

The Shorelines

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

Established 1847, 174th Year of Ministry





Macedonia Lutheran Church is a vibrant, Spirit-led, Christ-filled church. On Sunday mornings, we have cars filled with people, boats filled with people, a passionate choir, an enthusiastic musical director and organist leading the choir, and two services worshipping God.

As a church, Macedonia has many other activities. They include three WELCA groups, Lutheran Men, Goldies, Sunday School, Youth Group, Kids for Christ, Lakeshore Line Dancers, Dance Fitness, choir, council, and many committees. We have groups for everyone to be a part of.

When I came as your pastor several months ago, one of the items mentioned as important to this church was growth. You want to grow the congregation with young couples, youth, and welcome all people to Christ through the ministries of Macedonia.

One of the ways to grow a church is through participation, creating an exciting Christ-led environment for all people, young and more mature; this means that all of us need to be participating in the above activities of the church.

Participation is more than praying for the activity. It means you need to be there. It means you do not have to be invited to come to a group or activity in the church. **YOU NEED TO COME.** All are welcome.

Do not dwell on what was said or went on in the past. Dwell on the present and what we can do now, and what we can do going forward. We need each of you at our activities. We need each of you to be a part of our activities. You generate excitement in God's house. Your presence generates excitement here and in our community. It really

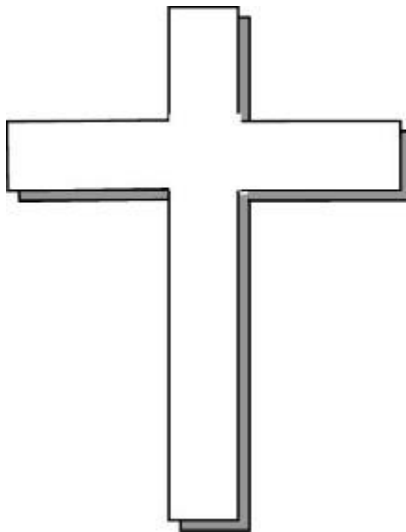
does not do much to invite others to come if you are not here.
Participate. Come and see yourself.

Come and join a group. Join a committee. If you want to form a different or additional group, let's do it; however, it will need your participation.

I know all of us have jobs, and we all have things that take our time. How about going forward, we prioritize our time and our efforts to put Christ first as He puts all of us first.
Think of all the people that Jesus can reach with our participation in His ministry at Macedonia.

We talk about being alive in Christ. Let us show God, each other, and our community that we are alive in Christ. Let us show all people that Jesus is our faith, hope, and love. Let us be the ones that, by our participation, we demonstrate to everyone in our community the difference that Christ makes in our lives and the difference He can make in their lives.

The 'Come and See' is for all of us. How about you 'Come and See.'





Quotes to Live by and Enjoy

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that all who believe in Him should not perish; but have eternal life.
John 3:16

If the world were perfect, it wouldn't be. Yogi Berra

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." Mark 10:27

To smile without fear of the future, we have to know God's voice and trust His choices. Katy McCown

"I want to get to the place in my walk with God, that when my feet hit the floor each morning, the devil says, "Oh, no! She's awake!" Mary Southerland

When my grandmother got arthritis, she could not bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So, my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love. Anonymous
1st grader

Success is moving from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.
Winston Churchill

Knowing and doing are two different things. Gwen Smith

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

We hurt people by being too busy. Too busy to notice their needs. Too busy to drop a note of comfort or encouragement or assurance of love. Too busy to listen when someone needs to talk. Too busy to care. Billy Graham

We need to hear the gospel every day, because we forget it every day. Martin Luther

There'll be days I lose the battle
Grace says that it doesn't matter
'Cause the cross already won the war. Mercy Me 'Greater'

Our culture has accepted two huge lies. The first is that if you disagree with someone's lifestyle, you must fear or hate them. The second is that to love someone means you agree with everything they believe or do. Both are nonsense. You don't have to compromise convictions to be compassionate. Rick Warren

God is not preparing the blessing for you, He is preparing you for the blessing. T. D. Jakes

Submitted by Edith Hawkins; thank you, Edith:

"The secret to happiness is to embrace the humility to accept what comes and the courage to continue on your life's path with an open heart." Mary Alice Monroe

"May God grant you always...A sunbeam to warm you, a moonbeam to charm you, a sheltering Angel so nothing can harm you. Laughter to cheer you. Faithful friends near you. And whenever you pray, Heaven to hear you." - An Irish Blessing

Send your favorite quote. It will be an inspiration next month.

Kids and Homework



It is August and many of our kids are fussing or simply complaining that school will be starting back very soon. With that coming, the next item is the dreaded word – HOMEWORK!

Do not fret, homework can be fun. Especially if it is just the right amount of challenge – not too easy and not too hard. Homework also shows your teacher that you care, it helps on tests, and it can make a big difference in grades.

Below are three tips that help you get better at homework. They are:

1. Get organized.
2. Stay focused.
3. Get it done!

1. Get Organized

Organize your stuff. This means having what you need and knowing where to find them. When you are organized, you do not spend time looking for things and getting sidetracked.

Organize your space. Label binders and folders. Keep school papers in the right ones. Clean out your backpack every day so you have only what belongs there. Keep things you take to school in the same place. That way you can find your backpack, shoes, and coat.

Organize your time. Keep a calendar to know when you have tests and when projects are due. Mark down days you have activities like sports practice, lessons, and church youth groups.

2. Stay focused

Keep your attention on your homework. Get rid of distractions like music and your cell phone. Your attention is on your homework.

Pick the first thing you will work on and talk yourself through it. "This is my math."

Read the problem and write down the numbers you have to add to get the answer. Write down your answer and check your work. Focus on each step you are doing.

Take breaks. Walk around your room. Get a drink of water. Stand and stretch. Moving and breathing keeps your mind alert and ready to focused.

Finish what you started.

3. Get it Done!

Finish what you started. Make certain your work is neat and check for mistakes. It is OK to compliment yourself and it feels good to know you did your best.

Put your homework in the right folder or notebook. Put it in your backpack and put your backpack where you know it is.

Homework is easy for some and not easy for others. ALWAYS, ask for help if you need. Parents, teachers, and friends want to help you learn. Use them for that help.

Learning to do homework well takes practice. Be patient with yourself. The more you practice, the better you get at doing it.

Remember, Jesus is there with you, even doing homework. Ask Him to help you focus on the job at hand and to help you do your best.

(Most of this was taken from kidshealth.org/en/kids/organize-focus.html)



What You do Begins with What You Think

Generally, the things we do and say begin with the things we think and believe. Every day our lives are filled with stressful circumstances and challenges. How do we deal with all of this stress?

One question to ask yourself is are you a person that looks at a glass and sees it as half-filled or half-empty? Do you focus on what you have or

what you do not have?

Our lives are filled with stress. That stress takes its toll on us. Stress comes at us from at least four sources:

1. Outward circumstances which you have no control.
2. Circumstances which you do have control.
3. Inward attitudes, beliefs, and thoughts.
4. Internal physical conditions.

Simple lifestyle adjustments can make a significant difference in our stress levels.

If you feel too busy to get away from your cell phone, then your stress buster may be to turn it off during different times of the day.

If you eat on the run, choose to sit down and eat with your cell phone off. Focus on your meal and pleasant thoughts. Eat with a friend and talk. Read something uplifting like God's Word.

Get proper rest. Sleep is vital to all of us. Sleep may be the most important non-nutrient you can get.

Stress affects our digestive system, nervous system, circulatory system, causes allergies, cancer, inflammation, skin diseases, and many other things.

One of the key ways to remove stress from our lives is to remove negativity.

Smile. Laugh. Do not talk about woe is me and about what you do not have. Focus on the positive. Focus on what blessings God has given you.

Our faith and the positive thinking it gives us can make a significant difference in our stress levels. God's word is vital to our lives. That is why Jesus in Matthew 17: 20 tells us faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains.

And never forget the healing power of prayer. The power in prayer is ginormous. Prayer connects us with God and each other.

As you meditate on God's Word and pray, you will find your bad stress levels to be much less. You will also find your faith grows as you trust God more and more. God sent His Son Jesus as our Savior and just maybe our stress buster too.

Faith is being sure of what we hope for, being convinced of what we do not see. Hebrews 11: 1



Notes from our Music Director

Hello everyone!

Our Senior Choir (ages 6th grade and up) will resume choir rehearsals Wednesday, August 4th at 6:30 pm. We will first have a cookout followed by a short rehearsal. We will begin rehearsing for our Christmas Cantata "How Great Our Joy" by Lloyd Larson and Douglas E. Wagner. Please, come join the fun!!

I have changed the starting date for the Jubilation Choir rehearsals (ages Kindergarten-5th grade) to Sunday, August 22nd at 4:30 pm. I will start back Sunday School music for these ages on Sunday, August 1st.

If anyone has any special musical talent that you would like to share with the congregation, please let me know!

In Christ's Love,

Julie Livingston

Anniversary of your baptism

Brantley Alewine	08/05/1979
Hank Moore	08/06/2017
Cody Alewine	08/09/2009
Noah Fulmer	08/10/2008
Pastor Terry Hundley	08/12/1965
Vicki Bowers	08/16/1970
Al Moore	08/18/1999
Edgar Fulmer	08/22/1936
Dovie Franklin	08/23/1993
Bill Morris	08/24/1969
David Parker	08/24/1952
Alvin Shaver	08/26/1966
Chris Amick	08/27/1972
Jerry Alewine	08/28/1954



August Wedding

Date

Anniversaries

Years

2	Chris & Melissa Amick	18
3	Dale & Dana Barbour	19
9	Rick & Nancy Richardson	51
9	Amos & Diane Snider	51
14	Dean & Pam Wise	39
24	Rodney & Mary Bedenbaugh	47
26	Brantley & Julie Alewine	21
30	Andy & Jennifer Moore	18





- **We are holding bible study here again!** All are invited to join us in person or via Zoom every Wednesday at 11:00 am!
- **Sunday bulletins are available on our website,** macedonialutheran.net, prior to the service each week. With just a few simple taps, you can have a paperless bulletin at your fingertips! Once on our website via your mobile device, tap the menu icon in the upper left corner. Then tap Bulletins (located next to last in a list on the left side of your screen). Finally, select the bulletin for the date you wish to view and join us in worship!
- **KFC Kickoff** will be Sunday, August 8th, 5:00 pm. Children and families are invited to join us for a cookout to begin KFC (K-5th grade). Children who attend should wear clothing that can be soiled. Please contact Angela Bowers (803-940-3543) with the names of children and number of family members planning to attend.
- **BACK TO SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP POOL PARTY AND LOCK-IN!** Our youth group plans to meet at the church at 4:00 pm on Friday, August 6th, to travel to Newberry for a pool party. Afterwards, we will head back to the church where we will have supper and a lock-in that night, filled with lots of fun activities, games, movies, etc... We invite anyone in grades 6 - 12 to join us for all the fun!
- **IMPORTANT REMINDER: Now is a good time to think about purchasing your Samaritan's Purse items** while school supplies are so plentiful! Look online at samaritanspurse.org to see what items are needed. Updated brochures will be available soon. Thank you for your support!
- **A VERY IMPORTANT GOLDIES MEETING** will be held on Monday, August 2nd, at 10 am. Potluck meal for lunch; please bring a dish and join us!!!
- **A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER:** Ken Moulton. We are so happy to have you join us, Ken!

Macedonia Lutheran Church
Statement of Income and Expenses
For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2021

	June Actual	6-Month Actual	6-month Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Income				
Offerings	\$25,448	\$179,354	\$133,657	\$45,698
Use of facilities	1,000	2,341	0	2,341
Total income	<u>26,448</u>	<u>181,695</u>	<u>133,657</u>	<u>48,039</u>
Expenses				
Professional - pastor	7,356	48,665	51,226	(2,561)
Professional - worship	2,193	10,891	10,240	651
Professional - administrative	1,971	11,874	11,826	49
Worship - outreach	0	15,205	16,175	(970)
Worship - witness	135	270	925	(655)
Worship - worship	484	2,900	2,625	275
Worship - growth in faith	2,384	3,950	4,000	(50)
Worship - property	2,767	17,212	21,570	(4,358)
Worship - administrative	1,037	5,355	5,070	285
Capital expenditures - property	0	33,317	10,000	23,317
Total expenses	<u>18,327</u>	<u>149,639</u>	<u>133,657</u>	<u>15,983</u>
Income less expenses	<u>\$8,121</u>	<u>\$32,056</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$32,056</u>

Offerings continue to remain strong. We have been blessed with your giving.
Thank you for supporting VBS this year and supporting Christ's ministry at Macedonia.
Expenses would be under budget except for paying the new roof on the lakeshore building.

Since we do not do a monthly budget, the pastor calculated a six-month 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 continues blessing us and loving us. God bless all of you at Macedonia Lutheran Church.



1	Mark Hipp	14	Patrick Hawkins
1	Ashley Ruff	15	Jennifer Moore
2	Phyllis Auton	16	Patsy Sealey
2	Fran Hentz	24	Rodney Bedenbaugh
2	Carrie Pritchard	25	Tammy Quattlebaum
3	Melissa Grey	25	Don Richardson
3	Joe Kesler	25	Rudie Tarver
3	Al Moore	26	Angie Bouknight
4	Kenny Lipsey	26	Tammy Hughes
7	Amy Dorroh	27	Andy Moore
8	Christopher Robertson	28	Grady Fulmer
9	Autumn Robertson	28	Joyce Moore
12	Helen Fulmer	31	Dylan Crim
13	James David Lindler	31	Kathey Eargle
14	Mary Bedenbaugh	31	Linda Miller



Date	Events
2	- 10:00 am Goldies meeting, potluck lunch - 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
4	- 11:00 am Bible study - 6:30 pm Choir cookout and Choir practice
5	- 10:00 am Line dancing - 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
6 - 7	- 4:00 pm Youth group pool party and lock-in
8	- 7:00 am Council meeting - 5:00 pm KFC kickoff/cookout
9	- 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
11	- 11:00 am Bible study - 7:00 pm Choir practice
12	- 10:00 am Line dancing - 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
15	- Holy Communion
16	- 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
18	- 10:00 am Senior Bass Club - 11:00 am Bible study - 7:00 pm Choir practice
19	- 10:00 am Goldies joint meeting, God's Toolbox Quartet performance and meal following at 12:00 pm - 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
22	- 4:30 pm Jubilation Choir rehearsal - 5:00 pm KFC - 5:00 – 6:30 pm Youth Ice Cream Social
23	- 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
24	- 7:00 pm LMM
25	- 11:00 am Bible study - 7:00 pm Choir practice
26	- 10:00 am Line dancing - 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
29	- 6:00 pm WELCA Fall Quarterly Meeting (Petrea Circle)
30	- 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie

A summary of our June Council meeting will be included in next month's edition of The Shorelines.

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. Thank you!