



April 2025 Newsletter



THE MESSENGER

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - GREENWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA



Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday, April 13 - 9 a.m. Worship (Opening Procession at the Memorial Garden)

Greenwood Community Service, April 16 - 12:30 p.m. Morris Chapel Baptist Church
530 Baptist Avenue, Greenwood
\$2 Lunch is at Noon and 1 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 17 - Combined Meal and Worship at First Baptist Church
722 Grace Street, Greenwood

(5 p.m. Meal) - salad, pork loin, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, banana pudding, ice cream and cookies,
Cost: \$10, **reservations required by April 16, at noon, please e-mail Dr. Will.**

(6:30 p.m.) Worship - includes Holy Communion with Pastor Chris Christopher and
Pastor John Uldrick officiating with combined chancel choirs from ILC and FBC.

Good Friday, April 18 - 6:30 p.m. Combined Worship at Immanuel. Pastor Chris Christopher and
Pastor John Uldrick officiating with combined chancel choirs from ILC and FBC.

Easter Sunday, April 20 - 9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. Brunch, Easter Egg Hunt during brunch.

Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 2, 2025

J. Kinard, Council President, called the meeting to order and offered a prayer.

Members Present J. Kinard, Pastor Chris, C. Monson, L. Smith, K. Finkbeiner

Present via phone T. Morris, M. E. Bowen

Absent M. A. Stroup, L. Hotchkiss, C. Christensen, S. Presley, S. Holmes

The February Council minutes were approved as submitted.

Service Report

Food Pantry - 216 Families Served

Soup Kitchen - 577 Meals Provided

Property

The lock on the side entry door has been repaired. Greenwood Lock Company donated a new lock for the door. The only negative is that it does not video those entering so a camera will be used at this entrance. George B. is in the process of re-entering individual codes for this entrance.

Roof repair from the Hurricane is occurring and should be completed in the next week. Additionally, the front lawn needs two loads of dirt at a cost of \$500. Bret Waters has offered the use of his tractor to spread the dirt.

Campus Ministry

Trey Morris reported that they have 5 “faithful” students who attend the “Bearcat” LCM on a regular basis. They participated in a retreat in Boone, NC the last weekend in January. They are building connections with other campus ministries – i.e. Appalachian State University. Our Bearcat LCM will be leading our ILC Worship Service on March 16. Our LCM also has their own room upstairs in the former Children’s Music Room. Plans are to move a ROKU TV to this location for their use. Trey also thanked those who have provided dinner for this group.

Pastor’s Report

Pastor reported that he recently spent the day at Wesley Commons and had the opportunity to see all our ILC members who reside there. He also had lunch with them.

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

Member Transfer

Vivian Ewer has requested membership transfer to/from Michigan. Pastor Chris – Motion to Approve with M. E. Bowen 2nd – Motion Passed

New Business

J. Kinard presented “The Dignity Index” – How to Ease Divisions, Prevent Violence, Solve Problems. Teaches Building Skills for Dignified Disagreement and will be used in the future. More information will be shared.

The meeting closed with prayer (J. Kinard).

Respectfully Submitted,
Kat Finkbeiner, Secretary (non-voting)



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 13 – 11:00 AM



For the April 12 meeting the LMM will gather at Immanuel at 8:30 AM for brief devotions, and then carpool to a tour of the Greenwood Water Treatment facility out near the lake. This award-winning facility is named in memory of William Wise, a former member of our congregation. The tour will be hosted by Danny Ware who is currently the CPW/GMD Water Department Director.

The Greenwood Water System is the 12th largest water system in South Carolina. The source of our water is Lake Greenwood. To protect the purity of our water, the water system is monitored and maintained 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In all of the USA, the Greenwood water treatment facility is one of less than twenty water treatment plants that have successfully completed all four phases of the Partnership for Safe Water program and received the Excellence in Water Treatment Award.

A limited number of non-LMM guests are invited to join us~limited only because of limited space around the facility's equipment to gather and listen to our host's explanations. Please contact either Bo Bowman or Charles Hershey if you are interested.

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support groups

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Grief Support Group

*Third Sunday of
Every Month at 3PM*

*January 19, February 16, March 16
April 27*, May 18, June 22*, July 20, August 17
September 21, October 19, November 16*

*Not 3rd Sunday Due To Holiday

Contact Kevin Garrison (864) 554-7043
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southmain
baptist church



No Paperwork to
Fill Out

First Come
First Serve

No Need to Get
Out of Your Car

One Dry Food Box
One Produce Box

9:00 a.m. until boxes are gone

January 17th

NewSpring Church
1306 Bypass 72 NE, Greenwood

May 16th

South Main Baptist Church
1000 Main St S, Greenwood

September 19th

NewSpring Church
1306 Bypass 72 NE, Greenwood

February 21st

Mt Moriah Church
124 Raymond Rd Hwy 221, Gwd

June 20th

Ware Shoals High School
56 S Greenwood Ave, WS

October 17th

Mt Moriah Church
124 Raymond Rd Hwy 221, Gwd

March 21st

Ninety Six Elem School
810 Johnston Rd, Ninety Six

July 18th

Little River Multicultural Complex
415 Riley rd N, Hodges

November 21st

Ninety Six Elem School
810 Johnston Rd, Ninety Six

April 18th

Mt Zion Baptist Church
619 Highway 246 N, Greenwood

August 15th

Mt Zion AME Church
112 New Zion Rd, Bradley

December 19th

Mt Zion Baptist Church
619 Highway 246 N, Greenwood

Spread the word to those in need and help us fight food insecurity in Greenwood County!

Call 864-725-7890 for any questions.



The South Carolina Synod of the ELCA has declared Sunday, May 4, 2025, as Newberry College

Sunday, celebrating the historic partnership between the Lutheran church and South Carolina's Lutheran college!



Immanuel's Dining
Diva's will be heading to

Cambridge Chophouse at the Inn on the Square on April 10 at 6 p.m. Sign up on the WELCA Board or text JoAn Crowder at 864-942-9191.



The Emerald Bells, with our own Leisa Hotchkiss, will perform at the Greenwood Lenten service at 12:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian on April 9.



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 Eisenhower
- 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, 9 A.M. WORSHIP ATTENDANCE March 2025

3/2 - 102

3/9 - 83

3/16 - 71

3/23 - 78

3/30 - 80

*Totals include registered online viewers.



Altar flowers sign-up is available in the Narthex.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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* Closed on Mondays

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SERVING THE CHURCH IN GREATER CAPACITIES

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