

# *The Shorelines*

*April 2021*

*Macedonia Lutheran Church  
49 Macedonia Church Road  
Prosperity, SC 29127*

*Established 1847, 174<sup>th</sup> Year of Ministry*



# FROM THE PASTOR



John 20: 15 –18 records the conversation between Mary Magdalene and the risen Jesus. Mary stands weeping outside the empty tomb of Jesus because “they have taken the body of Jesus and she does not know where.”

Jesus is behind Mary and she does not recognize him until he says her name, “Mary!”

Mary wants things not to change and go back to how it was before Jesus’ crucifixion. That cannot be. Jesus gives Mary three imperative verbs. These are actually commands, and they are “stop clinging...go...tell.” Mary’s response was immediate. It was obedience. She did exactly as Jesus told her. She went to the disciples and announced, “I have seen the Lord,”

Ever imagine or dream about what would happen if we would only obey Jesus’ commands to us as Mary did?

What do you think would happen if we obeyed Jesus as willingly and as enthusiastically as Mary did? Would the world be better? Would we be better?

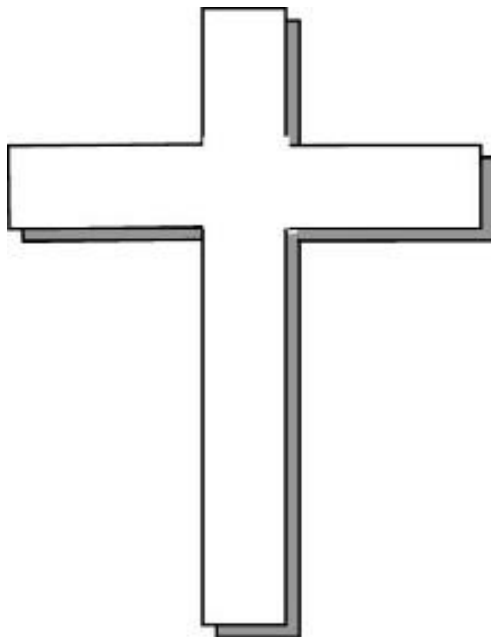
The answer is a resounding YES! All would be better. The love of God and the love for each other would be what we lived for and be the center of our lives. We would not be controlled by the hectic pace and material nature of this world and our culture.

Our attitudes would be about faith, hope, and love and not about who has the latest cell phone. We would be giving praise to God for God’s mercy in sending Jesus for our salvation. We would know without any doubt that God does have the world in His hands.

Jesus' command to Mary of "stop clinging...go...tell" is reminiscent of Jesus' command at the end of the gospel of Matthew. In chapter 28, Jesus told the eleven disciples "go...make...baptize...teach."

Jesus' commands for us are actions, not sit and wait. Jesus' Holy Spirit is in each of us, guiding us to "go...tell." That same Spirit may be urging us to say, as Philip said to Nathaniel, "Come and See."

Whether it is "Go...Tell" or "Come and See," all of us can boldly proclaim Jesus Christ as God's only son, our Savior and Lord.





## Quotes to Live By

*It is finished.* Jesus, John 19:30

*A busy life is not necessarily a productive life.* Mary Southerland

*Partaking in Communion brings us into communion with our Savior.*  
Lisa Morrone

*You've heard the old phrase, "Blood is thicker than water." That's true! But grace is thicker than genetics.* Rick Warren

*Only God has the right to define you.* Gwen Smith

*He (God) rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safe into the kingdom of his dear Son.* Paul in Colossians 1:13

*If it can't be fixed with duct tape, you are not using enough duct tape.*  
Ace Hardware

*To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.*  
Martin Luther

*You don't realize Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have.* Tim Keller

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12: 12*

*When life gives you more than you can stand, kneel. Unknown*

*Our society strives to avoid any possibility of offending anyone – except God. Billy Graham*

*Always go to other peoples' funerals, otherwise they won't come to yours. Yogi Berra*

*When you're good to others, you're best to yourself. Benjamin Franklin*

*The greatest evils in the world will not be carried out by men with guns, but by men in suits sitting behind desks. C. S. Lewis*

*Better slip with foot than tongue. Benjamin Franklin*

*People who don't think shouldn't talk. Lewis Carroll*

*Then he (Jesus) said to him, "Follow me!" John 21: 19*



*Joy shared is doubled; Sorrow shared is halved*

*Derived from a Swedish Proverb*

Send us your favorite quote and it will be shared here!

# Health for All of Us

## Quick! What is your body's biggest organ?

It is your skin. Your skin is very, very important as it covers your entire body. Without our skin, our muscles, bones and organs would be hanging out all over the place. Our skin holds everything together and also:

- protects our bodies
- helps keep our bodies at the right temperature
- allows us to have the sense of touch

Since our skin is so important to us, it is very important to take good care of it.

Below are ways for us to take care of our skin.

### KEEP IT CLEAN!

Our skin loves a good washing. Use a mild soap and water. Cover scrapes and cuts with a bandage to keep out dirt and help prevent infections.

### SUN PROTECTION

We live around a wonderful lake. We all want to be outside and since the pandemic has kept many of us in, we are even more anxious to get out and enjoy the sun and water. Remember, when outside to use sunscreen. Use sunscreen with at least an SPF of 15 or higher. Apply generously and often, every two hours. Seek shade especially between 10 am and 4 pm and wear protective clothing. A Carolina, Clemson, or Newberry hat can make a big difference.

## DON'T SMOKE

Smoking makes your skin look older and contributes to wrinkles. It also narrows blood vessels in the outermost areas which decreases blood flow. This depletes the skin of oxygen. Smoking also damages collagen and elastin – the fibers that give your skin strength and elasticity. Smoking increases your risk of squamous cell skin cancer. If you smoke, the best way to protect your skin is to quit. If you need help quitting, ask your doctor.

## EAT A HEALTHY DIET

Eating plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins helps you look better and feel better. Drinking plenty of water helps keep your skin hydrated. A healthy diet is also beneficial to your other organs. It can help you live longer and be healthier doing it.

## MANAGE STRESS

Uncontrolled stress can make your skin more sensitive and trigger acne outbreaks and other skin problems. To encourage healthy skin and a healthy state of mind, take steps to manage your stress. Pray, read scripture, get plenty of sleep, scale back your to-do list, and make the time to do the things you enjoy. The results may be more dramatic than you expect.

Take care of you skin. We want you at Macedonia a long and blessed time.

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# Recent activities:

## **Our 2021 Confirmands:**

Jacob Matthew Lindler, Kenslee Madelyn Wessinger, Deven Allen Ruch, Brian Coleman Cassady, Caroline Elizabeth Ayers, Noah Raleigh Fulmer





## Easter Celebration:









## **Easter Sunrise Service; blessed with a beautiful morning!**





## Goldies enjoy lunch after their March meeting!



**Congratulations are in order . . .  
We're all so proud of you, Lee!**

### **AGGIE OF THE MONTH** **LEON "LEE" FULMER**



**Lee Fulmer** is an 11th-grader at JDLH from Prosperity, SC. He was nominated by Mr. Thompson for his active involvement through CDE's, Field Trial Team, Shotgun Team, and academic excellence.

Lee is a great student around campus and is always willing to work! ENR Teacher, Mr. Morton, says, **"I can always count on Lee whenever I need a reliable student to help me complete any task!"**



<b>3</b>	Jeanna Martin	<b>17</b>	Blair Moore	<b>26</b>	Tripp Richardson
<b>5</b>	Jessica Seibert	<b>19</b>	Kevin Fulmer	<b>26</b>	Evan Ruff
<b>7</b>	Christopher Sealey	<b>20</b>	Judy Kesler	<b>27</b>	Kathy Fulmer
<b>9</b>	Joshua Lindler	<b>21</b>	Brantley Alewine	<b>27</b>	Keith Tolbert
<b>14</b>	Amy Lindler	<b>23</b>	Alicia Auton	<b>29</b>	Mary Donna Hamm
<b>14</b>	Carol Longshore	<b>24</b>	Nolan Brooks	<b>29</b>	JD Lindler
<b>15</b>	Ray Slice	<b>24</b>	James Grey	<b>30</b>	Julie Livingston
<b>16</b>	Cody Alewine	<b>24</b>	Calvin Lindler		
<b>16</b>	Judy Litz	<b>25</b>	Kenslee Wessinger		



<b>APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES</b>		
Date		Years
<b>4</b>	<b>Mary Kathryn &amp; Trey Gardner</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Patrick &amp; Dorothy Longshore</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Janet &amp; Mike Ramsey</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Brian &amp; Johnette Shaffer</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Calvin &amp; Virginia Lindler</b>	<b>16</b>

## *Anniversary of your baptism*

<i>Johnette Shaffer</i>	04/03/1960
<i>Melissa Williams</i>	04/03/1977
<i>Gunnar Franklin</i>	04/06/2008
<i>Hope Corley</i>	04/09/1965
<i>Dean Wise</i>	04/10/1960
<i>Paul Moore</i>	04/11/1965
<i>Makenna Lipsey</i>	04/12/2012
<i>Abbi Livingston</i>	04/12/2003
<i>Monroe Fulmer</i>	04/14/1935
<i>Frank Lyerly</i>	04/19/1930
<i>Teresa Seibert</i>	04/21/1985
<i>Joseph Sabbagha</i>	04/22/1956
<i>Mary Kathryn Gardner</i>	04/23/1995
<i>Joyce Moore</i>	04/25/1945
<i>Emma West</i>	04/26/2015
<i>Mary Kathryn Corley</i>	04/28/1999



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### **To Mrs. Julie Livingston and the Macedonia Adult Choir:**

Thank you for all you have done for Macedonia during this last year. You have helped keep the church together and brought joy to many hearts. The music you have provided through the choir and other special musicians has been a blessing to so many people. The recordings that you have shared from your phone have helped many people find their way back to God and church. You have touched so many people through the special singing and the new Lenten service. The dedication of Julie and our Adult Choir has been wonderful and we are truly fortunate to have a group of people so dedicated to their God and their church. We wish you many blessings and thanks.

*From an appreciative member of Macedonia Lutheran Church*

## **From the Women's Corner . . .**

Our purpose statement: "As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."

The Women of Macedonia conclude their meetings with the following verses – Psalm 67:1-2

<sup>1</sup> God be merciful unto us and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us. <sup>2</sup> That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

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### **Thank You Macedonia!**

I want to thank all the members, friends, and visitors of Macedonia Lutheran Church for all your support of Christ's ministry at Macedonia on Ash Wednesday, the Wednesday Lenten services, Palm Sunday, and all the Holy Week services.

The Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter sunrise, and Easter sanctuary services were a great witness to the presence of Christ in our ministry and in each of your lives.

I thank all the people that were a part of this.

Let us boldly go forth for the remainder of 2021 and beyond proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ in our church and in our community. Be the children of God that God created you to be. All of you make a difference in the lives of people you know and people you do not know.

God bless,  
Pastor Terry





Date	Events
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 11 am Maundy Thursday Service w/Holy Communion</li> <li>- 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service w/Holy Communion</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 11 am Good Friday Service</li> <li>- 6:30 pm Good Friday Service</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4:30 pm Easter Celebration: Bible lesson, egg hunt, meal, decorate cross</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 am Goldies meeting and lunch outing</li> <li>- 6 pm Petrea Circle meeting</li> </ul>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3:00 pm Council meeting</li> <li>- 5 pm KFC &amp; Youth</li> </ul>
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 am Senior Bass Club meeting</li> </ul>
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Holy Communion</li> <li>- 5 pm Kathy Derrick Circle meeting</li> </ul>
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth Sunday</li> <li>- 5 pm KFC &amp; Youth</li> </ul>
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 pm Lutheran Men in Mission</li> <li>- 7 pm Fellowship Circle meeting</li> </ul>

## **Summary of February 14, 2021 Council Meeting**

The council of Macedonia Lutheran Church met on February 14, 2021. The following motions were approved:

1. Copyright license for music and the on-line service was approved. The cost is \$500 for the year.

Other items discussed were as follows:

1. Christian education is working on the Easter egg hunt.
2. Communications committee is working on improving the live streaming we do for services. Part of this is to not use a personal phone to live stream and improve the overall quality and have our own equipment to do the streaming.
3. Gravel has been spread on the roads in the lakeshore area and areas have been roped off because of the rain.
4. Water leak was found in church parking lot and repaired.
5. Amos Snider and Telina Morris have agreed to serve on Mutual Ministry for two-year terms.
6. Yearbook is ready for distribution.
7. Youth members have been invited to attend council meetings. It is vital to the health of the church for us to do that.
8. Stewardship committee will be meeting to discuss online giving.
9. Christian education is reaching out to Sunday school teachers as we begin the process of opening back up for Sunday school.

The next meeting is Sunday March 14, 2021 at 8:00 am.

Macedonia Lutheran Church  
Statement of Income and Expenses  
For the Two Months Ended February 28, 2021

	Febraury <u>Actual</u>	2 Month's <u>Actual</u>	2 month's <u>Budget</u>	Over (Under) <u>Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>				
Offerings	\$21,953	\$54,201	\$44,552	\$9,649
Use of facilities	291	291	0	291
<b>Total income</b>	<u>22,244</u>	<u>54,492</u>	<u>44,552</u>	<u>9,940</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Professional - pastor	9,201	17,110	17,075	35
Professional - worship	1,643	3,287	3,413	(126)
Professional - administrative	1,971	3,991	3,942	49
Worship - outreach	0	7,605	7,892	(287)
Worship - witness	0	0	308	(308)
Worship - worship	987	1,220	875	345
Worship - growth in faith	0	0	1,333	(1,333)
Worship - property	3,193	6,098	7,190	(1,092)
Worship - administrative	702	1,163	1,690	(527)
Capital expenditures - property	0	790	3,333	(2,543)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>17,697</u>	<u>41,264</u>	<u>47,053</u>	<u>(5,789)</u>
<b>Income less expenses</b>	<u>\$4,547</u>	<u>\$13,228</u>	<u>(\$2,500)</u>	<u>\$15,728</u>

Offerings remained strong for the month of February. We have been blessed with your giving. We thank you for that. The church continues to monitor epenses and control them as we can. Since we do not do a monthly budget, the pastor calculated a two month's budget for this statement.

If you want a more detailed statement, please contact the church office.

Let us continue to give to God with our offerings and talents for 2021.  
God always blesses us and God bless all of you at Macedonia Lutheran Church.

**Because we all need a little comedy!**

**The line of Lutherans for church meals:**



**Your input is very important to us! If you would like to contribute to this publication by sharing your ideas, upcoming event information, photos and/or favorite quotes, please call the office and let us know, or send them to the church office email address – [macedonialutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:macedonialutheranchurch@gmail.com). Thank you!**