

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, March 19

- 8:30AM Sunday School Council Meeting
- 8:45AM Youth Bells
- 9:30AM Children's Choir
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Worship
- 12:00PM Youth Choir
- 5:00PM Youth

MONDAY, March 20-Friday, March 24

- 6:30AM Youth Breakfast – First Lutheran Church
- 6:30PM Personnel Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, March 22

- 12:00PM Community Lenten Service @Central UMC
- 4:00PM Staff Meeting
- 5:15PM Fellowship Meal (Pig in a Blanket, Coleslaw, Salad Bar, Dessert)
- 6:00PM The Shack Study
- 6:00PM Youth, GA's, RA's, Mission Friends
- 6:00PM FBC Band
- 7:00PM Sanctuary Choir

Sunday School Attendance 03/12	100
Worship Attendance 03/12	133
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$11,364.00
Budget Receipts 03/5	\$14,739.00
YTD Budget Receipts 02/28	\$82,821.90
YTD Expenses thru 02/28	\$89,319.56
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 3/5)	\$229,760.00
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$278,595.00

MEMORIALS

Organ Fund

Bob Stone by M/M Maurice Radford

Helen Lockamy by M/M Norman Wilson

THANK YOU

Thank you for the notes, cards, calls, and prayers offered up when my brother died. He was my only sibling, and I had come to depend on him a great deal since Don died. Your kind expressions of sympathy and condolence meant much to me. Linda Perry

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

David and Jamie
Alexander, Keely
Selke and Malia
Selke.



APRIL JOY MYSTERY TRIP/ LUNCHEON

Tuesday, April 4 @ 9:30am

Cost is \$20.00 per person and everything is included: lunch, drink, dessert, and tip! Please wear comfortable clothes. All are welcome and you may invite a friend. A sign-up sheet is in the church office. For more details, contact Lina Chandler: 704-982-8877.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FUNDRAISER

Habitat for Humanity Oyster Roast & Fish Fry Fundraiser: Saturday, April 1, 2017. 6-9PM at Market Station. Tickets are \$50.00 each and available in the church office.

SCCM need for March is macaroni & cheese, rice, stuffing, instant potatoes, tomato sauce, etc

EASTER PICNIC

Sunday, April 9, 3PM at City Lake Park
Donations are needed of small, individually wrapped candy that will fit into plastic Easter eggs.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday's @ Noon
March 15, 22, 29, April 5
at Central United Methodist Church

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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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2017 Lenten Study
“Why Are You Doing
This to Me?”

March 19 @ 11am March 22 @ 6pm

From the Desk of Andy Jung...

This is a recent blog post by Amanda Rone. She and her husband, Rob, are missionaries sponsored by their church to the Northern Shan State in Myanmar used to be known as Burma). (<http://amandarone.com/blog/>)

On Ash Wednesday, many Christians go to church and have ashes placed on their forehead by a brother or sister who reminds them, "You are dust, and to dust you will return." We think about how we are all going to die, nothing we can do will prevent this, without God's intervention we're all unrighteous and undeserving of the gifts we're given, and basically it's just a huge bummer.

This year I was surprised to find how sweet it was for me, sitting in the dark sanctuary, thinking about mortality. Over the last few months I've had a few events that one might call "life-threatening." The most difficult for me was when Rob became critically ill.

I remember being blinded by fatigue and the sun reflecting off the mirrored pagoda one afternoon in December. I made the decision to take Rob to Thailand for medical care as he got sicker and sicker. The previous few days had been an exhausting tornado of decision and action and I'd finally managed to get him all the way down to Chiang Mai and admitted to a hospital. (This I did with the help of so many friends and strangers. More on that another day.) Rob was too weak to walk, and I wondered if I was going to lose the person I love most. I stumbled down the sidewalk, desperate to arrive at the guest house and lay down. I felt heavy and spent.

I thought a lot about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who told the Babylonian king, "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image."

That last bit surprises me every time. God can and will deliver us, but even if he doesn't, he's still our God. The paradox is this: during times when I was capable of doing everything on my own, it was easy to give everything to God, but the times when I was powerless to better my situation was the test of those promises we made during easy times. Would I let God take what I'd said he could have?

Last night as I sat in the dark with my church family and thought about death, I remembered flopping down on the
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bed once I reached the guesthouse, wondering how this would turn out. I had done all I could do; I got Rob to a place where he could get good care. The rest was totally out of my hands. I prayed just two sentences and sank into sleep: "God, please let my husband recover. But even if you don't, I won't turn away." It was a dark time, but this memory was so sweet. It soothed a secret fear that I wouldn't be able to go through with giving everything for what I believe in. I saw then and see now how God is working to turn my selfish heart into one seeking his purpose.

I also recognize that my reflections on this could be different if I'd lost my husband. But now I know this: we can hope that in crisis we will be the people we've claimed to be in peacetime, and if we do, it's a beautiful gift. If we don't, there's grace for us.

Rob and Amanda will be at First Baptist on Sunday, March 26 to share their story during Sunday School and worship. All SS classes are invited to a presentation of their mission and ministry by the Rones. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

This Sunday, we will continue our study of *The Shack* as we consider the question. "Why are you doing this to me?" See you on Sunday!

Deacon of the Week

Lois Hinson

March 19 – March 25

Our Church Family

PRAYER LIST

Steve Sasser, Sue Hunsucker, Linda Hall, Jim Mauney, Jack Neel, AnDe Dick, Kurt Kitchener, Gay Hayer, Adam, Beth & Grayson Boysworth, Jane Pendergraft, Sylvia Scholl, Diane Huneycutt Powell, Carl & JoAnn Kimrey, Ginny Skidmore, Don Fink, Teresa Patton, Kip Medlin, Mary Sullivan, Ruth Cain, Lina Chandler, Peggy Richardson, Marilyn Mahaley, Frankie Coley, Kathy Hilton, Sid Linker, Jack Phillips, Jack Fesperman, Agnes Blalock

CONTINUAL CARE

Mildred Archer, Mildred Cooper, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Frances Newton, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Aileen Taylor, Herman Faulkner, Barbara Hicks, Mary Sullivan, Carl Bowen, David & Sandy Young, David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Bear Knotts, Pete Johnson, Peggy Hill, Frank Crisco, Don Bennett, Carol Brummitt, Rachel Chandler

Family Ministry News

Its that time of the year again! It is time for our Family Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic. We will once again gather for a time of fellowship, food and fun on April 9th at 3pm at City Lake Park. In preparation for the event, we have a few needs. First, we need small individually wrapped candy for the Easter egg hunt. Second, we are looking for corn hole boards for the picnic. Third, we are looking for suggestions on fun activities that can be added to our time together. Finally, we need everyone to help us promote this event. We would love to see our church family and our guests sharing a wonderful afternoon together!

Please remember that our 50th Youth Breakfast will start next week. We will meet each morning (March 20th - 24th) at the First Lutheran Church from 6:30am-7:20pm. All youth are encouraged to join us for a week of fellowship and food. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of this special event, we would like to honor everyone who has participated in this event in the past to join us for breakfast on the following days:

Monday – 1960s Tuesday – 1970s
Wednesday – 1980s Thursday – 1990s Friday – 2000s

YOUTH SCHEDULE

March 19: 5:00PM Youth
March 26: 5:00PM Youth
April 9: 3:00PM Easter Picnic and Egg Hunt/City Lake Park

YOUTH BREAKFAST

March 20 - March 24: 6:30AM, First Lutheran Church