

VOICE OF EMMANUEL

SEEDS OF HOPE!



On Monday, January 15, we celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday. One of Dr. King's favorite hymns was "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas A. Dorsey. The late Mahalia Jackson sang it at King's funeral in Atlanta in 1968, but among the other hymns performed that day at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA, was one that King first heard in Denver, CO, in 1956.

"If I Can Help Somebody" was written in 1945 by a woman named Alma Androzso. It was recorded by various gospel groups, even by mainstream singers like Tennessee Ernie Ford and Doris Day, but it seems that King didn't hear it until his visit to Denver.

King was in Denver to attend a Women's Day program at New Hope Baptist Church in Park Hill. There, he heard "If I Can Help Somebody" performed by Anna Lee Williams, a classically trained soprano, and the wife of New Hope's then pastor, the Rev. M.C. Williams.

In a 1995 interview with The Denver Post, Anna Lee Williams said that King, after hearing the song, went back to Atlanta and told his mother, Alberta, that "Anna Lee had them jumping out the window" with her rendition of the song. He later encouraged Mahalia Jackson, a close friend, to record the hymn, which she did in 1963. The song resonated with Dr. King. The message it gave was something that was deep in his heart. It stirred his soul.

On Feb. 4, 1968, two months before he was assassinated, King gave a sermon called, "The Drum Major Instinct." In it, he imagined his own funeral, and said he wanted to be remembered for serving others, not for his fame or his many accomplishments. He ended the sermon by quoting from "If I Can Help Somebody."

*If I can help somebody as I pass along,
If I can cheer somebody with a word or a song,
If I can show somebody he's traveling wrong,
Then my living will not be in vain.*

*If I can do my duty as a Christian ought,
If I can bring back beauty to a world up-wrought,
If I can spread love's message that the Master taught,
then my living will not be in vain.*

As we go throughout each day, may we strive to serve others as Christ did, and may Christ's love be seen in us always.

Blessings,

John M. Lineberger
Director of Music



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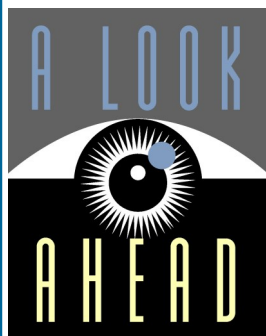
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Mission Statement:

As the body of Christ,
fed and nourished
through worship, we
are called to serve all
people, through the use
of our gifts to proclaim
God's justice, mercy
and love.

*Our Vision: Striving to
Thrive with Vitality!*



February 25

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.



Thank you so much for donating money and fabric to the Quilting Group.

This is so appreciated.

If you would still like to donate, please do so. We need to stock up and make sure that we are able to provide the quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you so much!



Shirley Barnes, Polly Bryant, Peggy Buckner, Kathy Cromer, Laura Cromer, Cecelia Driscoll, James Gantt, Pat Hance, Tonya Lawson, Suzette James, Glenn Mosteller, Trudy Perkins, Jim Sain, Paula Turner, Joan Warren, Rick Norine and family (cousin of Barbara O'Neill), Evelyn Cochrane (neighbor of Susan McConnell), Drew Milholland (Pastor Mike), Jane Smith (mother of Kathy Cromer), the Family of April Wellman (Susan Boyd), Rosa Guerra (Susan Boyd), Rob Gregor (Susan Boyd), Anita Cable (mother in law Ashley Peaslee), Charles Ferguson (son-in-law Judy Blanc), Bill Gibbs Jr. (Amy Brown), Ken Smith (brother of Kathy Cromer), J.L. Morris (Susan Boyd), Jay Puckett (Carol Wise), Lenard McIlveen (brother of Marianne Doehling), Vinnie Viscarello (son-in-law Dot Swart), Quaid Mincey (Jennifer Huskey), Robert 'Chip' Jackson (Linda Goodson), Bill Lewis (father of Pastor Judy), Roger Ballard (Doris Little), Pastor Mark Redding (Kirk Herbertson), John and Alice Ferguson (Larry Blanc)



More Employment Flops:

- I volunteered to be an acolyte but I burned out quickly.
- I was going to take a job as a Faith Formation Director but I had too many doubts.
- My best job was being a musician, but eventually I found I wasn't noteworthy.
- I studied a long time to become a doctor, but I didn't have any patience.
- I became a professional fisherman but discovered that I couldn't live on my net income.
- I managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining.
- So then I got a job in a workout center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
- After many years of trying to find steady work I finally got a job as a historian until I realized there was no future in it.
- My last job was working at Starbucks, but I had to quit because it was always the same old grind.

The End!



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

In Mary and Jesus' time, Nazareth was a small, out of the way town. Today, Nazareth has a population of about 78,000 people. The population is a mix and roughly which of the following?

1. 70 percent Jewish and 30 percent Christian
2. 40 percent Jewish, 40 percent Muslim, and 20 percent Christian
3. 70 percent Muslim and 30 percent Christian
4. 50 percent Jewish and 50 percent Muslim
5. 50 percent Christian, 30 percent Muslim, and 20 percent Jewish

Answer: 3



Ministry in Action - February - March

	February 25	March 3	March 10	March 17
Greeters	Rudy Rudisill Paulette Rudisill	Kenneth Pales Nancy Pales	Marty Eaddy Jill Eaddy	Heather Lackey Jan Huitt
Lector	Elizabeth Cloninger	Linda Rice	Don Stroud	David Bynum
Communion Asst.	David Bynum	Ruth Murphy	Johnnie Gonzales	Jennifer Huskey
Acolyte	Jennifer Huskey	Jennifer Little	Linda Rice	Hannah Brooks
Crucifer	Lent	Lent	Lent	Lent
Altar Flowers	Lent	Lent	Lent	Lent

Monthly Duties February 2024

Councilperson	Bob Lake			
Altar Guild		Alison Zimtbaum	Meredith Shuford	
Ushers	John Cromer (Captain)	Leon Harmon James Gantt	Stephen Lounsbury Randy Zimtbaum	

Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Faith5 Corner by Bob Lake

First Sunday in Lent



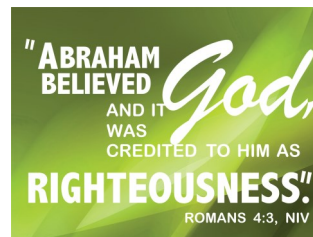
Share: Share your highs and lows

Read: Romans 4:13-25

Talk: Slowly reflect on the reading. We all remember that Romans 1:17 is the cornerstone of Luther's understanding of faith. Paul devoted much of his letter to the Romans discussing the importance of faith. Do you recognize the Old Testament text that Paul is referencing? (Hint, it is one of the readings for this Sunday). Why did Paul use Abraham as an example of faith? Does Paul have any respect for the adherents of the law? Or does Paul attribute Abraham's founding of nations to Abraham's faith? What does the phrase "reckoned to him as righteous mean to you"? Do find that faith in God is the foundation for your relationship with God?

Pray: Thank you, God, for your faithfulness to us. Help us to be faithful to you in everything we do. Help us be like Abraham and Sarah and have faith in your promises.

Bless: "_____, cling to your faith in God in everything you do."



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2024 Community Lenten Services FUMC Fellowship Hall

12:00 pm – lunch (cost of meal: \$6.00) Worship 12:30 – 1:00 pm

SPEAKER SCHEDULE:

February 21 Rev. Ronnie Roseboro – Boger City United Methodist Church

February 28 Pastor Reed Conley – Artisan Church

March 6 Rev. Dr. Stanley Spence – First Baptist Church

March 13 Rev. Elizabeth Tester – St. Luke's Episcopal Church

March 20 Rev. Judy Drysdale – Emmanuel Lutheran Church

We hope you will join us for this time of reflection and devotion during the Season of Lent.



**Emmanuel
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Worshipping. Loving. Serving.

In the heart of fear and pain, God plants the seed of our joy.

***Join us on Wednesdays throughout Lent for Holden Evening prayer
and a devotional led by Pastor Judy.***

Worship begins at 6:30pm each week in Lent in the chapel.

February 21

February 28

March 6

March 13

March 20

Persistent Joy

Expectant Joy

Liberating Joy

Transformative Joy

Vocational Joy



Preparing FOR Easter

This year we have lots of choices for our Easter Flowers.

There is an order form in the North Wing. Please indicate color and type and please make sure you state if who this is in Memory of or in Honor of.

Begonias (1 gallon bucket)

Pink



Million Bells
Hanging Pot

Begonias are \$20. each and the
Million Bells are \$24. each.

Yellow



***Orders must be in the office by
March 7***

***You may also contact the office to
place your order at 704-735-9033.***

Orange



Synod Gathering is May 30-June 1, 2024

Mark your calendars and save the date: **Synod Gathering 2024 is scheduled for Thursday May 30 - Saturday, June 1 at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory.**

Lay people*, pastors, and deacons from across the synod will gather to develop community, grow in faith, and grow skills for building God's church.

All are invited! You are invited!

Stay tuned for details and registration information.





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Leon Harmon	2/01
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Nicholas Heavner	2/06
Martha Seagle	2/08
Phyllis Scronce	2/09
Josh Collins	2/10
Cecelia Driscoll	2/10
Jean Rome	2/10
Aaron Brown	2/11
Florence Beam	2/14
Kayda Carmichael	2/15
Dee Hallman	2/15
Delores Bolen	2/16
Cyprus Collins	2/16
Suzanne Rhyne	2/16
Tiffany Rome	2/16
Alex Cromer	2/19
Lauren Foster	2/22
Linda Goodson	2/24
Carole Sherrill	2/24
James Wakulsky	2/24
Dan James	2/26
Nancy Truitt	2/27



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Sunday worship, study and
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Sunday School 9 AM Parlor
Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Service is live streamed on
Facebook at 10 am each Sunday
and will be posted to YouTube.