6:30 Church Council Meeting	13	14 9:30 LWML Spring Workshop at Good Shepherd
15 <i>4th Sunday in Lent (Laetare)</i> 8:30 Divine Service 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	16 <i>Deadline for submitting info for April Calendar & Newsletter</i>	17 9-2 Food Pantry 10:00 Quilters 1:30 Bible Class	18 5:30 Children's Confirmation Class 6:30 Lenten Service	19 6:00 Ladies' Fellowship at Portofino's on Ringgold Rd. 6:30 Men's Fellowship at Rib & Lo in Brainerd	20	21 9-3 Camp Workday with lunch
22 <i>5th Sunday in Lent (Judica)</i> 8:30 Divine Service 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service Work Day after 2nd Service	23	24 9-2 Food Pantry 1:30 Bible Class	25 5:30 Children's Confirmation Class 6:30 Lenten Service	26	27 6:30 Brushes & Bubbles	28
29 <i>Palm Sunday (Palmarius)</i> Food Pantry Offering 8:30 Divine Service 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	30 <i>Monday in Holy Week</i>	31 <i>Tuesday in Holy Week</i>		MARCH 2026		

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March Worship Assistants

March 1 8:30

Organist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Frank Streufert
 Jeff Anderson
 Ushers Kurt Piepenbrink
 Tony Seiberlich
 Altar Guild Linda Cox
 Michelle Bumgardner

March 1 11:00

Organist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Charlie Simmons
 Assistants Barber Team
 Ushers Freer Team
 Altar Guild Marcie Little
 Acolyte Eradesa Stroud

March 8 8:30

Organist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Frank Streufert

March 8 11:00

Organist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Vacant

Jeff Anderson
 Ushers Ralph Meissner
 Chris Douglas
 Altar Guild Linda Cox
 Michelle Bumgardner

Assistants Barber Team
 Ushers Freer Team
 Altar Guild Jodie Hyde
 Acolyte Ruthie Vinson

March 15 8:30
 Organist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Jim Post
 Steve Kempson
 Ushers David Topp
 Kurt Piepenbrink
 Altar Guild Linda Cox
 Michelle Piepenbrink

March 15 11:00
 Organist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Eric Turner
 Assistants Barber Team
 Ushers Freer Team
 Altar Guild Carla Brooks
 Acolyte Jackson Barber

March 22 8:30
 Organist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Jim Post
 Steve Kempson
 Ushers Chris Douglas
 David Topp
 Altar Team Ralph Meissner

March 22 11:00
 Organist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Adam Weidman
 Assistants Barber Team
 Ushers Freer Team
 Altar Guild Carla Brooks
 Acolyte Shiloh Miller

March 29 8:30
 Organist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Steve Kempson
 Matt Townley
 Ushers Tony Seiberlich
 Ralph Meissner
 Altar Guild Patty Chewing
 Carla Brooks

March 29 11:00
 Organist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Charlie Simmons
 Assistants Barber Team
 Ushers Freer Team
 Altar Team Carla Brooks
 Patty Chewing
 Acolyte Colin Hipp