



Church Staff

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

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was

coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

(John 11:17-27)

The raising of Lazarus is a very important text in the Gospel of St. John. Later in chapter 11 he cries out, "Lazarus, come out." And upon saying this Lazarus indeed comes out after being in the tomb for four days.

The power of Jesus' word brings forth life. In this case, bringing the life of Lazarus back from the dead, resurrected to this life. Later, we know that Lazarus dies again and will join us when Christ returns on the last day.

More importantly, we know that no one raised Jesus from the dead. He did it on his own accord. Only he has the power over life and death, the power to lay down his life and take it up again.

If Jesus can both raise Lazarus and raise his own body from the tomb, then he most certainly has the power to raise all of us from the grave on the last day. This is the promise of Easter. May we certainly rejoice and give thanks to God for the promise of the resurrection.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Welmer

April Birthdays

Noel Bezair	4/2
Janet Ryan	4/3
Jim Avriett	4/4
Christine Post	4/4
Rev. Don Coulter	4/5
Judy Coulter	4/5
Bill Wright	4/7
Jim Post	4/9
Kathy Fisher	4/11
Connie Fisher	4/12
Leland Dolloff	4/12
Stratton Guy	4/15
Oscar Kelley	4/15

Silas Schlie	4/16
Vickie Puterbaugh	4/17
Miriam Schlie	4/18
Lydia Fanning	4/19
Lucas Barber	4/20
Ingrid Hall	4/20
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

	<u>Yrs.</u>	
Eric & Sandy Turner	37	4/3
Kurt & Carmelita Piepenbrink	35	4/20
Rick & Debbie Sparks	51	4/25
Drew & Lydia Fanning	5	4/30

Prayer Requests

Members

Michelle Bumgardner

James O'Connell (*Pacenti*)

David Rittenberry (*Curtis*)

Members

Michelle Bumgardner

Family of Members

Jane Aaron (*Petty*)

Sue Baumgarth (*Petty*)

Doug Emmer (*Emmer*)

Sherry Emmer (*Emmer*)

Lynn Erke (*Randall*)

Joshua Falloon (*Turner*)

Marty Gray (*Gray*)

Janet Hallibren (*Anderson*)

Dusty Martin (*Petty*)

Valerie McMullen (*McMullen*)

Jill Welmer (*Welmer*)

James O'Connell (*Pacenti*)

David Rittenberry (*Curtis*)

Tim Stroud (*Stroud*)

Friends of Members

Brenda Brown (*Cox*)

Cari Chittick (*Morkert*)

Gene & Faye Edwards (*Tyson*)

Ava England (*Anderson*)

Jon Freese (*Gatlin*)

Penny Fruit (*Anderson*)

Charmaine Goines (*Petty*)

Jeff Hale (*Bumgardner*)

Jimmy Kroeger (*Bumgardner*)

Stella Kuhn (*McMullen*)

Jollie Reeves (*Simmons*)

Rick Williams (*Williams*)

LONG-TERM

Members: Joan Ashton, Mariann Fretwell, Rose Grob, Ingrid Hall, Carolyn Kempson, Robert & Gwen Meyer, Walter Meyer, Peggy Moselage, Judy Nance, Paul Parker, Pastor Pingel, Stan Puterbaugh, David Ratchford, Monty Simmons, Pat Stroud

Non-Members: Robbie & Sue Barnes (*Hyde*), Bonnie Blair (*Nance*), Thomas Caines (*Lowe*), Bethany Dillard (*Johnson*), 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*)

Divine Service on April 2 at 6:30 PM

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

Maundy Thursday



Good Friday

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.

Service on April 3 at 6:30 PM



**He Is Risen.
Indeed!**

Alleluia!

Join us for Easter Day services at 8:30 or 11:00 for a joyful celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord!
Pot-Luck breakfast is at 9:30,
Easter Egg Hunt is at 10:00.



WALK WITH FIRST LUTHERAN
ON APRIL 11

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CHOICES WALK FOR LIFE

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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.](#)

FAMILY DAY

The Board of Christian Education invites all families to join us
for an Outdoor Fun Day at Greenway Farms on April 18
10:00-1:00.

Bring a picnic lunch and outdoor games; enjoy hiking through
God's creation. For more info :

<https://chattanooga.gov/things-to-do/parks/greenway-farm>

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

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!



Ladies' Fellowship meets at 6:00 on Thursday, April 16, at Portofino's on Ringgold Road.

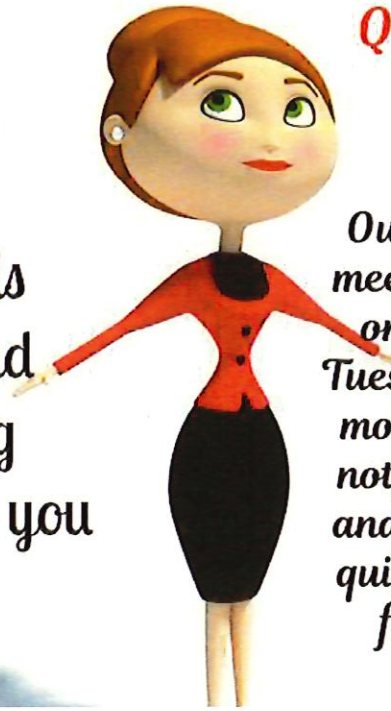


Men's Fellowship meets at 6:30 on Thursday, April 16 at Rib & Loin on Brainerd Road.

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



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



BCA is so thankful for the grandparents who attended the annual spring Grandparents' Day at BCA in March. This event is always the finale of the school's National Lutheran Schools Week celebration, and one that has been taking place here for over 35 years!

The Superlative Club
A Premier After School Experience

Summer Camp

Belvoir Christian Academy and The Superlative Club are teaming up for a Super Fun Summer!

MAY 26 - JULY 29
RISING 2ND - 8TH GRADERS

ACTIVITIES:
Students will participate in a rotating schedule of enrichment clubs including Drone Discovery, Culinary Arts, Sports, Performing Arts, Chemistry Experiments, Outdoor Water Play, Arts/Crafts and More!

REGISTER

HOURS:
Full Day: 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Extended Day (optional): 3 - 6 p.m.

RATES: (PER WEEK/STUDENT)
Full Time (5 Days): \$300
Part Time (3 Days): \$200
Drop-in (per day):
Full Day: \$80
Half-Day: \$50
4 hours per day: \$200 full week (w/ Extended Day - \$50 per week)

BCALIONS.org
Admissions@bcacademy.net
423-622-3755, ext. 12
800 Belvoir Ave.
Chattanooga, TN 37412

The BCA 7/8th grade students and parents worked diligently to prepare many pans of enchiladas that were ordered by the supporting church members! Thank you to so many who supported these students by purchasing a pan of delicious and

cheesy enchiladas as well as support over the semester with several other fundraisers they have held!



April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 <i>Holy Thursday</i> 6:30 Divine Service	3 <i>Good Friday</i> 6:30 Service	4 <i>Holy Saturday</i>
5 <i>Easter Day</i> <i>The Resurrection of Our Lord</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:30 Breakfast 10:00 Egg Hunt 11:00 Divine Service	6 <i>Easter Monday</i> Office Closed	7 <i>Easter Tuesday</i> 9-2 Food Pantry 1:30 Bible Class	8 <i>Easter Wednesday</i> 5:30 Children's Confirmation Class	9 10:00 LWML	10	11 9:30 Choices Walk for Life
12 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>(Quasimodo's Genui)</i> 8:30 Divine Service 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	13 6:00 BCA Board	14 9-2 Food Pantry 1:30 Bible Class <i>Meetings:</i> 12:00 Evangelism 6:00 Elders 6:00 Parish Fellowship 6:00 Social Ministry	15 5:30 Children's Confirmation Class 6:30 Church Council Meeting	16 6:00 Ladies' Fellowship at Portofino's on Ringgold Rd. 6:30 Men's Fellowship at Rib & Loin in Brainerd	17	18 8:30 Dying Well in Christ Seminar 9-3 Camp Workday with lunch 10:00 Family Fun Day at Greenway Farms
19 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>(Misericordias Domini)</i> 8:30 Divine Service 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	20 <i>Deadline for May Calendar & Newsletter</i>	21 9-2 Food Pantry 1:30 Bible Class	22 5:30 Children's Confirmation Class	23	24	25
Pastor out for Evangelism Conference in St. Louis						
26 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>(Jubilate)</i> <i>Food Pantry Offering</i> 8:30 Divine Service 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	27	28	29 5:30 Children's Confirmation Class	30	APRIL 2026	

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April Worship Assistants

EASTER April 5 8:30

Organist Anna Hipp

Assistants Frank Streufert
 Jeff Anderson

Ushers Kurt Piepenbrink
 Tony Seiberlich

Altar Guild Patty Chewing

Acolyte Shiloh Miller

Crucifer Ruthie Vinson

EASTER April 5 11:00

Organist Anna Hipp

Live Stream Charlie Simmons

Assistants Freer Team

Ushers Barber Team

Altar Guild Marcie Little

Acolyte Colin Hipp

Crucifer Audrey Hipp

April 12 8:30

April 12 11:00

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

Organist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Eric Turner
Assistants	Townley Team
Ushers	Barber Team
Altar Guild	Jodie Hyde
Acolyte	Lucas Barber

April 19 8:30

Organist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Steve Kempson Jim Post
Ushers	Kurt Piepenbrink Chris Douglas
Altar Guild	Linda Cox Michelle Bumgardner

April 19 11:00

Organist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Adam Weidman
Assistants	Townley Team
Ushers	Barber Team
Altar Guild	Carla Brooks
Acolyte	Eradesa Stroud

April 26 8:30

Organist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Jim Post Steve Kempson
Ushers	David Topp Kurt Piepenbrink
Altar Guild	Patty Chewning

April 26 11:00

Organist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Charlie Simmons
Assistants	Townley Team
Ushers	Barber Team
Altar Guild	Carla Brooks
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