

# THE HERALD

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**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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## *“Let’s Take A Walk Together”*

One way Judy and I get exercise is by taking walks together when we have the opportunity. We walk around the neighborhood. We have a long route, a short route, and we have the ability to shorten the long route and make it a medium length route. Not only are the walks we take good for our health, but they offer us a great opportunity for uninterrupted conversation. Sometimes our conversation is more cerebral than others, but we are always better off as a couple because we took that walk together.

During the season of Lent we have the opportunity to walk together as a congregational family towards the cross of our Lord. The Sunday Gospel readings are taking us towards Jerusalem, and during Holy Week we will arrive there in that city with Jesus and the disciples. Our Wednesday evening services are designed to present us with a model of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and then help us learn how to achieve that designation. We will be exploring how the original twelve disciples were formed through a process that we know as “apprenticeship.” Those first disciples were apprentices of Jesus for three years, and then they were out on their own with the gospel and opportunities to share that gospel with the world. They were able to do this and accomplish what they did only because they were apprentices of Jesus. But because they had learned at the feet of the Master, they accomplished great things in this world as they shared what they had learned. Everywhere they walked they gathered others around them and shared the story of God’s love and gift of a Savior.

I hope you will allow the gift of the Lenten season to be your invitation to join with your friends and brothers and sisters in Christ as we take a walk together towards the cross and then on to an empty tomb. Let’s walk together in such a way that not only are we encouraged and uplifted by each other but also we are together in ways that help us spend time learning to be better disciples of our Lord by becoming his apprentices. Let’s join together in worship and conversation that will be good for our spiritual health as we exercise our minds and souls.

Don’t forget our mid-week services will be held on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM and are preceded by a light supper beginning at 6:15 PM. I hope and pray that you will join with me as we take a walk together through the Lenten season, arriving together at an empty tomb and knowing for certain that Jesus is not there, for he has been resurrected. Let’s walk together as we consider our apprenticeship to Jesus, keeping in mind this verse from the scriptures:


*But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news!” (Romans 10:14-15 NAB)*

Come join me and let’s take a walk together.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Butler +*

## *Lenten Worship Services*



Wednesday, March 4	Light Lenten Supper	6:15 PM
	Worship	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 11	Light Lenten Supper	6:15 PM
	Worship	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 18	Light Lenten Supper	6:15 PM
	Worship	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 25	Light Lenten Supper	6:15 PM
	Worship	7:00 PM
Thursday, April 2	Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM
Friday, April 3	Good Friday	7:00 PM

**Lee-Freyschmidt Circle  
Wednesday, March 11**

The Lee-Freyschmidt Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 11th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall at the church. We will finish in time for participants to attend the Lenten Service at First Baptist.

**Tovey Circle  
Thursday, March 12**

The Tovey Circle will meet on Thursday, March 12, at the home of Lynn Haltiwanger (3094 Penny Lane, Johns Island 29455). Judy Butler will provide the program.

**Vestry Highlights**

On Saturday, February 21, 2015, the Vestry met following their Retreat to discuss and conduct the business of the church. The highlights of that Vestry Meeting follow:

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Vestry President Dan Prickett.
- 2) The January 2015 Minutes were approved as submitted.
- 3) The January 2015 Treasurer's Report was received as information.
- 4) Pastor Butler recommended the Vestry approve Carole Campbell's request to hold her wedding at St. John's on November 7. Approved.
- 5) The Evangelism Committee shared news about the activities they are pursuing. This includes visitation cards, updates to the website, and a possible 2015 Congregational Pictorial Directory.
- 6) The Property Committee reported on a number of on-going projects and shared news about the sound system in the Social Hall, the German Artillery Fence project, repairs to the speakers in the church, and a spring clean-up day.
- 7) The Social Ministry Committee reported on upcoming dates for Hope Lodge, the Congregational Care Meals Plan headed up by Jan Kyle, and the possibility of participating in the SC Synod's Gifts of Hope.
- 8) The Worship and Music Committee reminded the Vestry that the Washington Light Infantry will be present with us in worship on February 22.
- 9) The next Vestry Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19.

*From the Social Ministry Committee... Gifts of Hope*

Gifts of Hope allows you to share your faith and blessings, to advocate for a simpler lifestyle or to make a difference in the lives of all those touched by your gift. This program gives hope to someone who really needs it; regionally, nationally and internationally. These gifts provide for daily needs, build for the future, and bring joy.

For each gift you purchase, you receive two items: a vinyl gift envelope, and an insert describing your chosen gift, which you give to the person receiving the gift. The actual gift will be delivered by the designated organization or institution to the beneficiary.

Gift amounts are \$10, \$15, \$25, \$50 and \$100. Gifts of Hope is operated by the South Carolina Synod -- every penny received is distributed directly to the beneficiary organizations.

Complete information can be found at: [http://www.giftsofhopesc.com/uploads/8/1/1/4/8114799/2014\\_catalog.pdf](http://www.giftsofhopesc.com/uploads/8/1/1/4/8114799/2014_catalog.pdf)

Marsha Mikell recently shared with the Committee how meaningful this gift giving method has been to her family and as many of you might remember St. John's participated in this program for a number of years during the Christmas gift giving season.



**St. John's Ladies Sewing Society**

invites you to Brunch

Sunday, March 15, at 9:45 a.m.

in the Parish Hall

to honor our Seminary Students

Susan Thisell and Adam Carnell



To help us with food preparation, please RSVP to the church office via the bulletin insert or call 723-2426

On Seminary Sunday, March 15th,  
St. John's will have a designated offering  
(envelope provided in bulletin)  
for the work of the Ladies Sewing Society.

# Community Lenten Services

## Every Wednesday in Lent at 12:30 PM

Lunch is served after worship at the host church.

Suggested donation is \$10.



### Music Notes...

Greetings! It is Mardi Gras as I write to you this morning, but rather than making merry I am stuck in a hotel in Charlotte with my two boys. What was supposed to be a fun little overnight trip during our Winter Break has become a bit of a misadventure as we are iced in here with NC under a state of emergency, and all of the attractions we had planned to visit are closed. Oh well—the hotel room is cozy and the boys have Nickelodeon, so we'll soldier on!

A reminder that March will bring to St. John's the first of two visiting college choirs this spring. On Monday, March 16, at 7:00, the 60-voice Hamilton College Choir (Clinton, NY) will perform a program of sacred and secular a cappella choral music from throughout the ages. The host signup forms have appeared in the Sunday bulletins, and I hope some of you will be able to assist us in hosting students from my alma mater! But even if you can't host, please make plans to come enjoy an excellent performance, conducted by my mentor, the incomparable Dr. Rob Kolb. I think you will be amazed at how 60 trained young voices sound in our wonderful church!

Have you heard the St. John's Children's Choir perform yet? These dedicated students have been working hard with me since August, meeting each Sunday from 9:40-10 in the choir room, and sing roughly once a month during the school year. I am so pleased with the progress these children have made, despite their differences in age (K-6<sup>th</sup>), ability, and amount of singing experience. We've worked on anthems, we've worked on singing the liturgy, we've worked on exercises to improve young voices—and they've been a delight through it all! If you haven't heard our youngest singers yet, you have three more chances prior to the summer break: the St. John's Children's Choir will sing at the 11AM service on March 8, April 5, and May 3.

In music,

Todd

Music Quotation of the Month:

“People are like music. Some speak the truth and others are just noise.”  
- Author Unknown

**March 4**  
**First (Scots) Presbyterian Church**  
*53 Meeting Street*

Sermon by  
The Rev. Rich Giersch  
*Director of Student Ministries*  
St. Michael's Church

**March 11**  
**First Baptist Church**  
*48 Meeting Street*

Sermon by  
The Rev. James Rogers  
*Associate & Youth Pastor*  
First (Scots) Presbyterian Church

**March 18**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
*Corner of Archdale & Clifford*

Sermon by  
Chris Blalock  
First Baptist Church  
Lunch at St. John's will be \$7.

**March 25**  
**St. Michael's Church**  
*Corner of Meeting and Broad*

Sermon by  
The Rev. David Butler  
St. John's Lutheran Church

**Good Friday Outdoor Stations of the Cross through the  
City of Charleston**  
**Friday, April 3, at Noon**  
**Begins at the Battery Gazebo**

## Game Day!

Little Luther League will be having Game Day on March 8th after church. Bring your favorite board game or Wii game. Lunch will be provided. A \$4 donation for lunch is suggested.



## Easter Baskets

Little Luther League will be stuffing Easter Baskets for the Senior Center after church on March 22. Lunch will be provided. A \$4 donation for lunch is suggested. Watch your email for further information about this event.

## Easter Party

The Easter Party will be held on Saturday, April 4, at 10:00. All children are invited to attend. All youth are invited to attend to hide Easter eggs. Lunch will be provided. A \$4 donation for lunch is suggested. Children are reminded to bring 6 boiled eggs for dyeing.



## Candy!

Christian Education is asking for the help of the congregation for the Easter egg hunt. Please bring bags of prewrapped candy that can be used to stuff Easter Eggs. Please, no chocolate or lollipops. Please make sure the candy can fit in an egg! Donations should be dropped off in the Parish Hall by March 22. Questions? Call Jennifer Gnann.



## Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School will be held at St. John's the week of July 26-29 from 6:15 pm -8:00 pm with dinner beginning at 5:45. Join us as we explore the Proverbs. There will be music, crafts, African drumming, and FUN! Make sure you don't miss out! Children and adults of all ages 4 and up are invited to attend! A nursery will be provided.



Jackie Andersen	March 2	Sarah Christenberry	March 19
Elaine Ehmann	March 3	Jack Doscher	March 20
Scott Counts	March 3	JoAnn Stukes	March 20
Elizabeth Marchant	March 3	Martha Harken	March 21
John Lowe	March 4	Doris Gerard	March 22
Sara Jane Foltz	March 4	Matthew Jordan	March 22
Stephen Trayte	March 4	Rebecca Antley	March 23
Jim Lawton	March 5	Jared Snell	March 24
Diane Bean	March 8	Grayce Osgood	March 26
Cindy Donahue	March 8	Kelly Donahue	March 27
Gregory Pickard	March 9	Joel Rigter	March 28
Barbara Tamsberg	March 13	Jenny Edwards	March 28
Cas Siegling	March 13	Lane Tuggle	March 29
Morgan Fancher	March 16	Tom Springer	March 30
Ella Grace			
Sines Thomasson	March 16	Jason Stuber	March 30
Glen Hoffman	March 18	Haagen Williams	March 30
John Evans	March 19	Karen Christenberry	March 31
Debbie Sellars	March 19		

## Easter Breakfast

The Easter Breakfast will be held between services on Easter Sunday beginning at 9:30. The breakfast will be prepared by the Christian Education Committee. A donation of \$5 per person is suggested. Following breakfast, the children of the church will decorate the cross with flowers. Children, make sure you bring flowers with you on Easter Sunday.



## Memorials

**Memory of Betty Koester**  
by Louie Koester

**Memory of Molly Littlejohn**  
by Bill and Joy Cornwell

**Memory of Geneva Kahrs**

Capers and Sandra Poulnot

Joel and Anne Lake

Barbara Tamsberg

Joy Flanagan

Mark and Carole Jordan

John and Betty Wilson

Olivette Smith

**Memory of Warren Hilton**  
by Denny and Penny McKeever



### We're trying something new!

We've given The Herald a new look. Have comments, praise, or constructive suggestions? Please direct them to Pastor Butler or Jennifer Gnann. We'd love to hear from you!

### Communion Linens

If you have taken any communion napkins, undercloths or veils home to wash and iron, please return them as soon as you are able. Our clean supply is running low.

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Worship and Music	Deborah Bussey William Dowd

### Members of Vestry

Chris Antley, Deborah Bussey, Bryan Counts, Becky Courtney, William Dowd, George Galante, Peter Holmi, Gayle Hilton, Larry Kreyling, Dan Lackland, Anne Lake, Randy Lesemann, Dan Marchant, Dan Prickett, Tom Springer, Sheila Sines Thomasson

### Vestry Officers

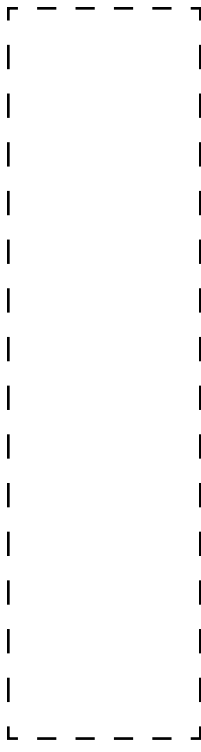
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**2015 Officers, Vestry, and Committee Chairs**

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