

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of all who will graduate this spring.

### *Pastors' Announcements*

**Remember to pray** for Ebenezer's Call Committee and Ebenezer's Council as they take on additional responsibilities during this time of transition pertaining to the search for a new pastor. Pray for our Growing God's Mission Team as they finalize the language of our Strategic Directions and complete the Mission Strategy that will help guide Ebenezer into the future.

**The Ascension of our Lord:** This Thursday evening at 6:30 pm, we will observe The Ascension of our Lord, when Jesus was taken up into heaven and gave to the disciples the promise of his return and of God's Spirit. Our worship will combine the monthly service of healing with this observance.

**Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary's graduation** was held once again at Ebenezer Lutheran Church this past Friday, a decades-long tradition and partnership between Southern and Ebenezer. Pray for those graduating and for their service in Christ's church.

Next Sunday evening at 7:00 pm, there will be a special **Evening Prayer** worship service in observance of the Rev. Dr. Marcus Miller's retirement from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary after six years as President of the Seminary. Marcus and Kathy, both Ebenezer members, will be retiring to North Carolina in the summer. We give thanks for both of them as they have participated and been a blessing at both Southern Seminary and here at Ebenezer.

### *Youth*

**Next Sunday - Youth Supper Club:** Join us next week for the Youth Supper Club, a Salad Surprise. Sign up via email to bring your favorite type of salad: tossed, pasta, Greek, chicken, fruit - you get the idea! We will meet here at 6:00 pm and learn how to make some VBS crafts and snacks as well as how to play some of the games and dramas.

To donate altar flowers, please email Diane Oliver at [doliver@ebenezerlutheran.org](mailto:doliver@ebenezerlutheran.org) or call the church office at 765.9430.

### *General Information*

**New Generation's Annual Picnic** will be held at the home of Martha and David Cobb, 1111 Pineroft Drive, West Columbia, Tuesday, May 15, 4:30 pm. Reservations requested by contacting Linda Davis (772.7690) or the Cobbs (796.8427).

**Needed for VBS** – please check the display in the Reception Room to see what items and personnel we need for VBS.

**Honoring Graduates:** On Pentecost Sunday, May 27, we will honor our graduating seniors. If you have or know one, please make sure that we get their information at [jsprinkle@ebenezerlutheran.org](mailto:jsprinkle@ebenezerlutheran.org) -name, college or high school, degree or intended major. Thank you.

**Wednesday Lite Nights is on hiatus.** Our chief cook and bottle washer is currently wearing the hat of coach for his daughter's softball team. Just as soon as the season wraps up and Callie brings home the team trophy, Wednesday Lite Nights will resume.

**Lutheridge + Lutherock Ministries - Summer Camp:** Register for summer camp through [www.llmi.net](http://www.llmi.net) or by mail and give the gift of faith! Learn more about our payment options (information is located along with program descriptions on each grade level page - <http://www.llmi.net/youth/summer-gateway.aspx>). And scholarships are still available for those requiring financial assistance. Through the generosity of donors, we are able to provide the faith-camp experience to many. We do not want a camper not to be able to come to camp because of finances. Don't miss out on the opportunity to enjoy a summer on the mountain! Visit our website at [www.llmi.net](http://www.llmi.net) to learn more about program opportunities available for youth of all ages. We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

**The Tour Choir of Concordia College-New York** will be singing in concert on Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1715 Bull Street. Admission is free but an offering for the choir will be collected.

***This Week at a Glance***

**Sunday, May 13**

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Church  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Church  
11:00 am New Life Eucharist, Chapel

**Monday, May 14**

10:00 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Finance Team, Library

**Tuesday, May 15**

Parish News Deadline  
4:30 pm New Generation Picnic at Cobbs  
6:30 pm Lutheran Men in Mission

**Wednesday, May 16**

7:15 am Quiet Communion, Chapel  
4:30 pm Kotter Team, Library  
6:30 pm Outreach Team, Library  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
7:00 pm Study Group, Room 111

**Thursday, May 17**

10:00 am Prayer Group, Library  
6:00 pm PAD Club, Dining Room  
6:30 pm Ascension Service and Healing Service, Church

**Friday, May 18**

12:00 noon Overeaters Anonymous, Parlor

**Sunday, May 20**

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Church  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Church  
11:00 am New Life Eucharist, Chapel  
12:30 pm Congregation Council, Dining Room  
6:00 pm Youth "Supper Club", Dining Room  
7:00 pm Evening Prayer Service (on the occasion of the retirement of  
    Marcus Miller), Church

*Prayers*

**Grieving:** Bill Simpson's mother, Mary B. Simpson, died this past Wednesday. Please pray for the Simpson family as they grieve. **Also grieving:** Marcia Lucius (mother); Kathy, Dylan and Rachel Metts, (husband and father); Jay Metts (brother); Grady Slice (father). **Please pray for:** Dean Floyd's father, Dale, who was hospitalized this past weekend but is now recuperating at home; Gayheart Rocke, Nancy Buchan's father, had pacemaker surgery this past Monday and is now on his way home to Wisconsin; Bob Alexander has been having back problems and is weighing intervention options; pray for Ebenezer - those who lives are blessed, those who have stress in relationships within the family, those who are dealing with long term illness, those who are worried for their children, those who are separated, lonely or isolated; as school draws to a close, pray for our young people advancing to the next level of grade or year, and those who are preparing to, or have already graduated. **On-going concerns:** Lisa Austin; Bob Carswell; Haleigh Marcolini; Eula Britt (grandmother of Dawn Caldwell); Doreen Carlson (mother of Beth Mays); Shirley Danner (mother of Doug Danner); John Kramer (husband of Mildred Kramer); Adam Lavendar (friend of Pete Oliver); Susan Watkins (niece of Joyce Lybrand). **Deployed Military:** Tyler Anderson; Delphin Gantt; Donald Taylor

*Daily Prayer Ministry*

Andrew Brazell; Ken and Ruth Metz; Thad, Tricia, Blake and Landon Miller; Pete and Diane Oliver; Debbie Samples; Leigh Seale

*Lectionary Readings for the Week*

**Monday** Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 7:1-11; 1 Timothy 6:11-12  
**Tuesday** Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:1-17; 1 Timothy 6:13-16  
**Wednesday** Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Mark 16:19-20  
**Thursday** Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53  
**Friday** Psalm 47; Exodus 24:15-18; Revelation 1:9-18  
**Saturday** Psalm 47; Deuteronomy 34:1-7; John 16:4-11

**Readings for Sunday, May 20, 2012**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

*Summary of Undesignated Giving Year-to-Date*

Annual Spending Plan Jan. 1 - May 6	\$330,779
General Fund Offerings Received Jan. 1 - May 6	\$263,785
Other Proceeds to General Fund Jan. 1 - May 6	\$ 21,973

*The budget shortfall shown here indicates the difference between what we hope to accomplish financially in our ministry together and the reality of our offerings, rather than a sign of financial instability. Our financial base for the operating expenses of Ebenezer is solid and, as of May 8, we had \$139,259 in available cash on hand. Your offerings and stewardship are important in funding to carry out the mission of our church and to maintain our operating structure.*



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