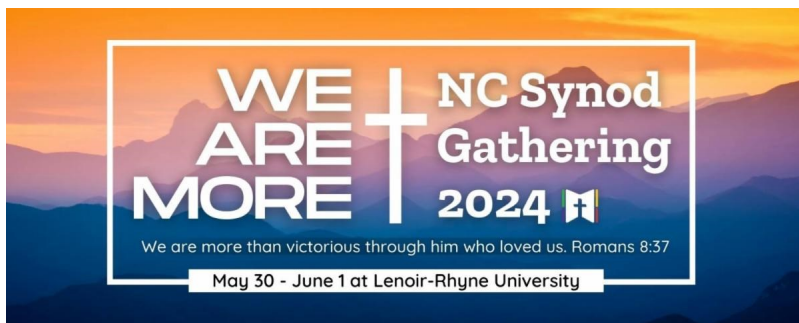


VOICE OF EMMANUEL SEEDS OF HOPE!



Synod Gathering Registration Opens

Come to Lenoir-Rhyne to connect, be inspired, learn, and share together under the theme, "We Are More" (Romans 8:37) from **Thursday, May 30, through June 1**. Clear your calendar, invite your friends, and make plans to join others from across the synod—old friends and new!—at this exciting event for lay people as well as pastors and deacons. Come one, come all!

On the **Synod Gathering webpage**—you'll find all you need to plan your trip to Hickory. We look forward to sharing time, life, and ministry together with you at the 2024 Synod Gathering!

View the Special e-News here. Be sure to **watch the website** for continued up-to-date information regarding workshops and more.



The Month of March we will not have our Council Corner information from the Council Meeting.

We had to cancel this month due to the situation with Pastor Judy's father.

Please keep Pastor Judy and all of her family in your prayers.



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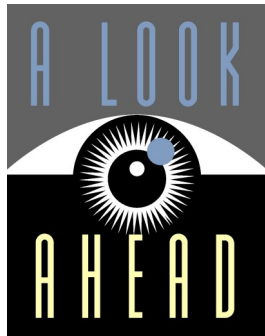
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Mission Statement:

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!*



March 24 - Palm Sunday

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday March 24 - 10 am in the sanctuary

The congregation will gather in the North Wing outside the usual worship space, so that all may enter with a blessing and the procession of Palms at the 10 AM Service.



Maundy Thursday, March 28



Maundy
THURSDAY

During the service, we recall the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples and Jesus' new commandment that we love one another.

Service begins at 7 PM and will include communion, blessing of the hands and stripping of the altar.

Good Friday March 29

The word "Tenebrae" is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story. To recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events of it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Day.



Good
FRIDAY

Services begin at 7 PM

Easter Sunday, March 31



Sunrise Services will begin at 6:45 am in the North Addition



Traditional Festival Worship begins at 10 AM in the Sanctuary



Seen on Church Signs:

God's Garden - Lettuce be kind, Squash gossip, Turnip for church.



It's better to have God approve than the world applaud.

Forgive your enemies - It messes with their heads.

I don't know why some people change churches. What difference does it make which one you stay home from?

Honk if you love Jesus. Text if you want to meet him.

If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plan.

Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?

Too hot to keep changing sign. Sin bad, Jesus good, Details inside.

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

Pastor Judy attended Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS) in Columbia SC. The Seminary recently made a major announcement. That announcement was:

- A. The Seminary is closing at the end of next year.
- B. The Seminary is moving to the Lenoir-Rhyne campus in Hickory, NC.
- C. The Seminary is moving to the Newberry College campus in Newberry, SC.
- D. The Seminary is merging with Erskine Theological Seminary in Columbia, SC.
- E. The Seminary is merging with Columbia International Seminary

Answer: B



Ministry in Action - *March*

	March 24 Palm Sunday	March 28 Maundy Thursday	March 29 Good Friday	March 31 Easter Sunday
Greeters	Julie Leonhardt Suzanne Rhyne	Shannon Mitchem Makenzie Mitchem	Jody Rhyne Ann Rhyne	Edward Little Doris Little
Lector	Passion Players	Stephen Lounsbury	Randy Zimtbaum	Jennifer Huskey
Communion Asst.	Jennifer Little	Ben Robinson	John Cromer	Jennifer Little
Acolyte	Mary Ellen Bridges	Julie Leonhardt	Jennifer Huskey	Hannah Brooks
Crucifer	Matthew Heavner	Lent	Lent	Mary Ellen Bridges
Altar Flowers	Palm Sunday	Lent	Lent	Easter Sunday

Monthly Duties *March 2024*

Councilperson	Emily Robinson			
Altar Guild	Linda Rice	Sue Zimtbaum		
Ushers	Leon Harmon (Captain)	Stephen Lounsbury Dan James	Ben Robinson Rudy Rudisill	

Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Faith5 Corner by Bob Lake

Palm Sunday



Share: Share your highs and lows

Read: Romans 8:12-25

Talk: Slowly reflect on the reading. Do you feel that you are one of the children of God? The cover of our yearbook states that “We are the Children of God” and cites verse 16. Paul packs a lot into this text. What does Paul say about the Holy Spirit? Does he separate the Holy Spirit from our own spirit? Why does Paul consider us to be children of God? What must we receive to be the children of God? Does Paul separate earthy creation and its sufferings from the redemption that we hope for? So, what makes us the children of God? Read Verse 17 for a second time. How do you feel about being an heir of God and joint heir with Christ? Do you find this a startling thought?

Pray: Thank you, God, for Jesus. Thank you for the Holy Spirit and the hope that you give us. We rejoice that we are Your children.

Bless: “_____, you are a child of God.”



WE ARE

 CHILDREN

 of GOD.
 ROMANS 8:16



Every night in every home



highs and lows



a Bible verse or story



about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows



for one another's highs and lows



one another

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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.

March 20

Vocational Joy

2024 Community Lenten Services FUMC Fellowship Hall

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

SPEAKER SCHEDULE:

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.



*Decorating for Easter
Saturday, March 30th at 10 AM*

We need anyone with ivy to please bring it to the church that morning so we can decorate the cross in the Nave where the congregation brings flowers from home to put in it on Easter morning.

Any questions, please contact Cathy Lounsbury at 704-530-4009.

Easter
OFFERING

The Special Easter Offering has been designated to go to The Good Neighbor Shop. Donations can be made using the Special Easter Envelope or by using an envelope in the pew and writing The Good Neighbor Shop Special Easter offering on it.

The Good Neighbor Shop serves the Lincolnton Community with compassion and affordability. It provides affordable clothing, household items and more to individuals and families facing financial challenges. Proceeds from sales support local charities and programs.

Lend a
helping
hand



***Church Clean Up Day will be on
Saturday, March 23 for Holy Week.***

Meet at North Wing at 10 AM.

This should not take long, many hands make light work.

Quilting group meets Tuesday's every week.

We welcome anyone who would like to help with this ministry - sewing skills appreciated but not required. If you are not able to join us, we always need fabric donations - cotton and/or washable, non-stretchy material. - bolts and pieces. Thanks in advance.



Susan, Phyllis and Carole

March 26, 2024

**Goodwood Pizza will be donating 10% of sales
purchased on Tuesday, March 26 to
*Battleground Elementary School.***

What a great way for us to help Battleground and get a
delicious pizza!!



Lincoln County Cultural Center announces winners for the Photo Contest

In the 'Best of Show' photo in the abstract/special effects category college student Ashlyn Rhyne. She was one of four photographers to win multiple awards.

Carole Lake won second place for her photo of a beautiful spider web.



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)



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Polly Bryant	3/01
Billy Mitchem	3/02
Nancy Cable	3/03
Pam Huskey	3/05
Jody Rhyne	3/05
Dot Wise	3/07
Caleb Link	3/08
Todd Lanier	3/11
Les Cloninger	3/13
Quinlyn Rader	3/14
Rudy Rudisill	3/20
Barbara Carpenter	3/21
Madison Lanier	3/23
Laurie Heavner	3/25
Sue Zimtbaum	3/25
Glenn Mosteller	3/26
Trudy Perkins	3/26
Emily Lawson	3/28
John Cromer	3/29
Luke Deal	3/29
Jason Harpe	3/31
Jadon Rhyne	3/31



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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.