



April 2026 Newsletter



THE MESSENGER

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - GREENWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA



On Easter Sunday, April 5, there will be one service at 9 a.m. and brunch at 10 a.m.
There will also be an Easter egg hunt for children and youth during brunch.

A Prayer for Eastertide

Victorious God, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, we offer you praise for the new life you send us. As the sadness of Jesus' death paves the way to the bright promise of immortality, help us to live the promise of this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. AMEN.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS



Diane and Kevin Sponenberg who regularly attend the 9 a.m. service on Sundays.



Terri and Dan Bacon who regularly attend the 4:30 p.m. service on Sundays.

*Not pictured are Mary and Rick Pueschel who regularly attend the 4:30 p.m. service.

The Pastor's Garden is getting a new life as a calm Meditation Garden for all to enjoy. Soon you'll see an added bench, a hummingbird feeder, a fresh bird bath, and flowers that bring in butterflies.

Join us if you can! We meet on Wednesdays at 9:00 am, enjoy a quick coffee break, then work until noon. Lunch at Howard's On Main follows.



GOD'S GARDENERS

Working Hard!



Galaxy S21 FE 5G

The next quarterly roadside clean up will occur on Saturday, April 18. Please meet at Immanuel at 9:30 a.m. All supplies will be provided and no experience is necessary. Please email David Rosenbaum (dr_scarolina@yahoo.com) if you are available to assist or with any questions. Also, if you have recently borrowed a trash grabber, please return it.



Dear ILC Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, love, and support throughout Steve's illness and passing. Your kindness, encouragement, and compassion mean more than words can express. I am so grateful for ALL of you! Love and Blessings, Lynne Presley

JOIN US FOR AN

Organ Recital

by Will Thomas Cleveland

With compositions by Josef Rheinberger, César Franck, Felix Mendelssohn, Robert J. Powell, Jehan Alain, François Couperin, and Alexandre Guilmant.

**TUESDAY,
APRIL 7**

FBC
Sanctuary

7:00 PM



Easter Sunday, April 5, will be Dr. Will's last Sunday as organist of First Baptist Church. Beginning Sunday, April 12, he will begin serving as Director of Music / Organist at The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Greenwood, while remaining at Immanuel. Please come and hear his farewell concert at First Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 7, at 7 p.m. Admission is free, and there will be a free reception following the program.



Greenwood County Free Food Distribution



Dates and Locations

January 16, 2026

South Main Street Baptist Church
1000 Main St
Greenwood, SC

February 20, 2026

Mt Moriah Church
124 Raymond Rd Hwy 221
Greenwood, SC

March 20, 2026

Little River Multicultural Center
415 Riley Rd
Hodges, SC

April 17, 2026

Connie Maxwell Children's
Ministries
215 Terrell Smith Ave.
Greenwood, SC

May 15, 2026

South Main Street Baptist Church
1000 Main St
Greenwood, SC

June 26, 2026

Ninety Six Elem School
810 Johnston Rd
Ninety Six, SC

July 17, 2026

Ware Shoals High School
56 S Greenwood Ave
Ware Shoals, SC

August 21, 2026

Little River Multicultural Center
415 Riley Rd
Hodges, SC

September 18, 2026

Mt Moriah Church
124 Raymond Rd Hwy 221
Greenwood, SC

October 16, 2026

Connie Maxwell Children's
Ministries
215 Terrell Smith Ave.
Greenwood, SC

November 20, 2026

Little River Multicultural Center
415 Riley Rd
Hodges, SC

December 18, 2026

Ninety Six Elem School
810 Johnston Rd
Ninety Six, SC

Dates and locations may change.
Please check the Self Regional
Healthcare Facebook page
for updates.

Have questions, please
call (864) 725-7890.

**Help us fight food insecurity in Greenwood County.
Spread the word to those in need.**

No paper work to fill out • Food items are first come/first
serve bases • No need to get out of your car • One dry food
box and One produce box • 9 a.m. til boxes are gone



Tea-ing up for Recovery



EVENT

Join us for a traditional
tea party on
Saturday, April 25 from
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
at Immanuel Lutheran Church
501 East Creswell, Greenwood, SC

HERE'S SOME GOOD NEWS

There will be a Silent Auction!
All proceeds will go to
a local Women's Recovery House

COST

\$10 per person minimum donation
for advanced reservation.
\$100 for a table of eight people.
\$20 per person minimum donation
at the door



CONTACT

RSVP to Sue Kaufman
for tickets at 843.518.9839

Items and donations are needed for the silent auction during the tea party. New items, gift baskets, and gift certificates are ideal auction items. Please contact Anna Luna at 860 - 810 - 0706 with questions or pickup.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/2 Erwin Finkbeiner
- 4/8 Wayne Boozer
- 4/9 Norman Gagne
- 4/10 Richard Hotchkiss
- 4/12 Alan Darling
- 4/18 Lynn Isenhower
- 4/19 Debbie Cochran
- 4/20 Daniel Darling
- Barbie Frick
- 4/22 Janet Ahn
- Sandie Wanto
- 4/24 Lori Cooper
- 4/25 Lynne Presley
- 4/29 Ann Coker

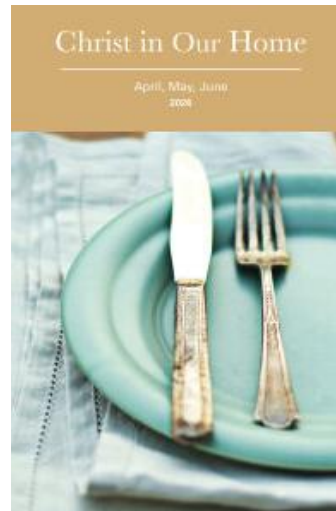
APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/5 Ken and Nancy Nash
- 4/21 Jeffrey and Irene Price
- 4/25 Carl and Gail Monson
- 4/26 Larry and Karen Hammond

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
March 2026

	9 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
<u>3/1</u>	93	26
<u>3/8</u>	81	28
<u>3/15</u>	84	37
<u>3/22</u>	77	33
<u>3/29</u>	96	8

*Totals include registered online viewers for the 9 a.m. service .



The latest edition the *Christ in Our Home* devotions is now available in the Narthex. If you have any old editions for recycling, please let Ann Coker know.



The Divas will be gathering at Nagoya's Japanese Steakhouse on April 9, 2026, at 6 p.m. Come, gather with us for a great night of fellowship, fun and good food. Sign up on the WELCA board or text JoAn Crowder at 864-942-9191.



Worship on Sundays - 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Coffee Time and Adult Christian Education on Sundays - 10 a.m.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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* Closed on Mondays

CHURCH STAFF

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Sammy Hurley and Kristen Metts, Parish Custodians

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SERVING THE CHURCH IN GREATER CAPACITIES

The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, ELCA
The Rev. Ginny Aebischer, Bishop, South Carolina Synod