

# Springs of Grace Lutheran Church

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**Building Team:** Melton Roof- Congregation; Ray Cromer – Council; Bob Williams – Community/Architect/Builder

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## Introduction to the Day

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

## Commemoration for the Week

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461

A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.

Thursday, March 19

Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

Though the Bible tells us little about the husband of Jesus' mother Mary, we know that he was a carpenter or builder by trade. He is also shown as being devoted both to God and to Mary and Jesus. It is assumed that he died before Jesus became an adult.

Saturday, March 21

Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr, died 1556

Cranmer's lasting achievement is contributing to and overseeing the creation of the Book of Common Prayer, which remains (in revised form) the worship book of the Anglican Communion. He was burned at the stake under Queen Mary for his support of the Protestant Reformation.

Sunday, March 22

Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, died 1758

A Puritan minister in Connecticut, Edwards is remembered as being a great preacher. Though his most famous sermon talks at length about hell, he was more concerned with God's love. He served both as missionary to the Housatonic people in Massachusetts, and as president of the future Princeton University.

## THE PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 3/15

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Lent 4

Tuesday 3/17 St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday 3/18

6pm Supper – Speaker – TBD

7pm Service

7:45 Choir

Friday 3/20 Building Team 4pm

Saturday 3/21 9am-11:30 Capital Drive Team

Sunday 3/22

WELCOME Stewardship Key Leader The

Rev. Nancy Amacher

See her bio on the bulletin board.

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Lent 5

12:15 Potluck Lunch

## PRAYER CONCERNS

We remember in prayer our members:

Gere, MaryEllen and Tom, Susan

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Members' family and friends:

Joyce R., Jane C., April, Anne Marie T., Kathy C., Allan & Sharon H., Christian A, Jan, Kathy, Sue, Larry, Tom C., Susan Logan, Troy, Judy, Wayne, Karen, Bob Shaw, Spartanburg County Deputies, Linda, Brumhilde, Dan Camp, Ann Lineberger, Eric Schaeffer, Family of Orion H., Park O., Xing, Carley Li, Savage family

Please keep Mary Ellen Wuerfel and her family in your prayers.



## JOYS? CONCERNS?

March 8<sup>th</sup>

Worship Attendance – 58

Offering - \$3,055

## Roadmap for the Congregation towards building our new church:

1. *Sketches and Floorplan complete with Finish/Furnish Group working on details.*
2. *Drawings have gone out for bids from 3 contractors. Due March 20<sup>th</sup>.*
3. *Deed transfered to SoG from SC Synod*
4. *Survey to subdivide property commenced February 23<sup>rd</sup>.*
5. *Realtor has estimated comparables to value property.*
6. *Preliminary conversations for funding options with MIF – Jerry Jones spoke March 4<sup>th</sup>*
7. *Capital Campaign began with Stewardship Key Leader Rev. Nancy Amacher. Brad Elliott – Chair*

See Springs of Grace Lutheran Church on FACEBOOK!

See Lutheran Disaster Response Blog for ministry occurring around the globe.

Serving Idea for Youth : Write down the things you see that tell you God loves the world. At the end of the week thank God for these things.

Cluster News:

Mission Trip to the PeeDee Indian Reservation in the works for this summer.

#### Stewardship Key Leader Meeting

Council engages Rev. Nancy Amacher for our Capital Drive with official dates of March 21-22 – May 2-3.

Prayer Journey: 40 Days of Prayer Cluster emphasis on prayer led here by Barbraann Barraud has begun. At this point the Prayer Group is Barbraann Barraud, Mary Ellen Wuerfel, Kathy Williams, Nancy Elliott, Jean Barrow and Diane Ablett.

#### Growing God's Mission

Midweek Lent Offerings to go to SC Synod Growing God's Mission Campaign. This fund supports mission churches in our Synod and ministry in our companion Synods in Tanzania and Japan.

See Sketches of the New Church side view and floor plans!

#### Finish/Furnish Team Meets

A Team dedicated to finishing's and furnishings met last Tuesday morning to begin taking your comments to implement the details within the church building. All input is welcome. This Team is a sub-committee of the Building Team and will report directly to them their recommendations. Chairperson – Diane Ablett; Secretary – MaryEllen Wuerfel.

#### Lutheran Men in Mission:

Next LMM Meeting April 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm.

#### Noisy Offering

Today we take up a 'Noisy Offering' during the Children's Time for clean water projects in our Companion Synod in Tanzania.

#### Congregational Meeting March 29

A great big thanks to Helen Roof for updating the Parish Directory! Your copy is in your box.



CSB Thrift Store speakers Carol Moeller and Allison Dominick tell how CBS benefits children with cancer in Spartanburg County.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt after worship on Easter Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please bring in by March 31<sup>st</sup> plastic eggs & bags of small unwrapped candy & put in large baskets on table by the window. Our children will thank you.

Confirmation Seminary Day at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Notes: