THE WITTENBERG WITNESS

The Monthly Edition of Wittenberg Lutheran Church's Newsletter

March 2025

Greetings, sisters and brothers in Christ,

I can't hardly believe that Lent is here. Although, Lent is a more somber fasting season, it is also a season that has joy. Why? Because during Lent, we intensify our commitment to Christ and more intentionally practice the spiritual disciplines of repentance, fasting, works of love, and study of Scripture. And through participating fully in Lent, we have the joy that comes from moving closer to God, falling more deeply in love with Christ. During Lent, we metaphorically and spiritually go with Christ through the desert. Of course, you don't have to worry about finding the desert in your life; the desert has a way of finding you, whether it comes to you in the shape of some suffering, some emptiness, a break down or divorce, or whatever painful event in your life. We can try to deny our desert, try to cover it up with money and possessions, success and status, food or drink, but, in the end, we only delay it; it still comes; we still have to go through it. If we go through it unwillingly and involuntarily, then it can be debilitating and overwhelming, but, if we willingly and intentionally enter into it, it can be helpful, freeing, and life affirming. With Jesus as our guide, the desert experience can lead to abundant life. It is a life of the cross, which is a life crucifying the old sinful self, so the new self in union with Christ can be resurrected. It is a life moving from glory to greater glory, a life in which our sinful self decreases and Christ in us increases. It is a life experiencing the abundant goodness of being in the presence of God. So, Lent can be a life altering season of renewal and transformation. I dearly hope that you will take full advantage of our Sunday and Wednesday worship services during Lent and our Holy Week services. Through these gatherings together in worship, we are strengthened, and nourished, and empowered to daily take up our cross and follow Jesus into a new life of having the mind of Christ and being a human being of extravagant love for God and one another, carrying the gospel into the suffering of the world through our actions of hospitality. Hope to see you soon.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Keith



ELCA VISION:

Claimed by God's grace for the sake of the world, we are a new creation through God's living word by the power of the Holy Spirit;

Gathered by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will live among God's faithful people, hear God's word and share Christ's supper;

Sent by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the world.

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Greetings everyone,

This past Sunday morning I had the pleasure of ending up in the kitchen in the leadup to the Last Sunday Breakfast. With some solid instruction from Betsy McEwen and Elwanda Lorick, I was suddenly the pancake assistant (I don't believe the "sous chef" title can be applied here!). Besides the fun of working the sizzling hot griddle, it was a blessing to listen in on the banter during the Sunday School opening (how was the Lutheran Men's meeting Larry?!) and enjoy the ways our members interacted with one another. And then when Sunday School was done, the hungry Lutherans devoured the yummy breakfast while catching up with one another. It was another reminder of how lucky we are to have a church family that loves to laugh together and offer support when needed. Thanks to everyone who helps spearhead the Last Sunday Breakfasts - if you missed the pancakes and ham this time, then be sure to be there at 10:10 on March 30th.

Many thanks to everyone who turned out for All Committee Night on February 16th. It was great to finish our monthly council meeting and find dozens of you chatting in the gathering hall, ready to jump in and get started on another great year of work on Wittenberg's behalf! I believe we had at least seven committees meet that night, and I know several others met on their own in the days leading up to the 16th. Thanks to you all. And remember, if you want to get involved, please let me, Pastor Getz, or one of our council members know. If you have guestions on how to get started...we'll be happy to chat about options!

The Endowment Committee is excited to announce that the 2025 Wittenberg Endowment Fund grant application is now available. The awarding of these grants over the past several years has been a heartwarming form of outreach from Wittenberg to well-deserving groups and organizations in our community - both locally here in B-L but also around our state. If you're aware of a group or organization who's doing great things and might need some additional funds to help further a project or initiative that aligns with and would help further the mission of our church, please encourage them to contact the church office at 532-4636 or wittenberg@sc.twcbc.com for an application.

You may have noticed progress being made on the enclosing of our bus shelter beside the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. The insulation and siding is in place on the sides, and the roll-up doors have been ordered - they may have been installed by the time you read this. We hope enclosing this building will better protect the investment we've made in our church bus.

I look forward to seeing you in church soon - whether at 8:30 or 11 on Sunday mornings or at 7 on Wednesday nights during the Lenten season. And as always, feel free to reach out to wlccouncilpres@gmail.com if you have any questions or ideas you may have for me or our council members.

Best wishes and peace, Andrew Hendrix

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This month we learned about dental health and had a dentist come visit and pass out new toothbrushes for everyone. Our older preschool children spent some time learning about animals that live in artic climates. They participated in a blubber experiment and painted ice. We celebrated Valentine's Day with a party in all our classes. Our parents came during career week to talk about their careers. We had a farmer, banker, lawyer, and someone in the medical field come to share. We also had a member of the community come and share about their tree cutting business. Our preschool is so grateful for the support of our community.





Serving in the Food Pantry this month:

Friday, February 28: Rondoll Watson, JoAnn Williams

Saturday, March 1: Patricia Tiffner, Mike Nichols

Friday, March 7: Mike & Virginia Nichols

Saturday, March 8: Debbie Reynolds, Marti Burns

Friday, March 14: Tricia Wilburn, Wendy Epting

Saturday, March 15: Mike & Virginia Nichols

Friday, March 21: Rondoll Watson, JoAnn Williams

Saturday, March 22: Larry Dasher, Henrietta Gill

Friday, March 28: Volunteers Needed

Saturday, March 29: Volunteers Needed

Serving In Worship This Month:

GREETERS: Cher & Todd Davis

ALTAR GUILD: Wendy Epting, Laura Getz, Pam Humphries

USHERS (8:30):

| 2 | Chris Taylor |
|----|---------------------|
| 9 | Robert Epting |
| 16 | Harriet Householder |
| 23 | Brian Shealy |
| 30 | Patricia Tiffner |

USHERS (11:00): Ervin Caughman, Todd Davis

LAY READER: Steven Humphries

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Steven & Pam Humphries

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING: Harriet

Householder

ACOLYTES:

| 2 | Emma Kate Gresham |
|----|----------------------------|
| 5 | Ella Frick (Ash Wednesday) |
| 9 | Minnie Lynn Antonovich |
| 12 | TBD (Midweek) |
| 16 | Kai Trotter |
| 19 | TBD (Midweek) |
| 23 | Benjamin Barnes |
| 26 | TBD (Midweek) |
| 30 | Carson Dority |

ALMSBEARER:

| ۷ | Arisley Gresham |
|----|---------------------------------|
| 5 | Shayla Bedenbaugh (Ash Wednesda |
| 9 | Henry Bouknight |
| 16 | Skyler Frick |
| 23 | Gary Barnes |
| 30 | Kate Shealv |

CRUCIFER:

| 2 | Wyatt Hendrix |
|----|---------------------------|
| 5 | Cade Long (Ash Wednesday) |
| 9 | Smith Kirby |
| 16 | Liam Getz . |
| 23 | Susie Reed |
| 30 | Zane Price |
| | |

| ALTAR FLO | OWERS: |
|-----------|------------------------------|
| 2 | By: Ervin & Annette Caughman |
| 9 | By: Jerry Price |
| 16 | By: Mike & Sally Sherman |
| 23 | By: Henrietta Gill |
| 30 | By: Betsy & Gregory Dority |

| BBW: | |
|------|-----------------------|
| 2 | Sally Sherman |
| 9 | Betsy Dority |
| 16 | Ross & Sonya Cary |
| 23 | Amber Fulmer |
| 30 | Last Sunday Breakfast |
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TELLERS:

| I LLLLI W. | |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 | Michael Guerette, Andrew Hendrix |
| 9 | Kim Hendrix, Betsy McEwen |
| 16 | Mike Nichols, Stuart Rheingold |
| 23 | Robin Taylor, Patricia Tiffner |
| 30 | Debbie Black, Taylor Davis |

If for some reason you can not do the duty you were assigned, please let the church office know ASAP so a substitute can be arranged. Thank you.



Dear Wittenberg Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$696 to ministries of the ELCA Through Good Gifts. Through resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you equip God's people—around the world and around the corner— with what they need to live abundant lives.

With gratitude,

Rachel Wind Executive for Development

Parish Events & Announcements:

Soup Kitchen: The soup kitchen will be serving on Saturday, **MARCH 22** 10:30am - 12n. Please contact Jennifer Spradley or Jennifer Patrick with any questions, donations, or volunteer times.

Coffee and Conversation will take place on Mondays at 9:00 a.m.

Dorcas Quilters: Dorcas Quilters group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00am on the 3rd floor of the educational building. You do not need prior experience with sewing nor quilting to join us.

Lutheran Men: The monthly Lutheran Men meeting will take place on Monday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Noisy Offering: Noisy Offering will take place on the third Sunday of each month (March 16).

First Sunday Lunch will take place on March 2 after 11:00 Worship. It will be sponsored by the Mutual Ministry Committee.

Taco Tuesday will meet on March 11 at 6:30 pm at Mi Rancho.

Tuesday Theology Brewed in a Lutheran Pot will not meet during March.

The Merry Widows will meet on Tuesday, March 11 at 6pm at Angelo's. Please let Patricia Tiffner know if you plan to attend (803)271-1220.

The Youth Group raised \$320 for the Food Pantry at the Souper Bowl of Caring!

The Community Good Friday Service will take place at Celebration Church on April 18 from 11am-1pm.

Handbells Practice will take place each Sunday beginning March 2 at 4pm through Palm Sunday.



Don't forget to "Spring Forward" on Sunday, March 9!

CIRCLE INFORMATION:

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|---------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| Circle | Date | Time | Place | Leader/Hostess | | |
| Morning | ning March 5, 2025 | | Hebrews Café | Susie Hendrix | | |
| IV | | | Home of Wendy Epting | Wendy Epting | | |
| L | March 3, 2025 | 6:00 p.m. | Root Cellar | | | |

Monthly Witness Reporting as of 1/31/2025

Expenses Net

| Offering Report | | January | | YTD | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------|-------------|-----|------------|--------|--------------|--|
| Regular Offering | \$ | 23,263 | \$ | 23,263 | | | |
| Food Pantry Offering | | 3,569 | | 3,569 | | | |
| Total Offering to Budgeted Operations | \$ | 26,832 | \$ | 26,832 | | | |
| Vision 20 + 20 Offering | | 650 | | 650 | | | |
| Other Designated Offering/Income | \$ | 8,396 | \$ | 8,396 | | | |
| Expense Report | | January | | YTD | | | |
| Budgeted Expenses | \$ | 29,252 | ¢ | 29,252 | | | |
| Actual Expenses | Υ. | 31,350 | Υ . | 31,350 | | | |
| Budget vs. Actual - Over/(Under) | \$ | (2,098) | ¢ | (2,098) | | | |
| budget vs. / tetual Over/(order) | Ÿ | (2,050) | Y | (2,050) | | | |
| Food Pantry Report | | January | | YTD | | | |
| Expenses | \$ | 3,298 | \$ | 3,298 | | | |
| Balance | \$ | 9,287 | | | | | |
| Soup Kitchen Report | | | | | | | |
| Balance | \$ | 7,795 | | | | | |
| Fund Report | BAL | as of 01/25 | BA | L Last YTD | Visior | n 20+20 Goal | |
| Cemetery Annuity | \$ | 189,572 | \$ | 175,777 | \$ | 225,000 | |
| Endowment Fund | | 186,257 | | 162,101 | | 175,000 | |
| Vision 20+20 Fund | | 271,434 | | 521,791 | | | |
| Preschool Report | | January | | YTD | | | |
| Offerings | \$ | 220 | \$ | 752 | | | |
| Operating Income* | 6.00 | 31,663 | | 31,663 | | | |
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22,944

8,719 \$

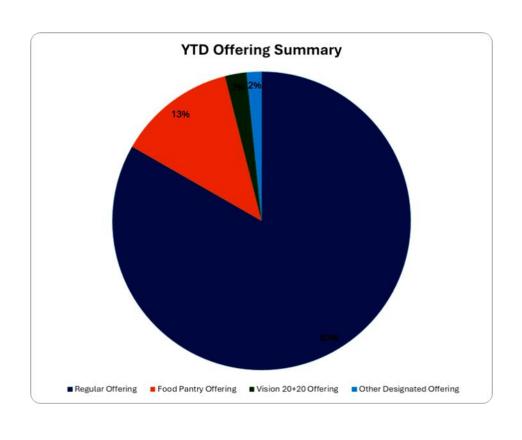
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Thank You for Your Generosity!

Your financial gifts and your gifts of time and talent are the fuel for our ministry here at Wittenberg. Not only do you support our local congregation, but our synod, the ELCA, and the church around the world. Your gifts have global reach. Thank you for making a difference!





At Wittenberg Lutheran

March 2025

Hey, Middle and High School Youth! You are all invited to join in these activities of faith formation, fun, and service this winter. Check it out!

March 4 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30-7:30 pm

March 22, 9-12 - Soup Kitchen Helpers

March 29 - Town of B-L Spring Clean Service Project

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Youth Faith Formation Activities occur every week in Sunday School @ 9:50am. Confirmation Youth have a complimentary program along with this calendar of fun and service activities.

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Summer Trip Opportunities:

-NovusWay Camps (Wittenberg pays 50% registration)

-Summer Youth Service & Fun Trip to Coastal SC TBD

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Additional detail will be published about each event as it gets closer. For now, please mark your calendars!!

Update contact information <u>here</u> or email <u>wittenbergyouth@gmail.com</u>. Shareable Google Calendar link here.

WITHIN THE WITTENBERG FAMILY



| Angela Leaphart | 3/2 | Jack Henning | 3/15 |
|-------------------|------|-----------------------|--------|
| Sara Reed | 3/2 | Gregory Dority | 3/16 |
| Betsy Shealy | 3/2 | Britt Taylor | 3/19 |
| Larry Dasher | 3/5 | Liz Walker | 3/20 |
| Bucky Johnson | 3/8 | Jaycob Banks | 3/22 |
| Sophia Hunter | 3/9 | Jayden Banks | 3/22 |
| Virginia Nichols | 3/9 | Mary Frances Hendri | x 3/23 |
| Theo Walker | 3/11 | Elena Price | 3/23 |
| Margaret Caughman | 3/12 | Jerry Price | 3/28 |
| Ann Nichols | 3/13 | Dennis Bedenbaugh | 3/29 |
| Allie Riddle | 3/14 | Arthur Howard | 3/29 |
| Ginger Furtick | 3/14 | Michael Patrick | 3/31 |
| | | Ava Jane Trotter | 3/31 |



| Ervin & Annette Caughman | 3/4 |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Gregg & Jan Long | 3/5 |

Brent & Summer Lawson 3/24

LET US PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Mary Cook
Helen Dasher
Marvin Epting
Rondoll Watson
Debbie Reynolds
Jeff Shealy
Charlie Long
Freida Banks
Doris Freeze
Heather Gresham
Sherie Todd
Otho Shealy
Jarrod Frick

Jenna Rogers

LET US PRAY FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY:

Kiersten Ray (friend of Jarrod Frick)
Tommy Epting (brother of Robert Epting)
Nancy Jordan (cousin of Pam Humphries)
Matt Derrick (son-in-law of Henrietta Gill)
Natalie Derrick (stepdaughter of Henrietta Gill)
Erwin Drafall (friend of the Guerette family)
Ann Cameron (friend of the Guerette family)
Billy Cockrell (friend of Tracy & Dawn Bedenbaugh)
Cheryl Lybrand Smith (friend of Sonya Cary)

Hope Wheeler (sister of Donice Frick)
Yonaton & Tamar David-Kattevan (friends of the Nichols)

Selena Player (sister of Elwanda Lorick)
Cooper Baker & Family (friends of Sonya Cary)
Myra Davenport (friend of Betsy McEwen)
Earl Holley Bobbit (friend of Sonya Cary)
Chris Smith (son of Walter Smith)
Cason Smith (friend of the Cary family)
Michael Branham (friend of Mary Ann Shealy)

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Beverly Meadows (friend of the Hendrix family)
Jeannie Sweeney (aunt of Virginia Nichols)
Debbie Cole (cousin of Virginia Nichols)
Jane Albright (friend of Jarrod Frick)
Tammy Reep (aunt of Cambey Roof)
Elliot Collier (son-in-law of Brenda Burkett)

Helene Porter (friend of Mona Henderson) Phil & Carolyn Reuther (parents of Laura Getz)

Nancy Keeler (friend of Robert & Wendy Epting)
Judy Shealy (aunt of Wendy Epting)

Chad Bush (friend of Jarrod Frick)

Charles Francis Kennedy (friend of the Cary family)

Lori Norris (friend of the Cary family)
Dewitt Hughes (cousin of Brenda Howard)
Chris Camp (friend of Debbie Reynolds)

Kim Waters & Family (friend of Debbie Reynolds)
Terry Minick (friend of the Shealy & Dority families)

Family of Chad Satcher Family of Landon Bodie

Ed Burns, Jr. (step-son of Marti Burns Aimee Payne (friend of Marti Burns)

Dean Bedenbaugh (brother-in-law of Jan & Jeff Shealy Genevieve Guerette (daughter of Michael & Linda Guerette)

Rudie Tarver (stepfather of Cher Davis)
Family of Vickie Wilkes (family of the Kirbys)
Paula Summey (family of the Kirbys)
Kirby Winstead (family of Sonya Cary)
Sue Howard (friend of the Dashers)

ARMED FORCES:

Jon Rogers
Ross Shealy
Elijah M. Sherman
Rob Laws
Wesley Dyson

Karl Smith
Capt. Will Cary
Abigail Sherman
Nathan Rogers

WE REMEMBER:

Stan Nichols (son of Ann Nichols) Wayne Still (friend of the Dashers) Jim Young (husband of Rachel Young) Hoyt Padgett (father of Preschool Staff Members, Joy & Kara)

Dottie Mullins
Larry Shuman (brother of Sally Sherman)
Louise Fox (friend of the Banks family)
Von Bickley (friend of Jerry Price)
Enid Hallman (family of Susan Shealy)



On Sunday, February 16, we welcomed Jimmy & Jennifer St. Jean into the Wittenberg family. Please add their information to your membership directory. Their mailing address is 218 Bud Clamp Rd, Leesville, SC 29070. They can be reached by email at Jennifer: jbstjean80@gmail.com; (803)467-4551 or Jimmy: uscauditor @gmail.com. Welcome to Wittenberg!

Wittenberg Lutheran Youth Group will host the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Wittenberg Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, March 4th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Tickets are \$10/ea. Dine-In or Carry-Out. The menu will consist of pancakes and toppings, sausage, fruit, and drink. All proceeds benefit the Wittenberg Lutheran Youth Group.

Tickets available for sale before and after worship on March 2nd or online at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shrove-tuesday-pancake-supper-dine-in-or-take-out-tickets-1258013555409?aff=announcement1





The Lectionary Class is inviting all Sunday School participants and their families to Gregg Long's house on Sunday March 9 following the 11 o'clock service for a prime rib and baked potato lunch. We will plan to eat at 1pm. There is no cost for this meal and fellowship but an offering will be collected to go towards hurricane relief for the residents of North Carolina. Please make plans to attend and enjoy this time together. We will need a head count by Sunday, March 2. Please also consider attending Sunday School if you are not already and benefit from the fellowship, lessons and discussion. Our Sunday School program is for all ages, young and older.

Lenten Wednesday Services: Ash Wednesday Service will take place on March 5 at 7pm. This year's theme for Wednesday Lenten worship will be Love Letters of Jesus from the Cross.

March 12 will be a healing service with holy oil. The other Wednesday worship services at 7:00 pm will be based on the Evening Prayer Service (Vespers). Dinner will be at 6:00 pm.

Wednesdays in Lent are:

March 12

March 19

March 26

April 2

The Lenten offering collected at Wednesday night services will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response in the Carolinas.



Approved Council Meeting Minutes, February 16, 2025:

Members present: Pastor Keith, Patricia Tiffner, Mike Nichols, Connie Kramer, Brent Shealy, Betsy McEwen, Taylor Davis, Stuart Rheingold, Michael Guerette, Robin Taylor, Debbie Black, Andrew Hendrix, Ricky Frick. Meeting was called to order at 6:03pm.

Andrew Hendrix read a devotion from Romans 10.

Prayer Concerns: Taylor mentioned that a friend of hers was killed on Valentine's Day.

Pastor's report: The average attendance grew from January 2024 to January 2025 from 95 to 110. He also would like two members from Church to attend the Synod Conference with him in Columbia in June 2025. He also noticed some growth in near by neighborhoods that could help build up youth group. Motioned to accept by Betsy McEwen and

seconded by Debbie Black. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report was presented by Connie Kramer. Motioned to accept by Debbie Black and seconded by Mike Nichols. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Brent presented the various financial and endowment reports. All are in good standing. Motioned to accept by Ricky Frick and seconded by Robin Taylor. Motion carried.

President's report by Andrew H. There are 3 workplace anniversaries coming up this month and first Sunday lunch in March. Motioned to accept by Patricia Tiffner and seconded by Debbie Black. Motion Carried.

Audio committee: No report.

Cemetery Committee: The edging and trimming of the grass as begun around the head stones. Afterwards we can start the cleaning of the lichen. Michael is meeting this week with Roy Burkett to determine the progress. Rain and the cold weather has slowed down the progress a bit. We also have a quote to install 500ft of black chain link fence at the end of the cemetery along Frances Street. Michael will get a second quote to compare prices. The committee is meeting

tonight.

Chistian Education: No report

Endowment: They are meeting tonight.

Evangelism: Mike mentioned that meals were brought to Jarrod Frick and to Ann Nichols this month.

Mutual Ministry: No report

Parish Life: Robin mentioned there was a good turn out at Bingo with lots of prizes won. They are meeting tonight.

Preschool: No report.

Property Committee: Mike N. mentioned that some trees were cut down and some were trimmed. Also a faucet was

replaced and a shower head was replaced in the parsonage building. The preschool sign is ready once we find out where it can be installed. The work on the closing of the bus shed will start this week. We also have a report from Dominion Energy on replacing some of the lighting in the various buildings, More discussion is needed prior to making a plan. The Property Committee is meeting tonight.

Social ministry: Last month the soup kitchen served 150 people; the food pantry served 290 people. They also received various donations of food and vegetables and are meeting tonight.

Stewardship and Finance: They had a good meeting this week.

Strategic Planning: No report.

Worship and Music: They met on 2-13-25. March 4 is Shrove Tuesday. Todd Davis will set the cross in front of the church. Youth will host the pancake supper. March 5 is Ash Wednesday. Pastor will provide Lenten services consisting of a Healing Service on March 12. March 17, 26 and April 2 and 9 will be evening Vesper Services. The theme is love letters of Jesus from the cross. Offerings will go to the Lutheran Relief in the Carolinas. A meal will be served at 6pm each night before service. Connie will assign service groups for each meal. April 13 is Palm Sunday and will include a procession from outside as usual. April 17 is Maundy Thursday which is a communion Service. April 18 is Good Friday. April 20 is Easter Sunday. Taylor Davis will talk to Brian Shealy about the youth taking part of service.

Youth Committee: Valentine's Day front yard Grams were delivered; Feb 22, soup kitchen helpers; Feb 23, movie night at Leesville Methodist Church; March 4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper; March 22 Soup Kitchen helpers; March 29 Town of B-L Spring Cleaning Service Project; April TBD Kicks Easter Egg Hunt; April 16 Service project outing (spring break); April 20 Easter Sunday Breakfast; April 26 soup kitchen helpers; April 27 Youth Sunday. Motioned to accept by Kim Hendrix and seconded by Debbie Black. Motion carried.

All above committee reports were motioned to accept by Kim and seconded by Debbie, accepted and approved by council.

Previous Business: Wittenberg had planned to send \$5K to Synod for the year 2024. Motioned to accept by Andrew Hendrix and seconded by Patricia Tiffner, Council approved. Brent Shealy will issue the check. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm with the Lord's Prayer.

March 2025

EARLY SERVICE—8:30 A.M. + SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:50 A.M. + WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 1 |
| 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School Opening 10:10 AM Last Sunday Breakfast 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Youth to Community Movie Night | 9:00 AM Coffee and Conversation 7:00 PM Lutheran Men | 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 10:00 AM Staff Meet- ing | Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. 7:30 PM Choir Practice | | 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open | 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School Opening 10:35 AM BBW 11:00 AM Worship First Sunday Lunch sponsored by Mutual Ministry 4:00 PM Handbells | 9:00 AM Coffee and Conversation- 6:00 PM Circle L | 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:30-7:30 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner SHROVE TUESDAY | Circle | 7:00 PM Executive Committee | 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open | 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open |
| 9 SPRING FORWARD | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Spring Forward 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School Opening 10:35 AM BBW 11:00 AM Worship 1:00 PM Sunday School Luncheon 4:00 PM Handbells 5:00 PM Stewardship & Finance 6:00 PM Preschool 7:00 PM Council | 9:00 AM Coffee and Conversation | 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Merry Widows 6:30 PM Taco Tuesday | Midweek Worship Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. 10:00 AM Circle IV 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Healing Service Followed by Choir Practice | | 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open | 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 8:30 AM Worship/Noisy Offering 9:30 AM Sunday School Opening 10:35 AM BBW 11:00 AM Worship/ Noisy Offering 4:00 PM Handbells | Conversation | 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 10:00 AM Staff Meet- ing | Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. 10:00 AM Dorcas Quilters 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Followed by Choir Practice | Newsletter Deadline | 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open | 9:00 AM Food Pantry 10:30 AM Soup Kitch- en/Youth Volun- teers |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 DENT | 27 | 28 | 29 |
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Join Us For Worship!

Sunday Morning Worship Times...

Morship - 8:30 or 11:00am

-In person **OR**

-Live Stream at 11:00 a.m. on our YouTube Channel @WittenbergAV – Subscribe to our YouTube channel, access YouTube videos on our website wittenbergleesville.org, or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

-Request a recorded copy of the worship service via DVD disc from the church office. A limited number of portable DVD players are available on loan if needed.

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