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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 Reporter

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**Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday,
March 11th at 2:00am.**

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour
before you go to bed Saturday night as we
"Spring Forward!"

Holy Week Schedule

Good Friday
March 30

4:30pm Service
7:00pm Service

Easter Sunday, April 1st

7:30am "Son Rise" Service at Ogden Park (bring a
lawn chair for seating)
8:55am Service at LCOR
10:00am Easter Breakfast in the Ministry Center
11:00am Service at LCOR

In the event of inclement weather, the 7:30am "Son Rise" service
will be held at LCOR.

In observance of the Easter Holiday, the LCOR office will be
closed Easter Monday, April 2nd.

Easter Lilies – Lilies will decorate our Sanctuary for
Easter and may be picked up after the 11:00am service
on Easter Sunday. The price is \$20.00 per lily. Order
envelopes are on the table in the narthex. **Orders must
be received in the office by Friday, March 16th.** Checks
should be payable to LCOR.

March 2018 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
March 4	Carolyn Brock	Leslie Aschemeier
March 11	Susan Milholland	Barbara Knudsen, Debbie Hackett & Roberta Hardy
March 18	Barbara Knudsen & Sylvia Hales	LuRae Spaulding
March 25	Anne Brau	Jennifer Stirrat

8:55am

	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistant	Communion Assistant	Reader	Greeters	Ushers
March 4	Anne Brau	Audrey Surak	Jean Jones	Carolyn Pesackis	Sam & Marie Barber	Jesse Brock & Clem Surak
March 11	Helen Schussler	TBD	Ann Erb	Tom Atkins	Clem & Audrey Surak	Ronnie Burns & Lilian Winte
March 18	Carolyn Pesackis	John Pesackis	Becky Hayes	Betty Gross	Susan Milholland & Hank Gudrian	Tom & Karin Atkins
March 25	Gordon Hansen	Joyce Wehrle	Susie-Jones Cook	Zann Larson	Lois & Charles Manning	Jackie McKean & Clem Surak

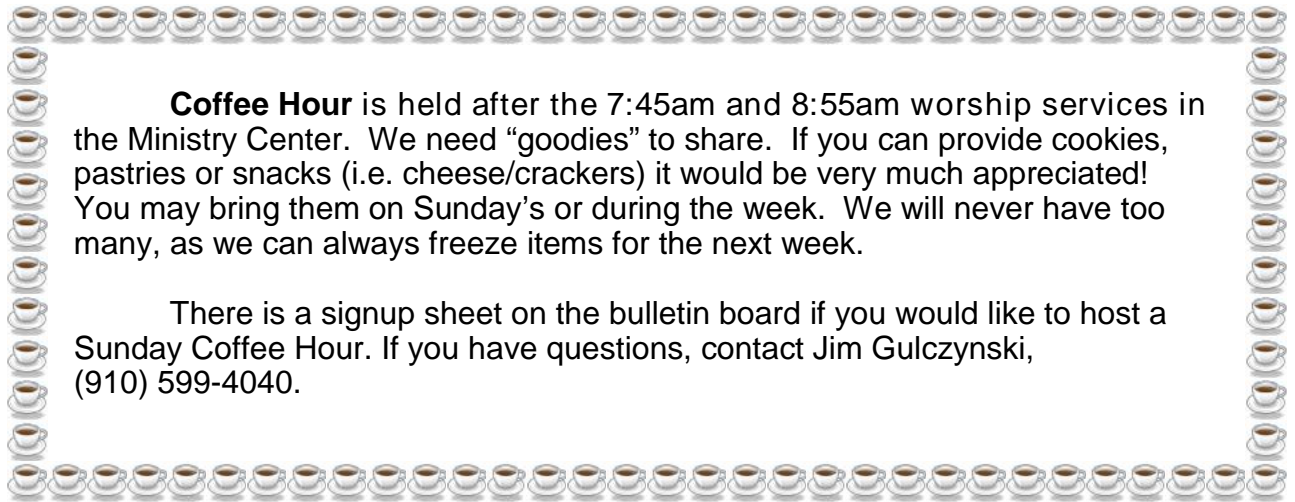
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March 4	Clayton Gsell	Earl Scofield	Dale Lear	Susan Baehmann	Jim & Loretta Meyers	Dale & Susan Baehmann
March 11	Andrea Kelly	Barbara Knudsen	Barbara Ekelund	Michael Lombardo	TBD	Earl Scofield & TBD
March 18	Shirley Melito	TBD	Jan Maser	Jan Shomo	Lois von Kampen & Jan Shomo	Barbara Knudsen & Jim Meyers
March 25	Anne Brau	Andrea Kelly	Dale Lear	Clayton Gsell	Ken & Nancy McKean	Dale & Susan Baehmann



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.

PLEASE NOTE: Zumba is meeting at 7:45pm during Lent. Zumba will return to their regular 6:00pm time on Wednesday, April 4th.



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.



Beer & Hymns – March 25th at 6:00pm, Waterman’s Brewing Company, 1610 Pavilion Place (in the old Fibber’s) near Wrightsville Beach.



Lenten Soup Suppers and Holden Evening Prayers

Soup Suppers continue on Wednesdays through March 21st at 5:30pm in the Ministry Center, followed by Holden Evening Prayers in the Sanctuary at 6:45pm.

Committees and individuals will provide the soup. Please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to provide a soup. We need at least 5 soups each evening.



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

- 03/01 - Harris Whitt
- 03/02 - Martha Howell
- 03/06 - Laura Brock
- 03/08 - Cole Crawford
- 03/09 - Clayton Gsell
Melvin Ott
- 03/10 - LuRae Spaulding
- 03/17 - Chris Jayroe
Don King
- 03/18- Lou Souders
- 03/19 - Michael Addy
- 03/22 - Joe Bassett
Andrea Kelly
- 03/23 - Rita Jividen
- 03/25 - Dewain Rahe
- 03/29 - Scott Sowles
- 03/30 - Ann Koch
Lois Manning
Lilian Winte



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

- 03/05 - David Cook & Susie Jones-Cook
- 03/08 - Jesse & Carolyn Brock
Charles & Lois Manning
- 03/20 - Jeff & Brenda Hilton

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.



JANUARY 2018 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

January 2018 Income: \$ 24,218
 January 2018 Expenses: \$(27,442)
 January 2018 Net Deficit: \$ (3,224)

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, March 8th at the Mellow Mushroom, 4311 Oleander Drive. No reservation required!

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

**Reconciliation Against Hunger
RAH!**

RAH! is a part of our ministry to our community. All items collected will be taken to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Our **RAH** items for **MARCH** are 1 pound packages of rice, canned vegetables (except green beans), paper plates, toilet paper, razors (men's and women's), bottled water, kid friendly cereal and hygiene products.

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!!

March LCOR Preschool News

In like a lion and out like a lamb. February was a busy month celebrating Valentine's Day and dental hygiene month. March brings us St. Patrick's Day and Spring. With all this crazy weather I think the children are ready for some warmer temperatures!

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is underway. We have a few spaces available if you know of anyone who is interested. Summer camp information is also now available on line at reconciliationchurch.com. Please contact the preschool office for the forms or more information.

Thank you for relinking your Harris Teeter VIC card to our preschool # 7103.

We are still looking for a few more church members to become part of our preschool committee. The preschool committee meets quarterly on the third Thursday at 7:00 pm. No preschool experience necessary!! Contact Joanne Saxon at 681-0422.

Happy Spring,
Joanne Saxon
Preschool Director

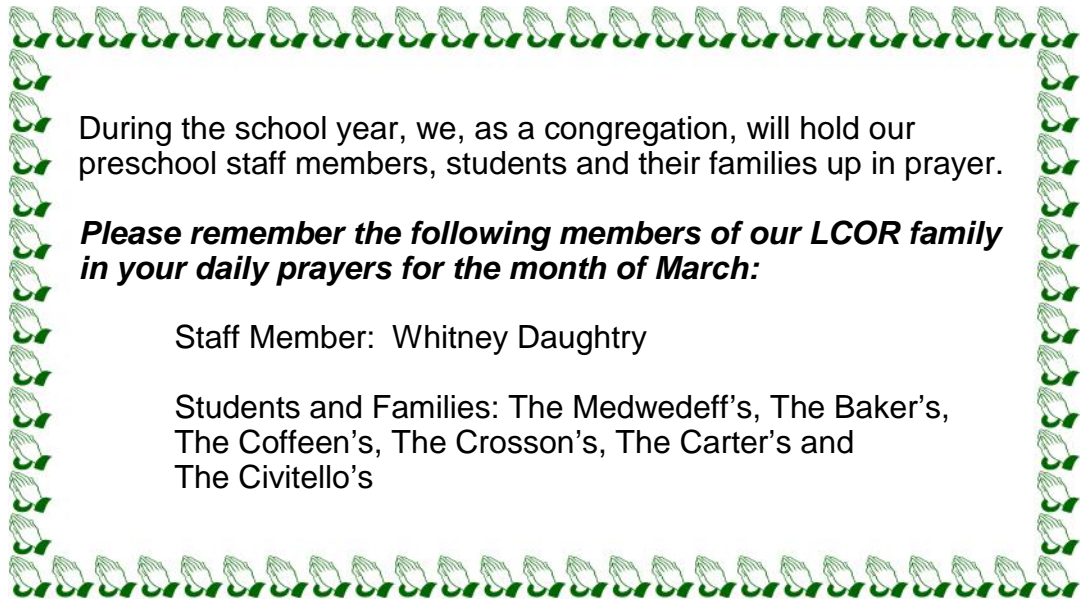
Faith Formation

Adult Sunday School

Our adult class is studying Philip Yancey's 5-lesson DVD series entitled "Vanishing Grace -- Whatever Happened to the Good News?". Come, be part of our group and join the conversation. We meet at 10:00 in Perry Hall during the normal Sunday School time period. All are invited, and all are welcome.

Small Groups

The small group in the Middle Sound Loop area is studying Paul's letter to the Ephesians. They meet at the home of Diane Harris (133 Treasure Island Way). For more information, please contact Susie Jones-Cook at 910-620-1392 or by email at susiejonescook@yahoo.com. The Leland small group, led by Lois and Charles Manning, studying Philip Yancey's 10-lesson DVD series entitled "What's So Amazing About Grace?" For more information on that group, contact Lois at 910-512-0091 or by email at manning.lois@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 March:

Staff Member: Whitney Daughtry

Students and Families: The Medwedeff's, The Baker's,
The Coffeen's, The Crosson's, The Carter's and
The Civitello's



*I asked Jesus, "How much do You love me?"
"This much", He answered --
and He stretched out His arms --
and died.*

- Unknown

Church Council Minutes
February 11, 2018

Verification of a quorum present. Jean Jones, Susie Jones-Cook, Clem Surak, Leslie Aschemeier, Art Davis, Pastor Bill and Bill Jensen. Clayton Gsell also attended the council meeting. Jean Jones gave the devotion.

Pastor Bill opened the meeting with prayer.

The December minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Bill Jensen

Account balances:

South State Bank checking (operating account): not available at time of meeting

South State Bank checking (memorial account): not available at time of meeting

South State Bank checking (Columbarium fund): not available at time of meeting

South State Bank mortgage: not available at time of meeting

Live Oak Bank CD 8572 (General): \$23,923

Live Oak Bank CD 8578 (Gift & Endowment) \$25,157

Thrivent Mutual Funds:

Large Cap Stock Fund-A \$ 7,912

Income Fund-A \$ 8,414

All balances current as of February 9, 2018.

Income for January 2018 was \$24,218. Expenses for the month were \$27,442 for a net deficit of \$3,224. Good Samaritan contributions for January 2018 were \$219.

The Finance committee met on February 8. One member has resigned leaving a total of 4 members.

Tom Jividen presented a proposal to switch telephone providers and save the church \$12,600 over a five year period. He also presented a proposal to change our fire alarm system, while keeping the same provider, that would save \$2,150 over five years, and a proposal to switch our fax to E-Fax for a five year savings of \$2,820. Making these three changes would result in a five year savings total of \$17,500. Bill Jensen made a motion to move forward with this, it was seconded and approved unanimously.

Kate Clark asked for input as to what data should be included on our financial reports now that she is switching from Power Church back to Quickbooks. The committee came up with proposals that Kate will implement, reducing the number and size of the reports, resulting in simpler, easier to understand reports. The spreadsheets comparing income and expenses from month to month and year to year will remain the same, and there will be a cash flow report.

It was also decided to investigate the possibility of changing our offering envelopes, to reduce the cost and make it easier for the counters to do their job.

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Pastor's Report – Pastor Bill

Pastor Bill discussed a Stewardship for All Seasons (SAS) six month process that culminates in the fall annual giving program.

Major components include: to improve communication within the congregation, help people consider their "Generosity Journey"; understand that giving is an investment in good ministry (God has something in store for us); and to establish a long-term culture of good stewardship that will last through the years.

SAS includes:

- 7 face-to-face visits with a coach (including virtual)
- Email, phone access
- Graphic design package
- 12 newsletter articles
- Temple talk templates
- Brochure/flier design
- Cost \$2,150

New Business:

Clayton Gsell would like to take our appraisal and get a friend and also an attorney friend to look at it and see if we should counter DOT. A motion was made for Clayton to take appraisal to attorney and appraisal and to provide a counter to DOT. \$500 was approved for assessment. This was seconded and approved unanimously.

The council discussed bringing soup to one of the Lenten Suppers. It was decided that the council will bring soup on February 28th.

Reports for Council – Jean Jones requested that everyone do their meeting notes and disburse to council before the council meeting.

Jean Jones is preparing for the semi-annual church meeting on February 25th.

Old Business:

Parish Life – game day on February 11th.

Social Ministries – Jan Shomo is the new Social Ministries chair.

Outreach – 15 names of potential new members, there will be a date set for new member's class. Hank Gudrian will remove the people on the list of inactive members.

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Property:

Art Davis reported that Jim Gulczynski repaired the weatherstripping on the two front doors, adjusted the panic bars, and tightened all of the door fasteners.

Richard Nelson continues to work on the drainage ditch on the east side of the Columbarium. The magnolia tree by the preschool and the crepe myrtle in front of the sanctuary stained glass window have been pruned.

Jim Gulczynski repaired the exterior light at the north exit from the hallway and assisted with replacing rotten 2x4 strips between the walkway slabs at the church entrance.

Richard Nelson picked up litter alongside Market Street, continued clearing the drainage ditch east of the Columbarium, installed a small bridge over the east end of the ditch, and removed and stored remaining Christmas decorations.

A decorative, low, semi-circular block wall has been built at the beginning of the culvert on the north side of the parking lot.

5 tree seedlings were planted in the area north of the driveway parallel to Market Street. A Chickasaw Plum (Chokecherry), a Southern Crabapple, a Persimmon, a Black Walnut, and a Longleaf Pine.

The a/c return screens in the ministry center have been cleaned.

The door to the altar guild room has been repaired.

The return screen above the choir area has been reattached.

Preschool – Clem Surak

Meeting was held on January 18, 2018.

Supplies got wet and molded – the Preschool Committee voted for teachers to spend up to \$100 per classroom for supplies.

The preschool made \$450 from their Christmas shop fundraiser.

St. Luke's donated approximately \$1,600 to Preschool – this money was used for mulch mats for the playground.

Preschool Registration started January 29th. There has been a slight hike of \$5.00 in tuition. A Scholarship to get a family thru next month was given, this was voted on by the Preschool Committee.

Good of the Church:

Tom Jividen, Pat Myers, Loretta Meyers, Clayton Gsell, John Francis

March 11th is the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Susie Jones-Cook