

The Weekly Update

MARCH 20, 2026

Sanctuary Painting is Complete!

The painting in the sanctuary has been completed! The carpet has been cleaned and the pews will be reinstalled this weekend. We will worship in the Fellowship Hall once more this week and then will move into our freshly painted sanctuary on Palm Sunday! Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we complete this work! We are truly blessed to have this opportunity to refresh our sanctuary space, and we are excited to see the results together!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The annual C&C Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 4th! We are collecting plastic eggs and egg "fillers". Egg "fillers" can be individually wrapped candy and small toys. Please drop off your donations in the collecting basket in the Narthex. Thank you!

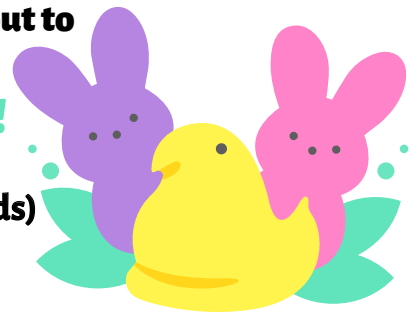
Saturday
April 4
10am - 12pm

PEEP OLYMPICS SUNDAY!

The sugar is calling... the marshmallows are ready... and things are about to get seriously competitive...

ALL YOUTH (3rd grade & up) ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

Launch Peeps and see how far they can FLY Dodgeball... but with PEEPS (yes, it's as wild as it sounds) Tons of ridiculous games and challenges And of course... we might eat a few too



EASTER BREAKFAST

Join us Easter morning for a delicious breakfast, warm fellowship, and a joyful start to the day! This cherished tradition is a great way to connect with others and welcome new faces. The Crossmen of Cross & Crown will serve breakfast from 7:30-10:00, featuring scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, fruit, pastries, juice, and coffee.

Please RSVP by clicking the link below. A love offering will be collected (with an option to give online) to support Lutheran Disaster Relief efforts for hurricane recovery in the NC mountains. Want to help?

Volunteers are needed for setup, cooking, serving, and cleanup. Contact David Cox (dcox@triosim.com) with questions or to get involved. We look forward to celebrating Easter with you!

Holy Week at Cross & Crown

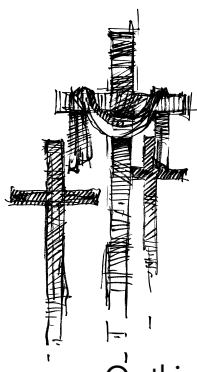
Maundy Thursday Gathering and Worship

We're starting our time together on Maundy Thursday in the Fellowship Hall, gathering around tables just like Jesus did with his friends. It's a chance to connect, share some light snacks, and enjoy good conversation. Afterward, we'll move into a meaningful time of worship with scripture, song, and the Communion Meal. Come as you are, and let's share this special time together! Please use the link below to RSVP so we can prepare enough for everyone.

Good Friday Worship

On this sacred day, we come together to remember the final hours of Jesus' life — a journey marked by love, sacrifice, and grace. Through the voices of multiple readers, the story unfolds — the moments of betrayal, the trial, the quiet strength of Jesus, and the profound words spoken from the cross.

Services are offered at 12 & 7 pm.



FLOWERS FOR EASTER



Each year, we invite the congregation to help beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by purchasing flowers. With a donation of \$20, you can select a plant to take home after the service. Flowers will be purchased just before Easter to ensure freshness and provide a variety of options.

Dedications can be made in memory of someone special, in someone's honor, or to the Glory of God. If you'd like to make a donation to Common Heart instead of receiving a plant, please mark "No Plant". **Order forms are due by March 29.**



SERVE ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Looking for a simple but meaningful way to serve the church? Consider joining the Finance Committee.

The committee meets once a month to review financial reports from the Bookkeeper and Treasurer, discuss the church's financial health, and share insights with the Congregation Council. In the fall, the team also helps coordinate the annual budgeting process.

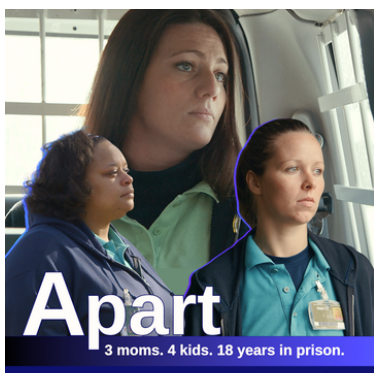
You don't need to be a financial expert, but some experience managing household finances is helpful. This is a one or two year commitment with monthly meetings—an easy but important way to support the mission and future of our church. Members currently serving on the committee are John Hejka, chair, Barbara Maillet, Julie Wright, Garry Rudolph, and Debra Cox. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pastor Melody, Pastor Matt, or any member of the Finance Committee.

APART

You're invited to a meaningful evening with Changed Choices for a screening of APART on March 26, 6:00–8:15 pm at First Baptist Church (301 S. Davidson Street).

APART follows three women over 3½ years as they rebuild their lives after incarceration—restoring relationships with their children and rediscovering hope through a re-entry program. It's an honest, powerful film about resilience, restoration, and second chances.

We'd love to have a group from C&C attend together! We'll carpool—meet at the church at 5:00 pm. Contact Cathy Kozlinski for more information. Tickets are free, but seating is limited—reserve yours today by clicking the link below.



The Lenior-Rhyne A Cappella Choir Honors the 1961 Freemon Riders

The choir's annual tour will be a collaboration with Southeastern Louisiana University. Together, the two choirs will retrace the 1961 Freedom Rides route from Washington, D.C., to Jackson, Mississippi. Along the way, students will sing with local high school choirs and with ensembles from Historically Black Colleges and Universities in each city.

For more information about the tour go to: <https://nclutheran.org/event/the-road-to-freedom-lenior-rhyne-a-cappella-choir-concert/>

INGATHERING OF COMMUNION WINE

During Lent we will be having an ingathering of communion wine. You are invited to bring a bottle of Manischewitz Concord Grape wine. There is a labeled collection basket in the Narthex.



Mid Week Lenten Services

Midweek Lenten services are held on Wednesday after dinner at 6:45 in the Fellowship Hall around our dinner tables. Each service will have a short homily based on the theme for the week. **This weeks scripture focus: Luke Luke 14:7-14**

