



ST. JAMES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Journal

April 2024

April Worship Services

Second Sunday of Easter, April 7th
Worship at 11:00 am

Third Sunday of Easter, April 14th
Worship at 11:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21st
Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28th
Worship at 11:00 am

Sunday Mornings
Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Fred at 9:15 am
Sunday School at 9:45 am



A message from Pastor Fred...



Christ is Risen!

Happy Easter! On Palm Sunday, we followed Christ as he entered Jerusalem, the “City of Peace,” where he found that he was met with quite the opposite. We followed Christ as he died on the cross for our sake, to free us from the bonds of sin and death, and we follow Christ now as he lives eternally in his resurrection. What a gift it is to have God come and be with us as humans, to show us that his grace and mercy are real and that he fulfills his promise of giving us life, in him, forever.

As we celebrate Easter, our Adult Sunday School Class has completed the study of the book *The Story*. This two-year journey of studying scripture with you has been an absolute joy. It has opened so many avenues of discussion and learning. I am sad that it is over but excited to begin new studies. This month we are starting some new material, with new to us, though very experienced, teachers. Beginning on April 21st, Bob and Beth Barkhau will guide us in studying the book *Help, Thanks, Wow* by Anne Lamott.

“I do not know much about God and prayer, but I have come to believe that there's something to be said about keeping prayer simple: Help, Thanks, Wow.”

Have you ever asked any of these questions?

What is prayer?

What can prayer look like?

How might we pray?

We will explore these questions together in *Help, Thanks, Wow*, where Anne Lamott poignantly explores the “three essential prayers”: three simple yet profound prayers that “get us through the day and show us the way forward.”

I am excited to continue to live into our new life in Christ together through worship and study. Proclaiming the good news brings me great joy. May you find peace in our celebration that “He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!”

Pastor Fred



Upcoming Events

Games & Tie Blankets: Monday, April 15th at 1:00 pm

**The Imani Milele Children's Choir of Uganda
Friday, April 19th at 7:00 pm**

Church Council: Sunday, April 21st at 5:00 pm

**WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, April 22nd for lunch
at 1:00 pm followed by the meetings.**

**GreenJackets Baseball Church Outing
Friday, May 24th at 7:00 pm at SRP Park
*Please sign up on the sheet outside of the church office.***

OUTREACH



Thank you to the congregation for your generous donations of pillows, blankets, sheets, toilet paper, and paper towels for the Mt. Salem Ministries Overnight Shelter. Rev. Rob Lane & his wife, Connie, joined us in worship on Sunday, March 3rd, and they expressed their joy and thankfulness for our congregation's ongoing support of the shelter and the Souper Bowl donation to support their food ministries.





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St. James Lutheran Church

Friday, April 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm

200 Laurel Drive, Graniteville, SC 29829

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Join the Imani Milele Choir as they sing, drum, dance, in spectacular display of hope, love and faith through an energetic and Immersive Praise and Worship Experience.

Enjoy this FREE CONCERT featuring uniquely crafted African Drum Routines.

The Imani Milele Choir is a remarkable musical ensemble from Uganda. The name "Imani Milele" translates to "Everlasting Faith" in Swahili, reflecting the choir's mission to bring hope, love, and faith to the lives of Uganda's orphaned and vulnerable children.

Founded as a Christian organization, Imani Milele Children is dedicated to rescuing, educating, developing, and improving the lives of these children.

The choir's repertoire includes praise, worship, dance, and well-crafted drum routines, providing audiences with an immersive experience. Beyond the stage, the choir places a strong emphasis on education, ensuring that the children receive a well-rounded development.

Overall, the Imani Milele Choir stands as a beacon of hope, using the power of music, education, and cultural exchange to spread the love of Christ, uplift the lives of Uganda's children and inspire audiences worldwide.



Palm Sunday 2024



Easter Egg Hunt 2024





Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Noel Nichols, Ben Sharpe, Lisa Kirby, Robert Coleman, Tom Hair, Bruce Rhodes (Barbara Cobb's brother), George Brunson (Father-in-law of Sarah Swygert Brunson), Alison Ertle Berry (Cousin of Georganne Weeks), Kensley Napier (Daughter of Philip Napier- Pastor of Breezy Hill Baptist Church), Benny Hydrick (Friend of Tony Carroll), Libby Scott **Anchor:** Mary Ellen Johnson **Trinity:** Bobby Reece **Silver Bluff Grove:** Vicki Bolton **May the Lord bless them with His healing presence and keep them in true faith. Amen.**



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You can now give online on our website! You can give a onetime offering or set up a recurring offering. In the description box, please note where your offering should be directed. (for example, Current and Benevolence, Backpack, etc.)

April Volunteer List



Lay Readers & Lay Assistants

April 7: Carol Horsley (Lay Reader)

April 14: Lanny Valentine (Lay Reader)

April 21: Carol Horsley (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)

April 28: Tiffany Coleman (Lay Reader)

Worship Team

April 7: (A) Kaylee Sharpe (C) Brayden Weed

April 14: (A) Justin Joiner (C) Brayden Joiner

April 21: (A) Spencer Johnson (C) Zoe Ford

April 28: (A) Dominic Price (C) Brayden Weed

Altar Guild: Jim & Barbara Cobb

Ushers: Mike Cutshall & Steve Murphy

Sound Technicians

April 7: Lane Rogers

April 14: Robbie Franklin

April 21: Lane Rogers

April 28: Andy Cone

Greeter: Carol Horsley

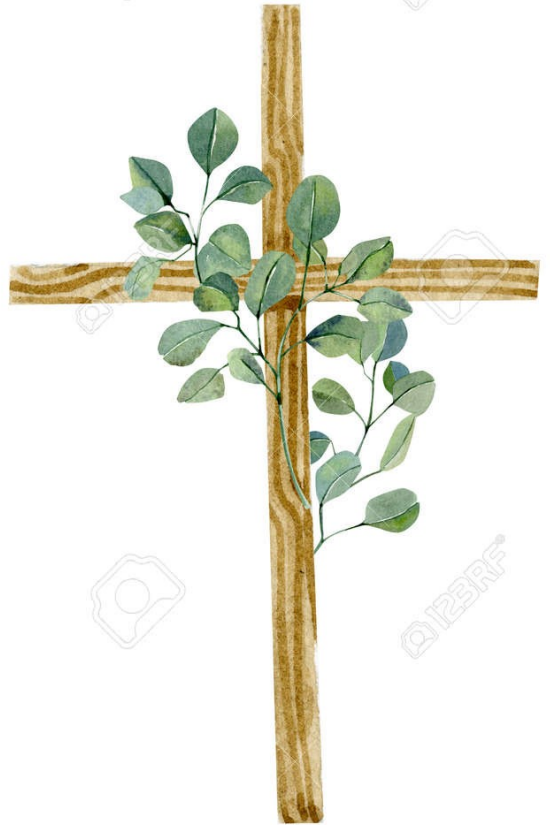
Altar Flowers

April 7: Hiram Redd in memory of Effie Redd and Joe Redd- \$ Backpack

April 14: Open Date

April 21: Ronnie & Sandra Johnson in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary - \$ Backpack

April 28: Fred & Mycah Klinker in honor of their wedding anniversary- \$ Backpack





Debbie Antley	2
Becky Roberson	3
Scott Hatcher	6
Spencer Johnson	7
Marcia Shaffer	8
Jim Cobb	10
Daphne Carroll	11
Quinn Meek	11
Charles Busbee	15
Donna Hair	15
Tiffany Coleman	18
Noel Nichols	20
Abigail Tyler	20
Brandon Rogers	22
Brayden Weed	23
Tonia Busbee	24
Justin Joiner	25
Kim Strother	25
Kali Coleman	29
Lisa Bryant	30
Barrett Johnson	30

Ben & Emily Sharpe
<i>April 3rd</i>
Scott & Angela Vandegrift
<i>April 5th</i>
Ron & Fabienne Johnson
<i>April 8th</i>
Ronnie & Sandra Johnson
<i>April 24th</i>
Pastor Fred & Mycah Klinker
<i>April 30th</i>



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Wednesday Lenten Evening Worship



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