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Church Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
9:00am - 3:00pm

Preschool Hours:
Monday - Friday
9:00am - 1:00pm

Service Schedule:
7:45am Quiet Communion
8:55am Alive!
11:00am Heritage Worship



Reconciliation Report

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Birthday Party for Jesus



Parish Life is sponsoring a Birthday Party for Jesus in the Ministry Center between the 8:55 Alive! and 11:00am services on Sunday, December 17th. Parish Life will supply ham, juice and coffee. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board and indicate if you can bring a dish to share (breakfast pastry, fruit, etc.).

The Longest Night - A Service of Hope

The Longest Night (sometimes known as "Blue Christmas") is a special worship experience for those who have had loss in their lives or who can't feel the merriment of the season. Please plan to join us on **Sunday December 17th at 5:30pm** for The Longest Night service.

We encourage you to bring a family member, friend or neighbor.



Christmas Eve Services

10:00am, 4:00pm & 8:00pm

Sunday, December 31st

We will have one service at 10:00AM with
Lessons & Carols

If you would like to be a Worship Servant at any of the Christmas Eve services or on December 31st, please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have not served before and would like to, please sign up. Training will be provided.

December 2017 Worship Servant Schedule

7:45am Assisting Ministers - Please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board.
 Training will provided if requested.

Altar Guild

	8:55am	11:00am
Dec 3	Susan Milholland	Penny Riggs
Dec 10	Toni Hardin	Shirley Melito
Dec 17	Carolyn Brock	Jennifer Stirrat
Dec 24	10:00am, 4:00pm & 8:00pm Signup sheet is on bulletin board	
Dec 31	10:00am Lessons & Carols Signup sheet is on bulletin board	

8:55am

	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistant	Communion Assistant	Reader	Greeters	Ushers
December 3	Susie Beale	Guy Beale	Susan Milholland	Cheryl Francis	Sam & Marie Barber	Tom & Karin Atkins
December 10	Anne Brau	Ann Erb	Linda Reynolds	Tom Atkins	Mary Pulkas & Elsie Koehler	Ronnie Burns & Susie Jones-Cook
December 17	Carolyn Pesackis	John Pesackis	Barbara Ekelund	Zann Larson	TBD & Phyllis Heikkila	Jesse Brock & Delta Willett
December 24	10:00am, 4:00pm & 8:00pm Signup sheet is on bulletin board					
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11:00am

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December 3	Andrea Kelly	Clayton Gsell	Earl Scofield	Nicki Jensen	Leslie Aschemeier & Roberta Hardy	Bob Timms & Bill Jensen
December 10	Shirley Melito	Gordon Hansen	Jan Maser	Loretta Meyers	Ken & Nancy McKean	Bill Jensen & Roberta Hardy
December 17	Earl Scofield	Andrea Kelly	TBD	Susan Baehmann	Dave & Penny Riggs	Dale & Susan Baehmann
December 24	10:00am, 4:00pm & 8:00pm Signup sheet is on bulletin board					
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LCOR Member and licensed instructor Shirley Melito leads a Zumba class on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Ministry Center. Please wear light weight clothes and comfortable tennis shoes. You will also need to bring a water bottle and towel. There is no charge for the class, but donations will be accepted.



Coffee Hour is held after the 7:45am and 8:55am worship services in the Ministry Center. We need "goodies" to share. If you can provide cookies, pastries or snacks (i.e. cheese/crackers) it would be very much appreciated! You may bring them on Sunday's or during the week. We will never have too many, as we can always freeze items for the next week.

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to host a Sunday Coffee Hour. If you have questions, contact Jim Gulczynski, (910) 599-4040.



Angel Tree in the Narthex

The simple gifts for the Angel Tree benefit children at the women's shelter. Those gifts not used on Christmas are given to children when they first arrive at the shelter. Please take an angel and return the item **unwrapped** in a gift bag with the angel attached. The Angel Tree will be in the narthex through December 17th.

Merry Christmas



IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH.

IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY, THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST.



JEAN WILL BE ON VACATION DECEMBER 27TH, 28TH AND 29TH.



If your birthday is not listed, please contact the office so we may update our records.

- 12/06 - Lois von Kampen
- 12/07 - Phil Poenisch
- 12/08 - Gloria Nelson
- 12/09 - Phyllis Heikkila
- 12/10 - Tom Eanes
Steven Erb
- 12/12 - Mary Pulkas
Dana Stull
- 12/14 - Phil Kadala
Carol Lasch
Helen Sigmon
- 12/15 - Carol Walsh
- 12/16 - Brenda Hilton
- 12/18 - Marie Barber
- 12/22 - Nancy Donaghy
Bill Shomo
- 12/25 - Ashley Olson
- 12/26 - Karen Aune
- 12/28 - Darlene Drescher



If your anniversary is not listed, please contact the office so we may update our records.

- 12/02 - Albert & Elsie Koehler
- 12/14 - Carl & Vann Zick
- 12/16 - Guy & Susie Beale
- 12/18 - Pete & Nancy Grant
- 12/20 - Tom & Carol Eanes
- 12/22 - Robert & Toni Hardin
- 12/23 - Bob & Phyllis Boggs

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

We are always collecting donations of food and money for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

We appreciate donations of canned goods in small cans, rather than large, family-size cans, as many families walk home with their bags, and large cans are difficult to carry.

Lutheran Church of Reconciliation works the 3rd & 5th Monday of each month from 12:30pm-3pm at Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, 315 Red Cross Street.

There is a box in Perry Hall for your food donations. Monetary donations should be made payable to MHC and mailed in care of Grace United Methodist Church, 401 Grace Street, Wilmington 28401.

We can always use paper bags with handles. They are easier for families receiving food to carry.



All LCOR Men



Join us for prayer and Bible study on Thursday mornings at 7:30am in the Ministry Center for **Bible & Biscuit**. Bring a dollar for the biscuit, and your Bible. We'll meet for about an hour.



LCOR



**The LCOR Lunch Bunch meets on the
2nd Thursday of the month at
12:00pm.**

We will meet on Thursday, December 14th at Temptations Restaurant, 3501 Oleander Drive in the Hanover Shopping Center. No reservation required!

If you have any questions, contact Joyce Rahe, 319-3119.

**Reconciliation Against Hunger
RAH!**

RAH! Reconciliation Against Hunger is part of our ministry to our community. All items collected will be taken to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Our **RAH** items for **December** are spaghetti, white rice, cranberry sauce (whole or jellied), canned gravy, stuffing mixes, packaged mashed potatoes, canned yams and canned diced potatoes. We always can use razors, toothpaste and toothbrushes (adults and children sized) and toilet paper.

MHC requests canned goods be in small sizes, as the large family size are difficult for their clients to carry and too large for the homeless. Thank you!!

December LCOR Preschool News

I can not believe we are heading into December already. Where does time go as it passes by? It seems like it was only yesterday that we were preparing for the first day of school, and now we are looking towards the New Year. There is no more apprehension or tears, only excitement & anticipation at the beginning of each school day. It amazes me how resilient children actually are. We can all learn from the innocence of young children and they are a constant reminder of what our Ministry is truly about. God has blessed our preschool with beautiful children, loving and involved families, an incredibly talented staff and a caring and supportive church.

December is such an exciting time at LCOR Preschool. The classrooms are buzzing with anticipation as we prepare for this magical time of year. The children will be busy making "special gifts" for this Holiday Season.

The preschool will be closed for the Christmas Holiday beginning Dec. 21 through Jan. 1, 2018.

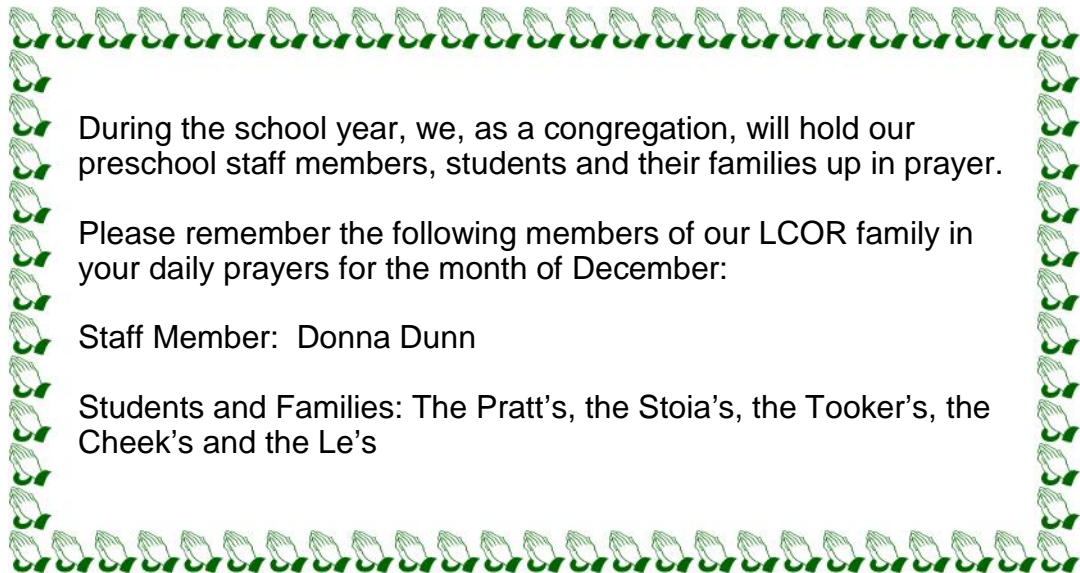
Thank you for your continued support!!!
Have a Blessed Christmas, Joanne Saxon





We thank Dave Silvia for sharing with Reconciliation the ministry at Rescue Mission, 502 Castle Street, Wilmington. This Christ-based ministry that cares for men, women and children will receive funds collected from our Good Samaritan envelopes for December.

Any items for their thrift store, also at 502 Castle Street, would be appreciated, as the sales at the store are its main source of income. For additional information on this ministry, you can contact Dave Silvia at (910) 343-0366, or RescueMissionCF@gmail.com.



During the school year, we, as a congregation, will hold our preschool staff members, students and their families up in prayer.

Please remember the following members of our LCOR family in your daily prayers for the month of December:

Staff Member: Donna Dunn

Students and Families: The Pratt's, the Stoia's, the Tooker's, the Cheek's and the Le's