

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, ... and when they saw Him [Jesus,] they worshiped Him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all
 nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:16a, 17-20)

Have you ever heard of the "mopping-up" stage of a war? It's what we call the time when it's clear to everybody who has won this war, but there's still fighting going on.

This is the mopping-up stage of Jesus' war. The devil knows he has lost-he has known it ever since Jesus' death and resurrection. But he's still spreading lies. He is still trying to get us to doubt Jesus. He can't win the war, but he can try to take down as many people with him as possible.

And so Jesus sends us out with a job: "Go and make disciples of all nations." Jesus wants as many people as possible to share the life, hope, and forgiveness He won for us at the cross. And to encourage us, He reminds us: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me." He promises to be with us always. Who can be afraid with Jesus nearby?

WE PRAY: Thank You, Lord, for giving me a share in Your work. Amen.
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WELCA Steak Supper - April $\mathbf{6}^{\text {th }}-\mathbf{5 : 0 0}$ to 7:00 p.m. Thank to everyone who help with the steak supper. We had a great turn out and so many were so happy that we had returned to eat in or take out. I know this was a little more work but I hope everyone will look at it as an outreach for the community from our congregation. There are so many who look forward to the fellowship. Thank you again from WELCA.

LMM - Will meet on April $10^{\text {th }}$, at 7:00 p.m. John Coleman and Luther Long will be preparing the meal. All Lutheran Men are invited.

## Church Council-April 14 $4^{\text {th }}-$ 8:00 a.m. - PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE.

WELCA Sunday - May $12^{\text {th }}$ - This year WELCA Sunday will be on May $12^{\text {th }}$, Mother's Day. What a wonderful way to celebrate all of our Mothers' in the congregation. The Youth Puppets Ministry will be delivering the message. Please plan to attend to Support the WELCA and our Youth.

Lutheridge Day Camp - July 15 $5^{\text {th }}$ to $1^{\text {th }}$ - Please mark your calendars. We are looking forward to another great camp. Spread the word to anyone that you think might be interested. There will be no camp fee for campers this year. We are hoping that this will bring in more campers for this wonderful outreach program. Watch for more information as the camp week draws near.

Reuben Backpack Food Program - The SOW Committee will again be sponsoring at-need students at Reuben Elementary School during the 2023-2024 year with the Reuben Backpack Food Program. Distribution of the packed bags will begin September $8^{\text {th }}$. If you would like to assist with delivering the food bags to Reuben please let Anna Bedenbaugh know. Through letters from families, as well as messages of appreciation from the school administration, this program has made a difference. Your monetary donations help support the children of the community.

Manna House - Food pantry is accepting monetary donations which can be sent to Manna House, c/o Sue J. Mitchell, 2210 Timber Lane, Newberry, SC 29108. Food supplies are currently low. Nonperishable food items are being accepted as well as dish and laundry detergent. There is a basket in our Narthex that you my put your donations in and the SOW Committee will take them to Manna House for you. For info call (803) 321-2155.
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If a conflict arises and you cannot serve on the appointed date, please find a replacement. Each person and their duty is vitally important to the worship service. Head Usher * Greeter **. Thank you for serving.


## Happy Birthday to the Following.

April 1 Josh Piersol
6 Shannon Bowers
8 Cassie Gilliam
Christian Gilliam
10 Roland Smith

11 Chase Lybrand
20 Pat Malcom
Clay Smith
25 Ali Chapman
Shirley Fant
Brandy Wix


## Happy Anniversary to the Following

April 3 Stacy \& David Guy


Anyone missing? Please let us know. We want to recognize everyone! Also if you see an error, please contact the Church office or Mary Willingham (944-9191.) Thank You.

## April 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  | 1 | 7:00 p.m. <br> WELCA <br> Grp IV | 3 | 4 | 5 | welca <br> Steak Supper <br> $5-7 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> Eat in or <br> Take Out |
| $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 9 \text { am Choir } \\ 10 \text { am Sun Sch } \\ 11 \text { am Worship/ } \\ \text { Communion } \end{array}$ | 8 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { 2:00 pm } 10 \\ \text { WELCA } \operatorname{Grp} \text { II } \\ \text { 7:00 pm } \\ \text { LMM } \end{gathered}$ | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { 8:30 am Council } \\ 9 \text { am Choir } \\ 10 \text { am Sun Sch } \\ 11 \text { amWorship } \end{array}$ | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| am Choir <br> 10 <br> 10 am Sun Sch <br> 11 am Worship <br> 3 pm WELCA <br> Heartland Conf. | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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