

# Providence Lutheran Church **June 2026**

*We exist to help people know Jesus, not just about Him!  
Our purpose is to make Christ known by developing prayerful disciples.  
Our values are faith, hope and love.*

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we enter the month of June and step into the slower rhythms of summer, many of us find ourselves spending a little more time outdoors, noticing the beauty of God's creation around us.

Summer often feels different in the life of the church as well. Schedules change, attendance shifts, and routines become less predictable. Yet the work of God among us does not pause. In many ways, summer offers us a unique opportunity to reconnect with our faith in quieter and more intentional ways.

In the Gospels, we often find Jesus stepping away from the crowds to rest, pray, and spend time with his disciples. These moments remind us that rest is not laziness; it is part of faithful living. God created Sabbath not as a burden, but as a gift. In a world that constantly tells us to hurry, achieve, and produce more, God gently invites us to slow down and remember who we are.

Perhaps this summer can become a season of renewal for your spirit. Take time to sit quietly with Scripture on the porch or deck in the morning. Notice the beauty of a sunset and offer a prayer of gratitude. Spend meaningful time with family and friends. Reach out to someone who may be lonely or struggling. Worship faithfully, even when traveling, remembering that we are connected to the larger body of Christ wherever we may be.

As a congregation, we are called to be people who remain open to the Spirit's leading. Sometimes the Spirit moves in dramatic moments, but often the Spirit works quietly—in conversations, acts of kindness, shared meals, prayers offered for one another, and faithful service that may never be noticed publicly but matters deeply in the kingdom of God.

Thank you for the many ways you continue to care for one another and support the ministry of this church. Your generosity, compassion, and faithfulness are signs of God's presence among us.

May this summer season bring rest for your body, renewal for your spirit, and fresh reminders of God's abiding love.

Grace and peace, Pastor Patti Sue

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## SAVE THE DATES:

6/3: Secret Cove HOA Meeting 6-8:30 p.m.  
6/6: Rhett Lever's Piano Recital at 2 p.m.  
6/8: PLCP Summer Program starts  
6/9: General Election Primary 7 a.m.–7 p.m.  
6/11-13: SC Synod Assembly  
6/14: Church Council  
6/20: Summer Feeding Ministry 8 a.m.–2 p.m.  
6/21: Father's Day  
6/23: General Election Runoff 7 a.m.–7 p.m.  
6/26: Ladies' Night 5:30 p.m.  
6/27: Super Saturday 9-11:00 a.m.  
6/28: Fellowship Lunch 12:30 p.m.  
7/3: Independence Day Holiday –Office Closed  
7/4: Independence Day  
7/12: Church Council  
7/19: Ice Cream Social 3:00 p.m.  
7/20-23: VBS 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
7/23: Last Day of PLC Summer School  
7/25: Super Saturday 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
7/31: Ladies' Night 5:30 p.m.

## GROWING IN FAITH WITH BIBLE STUDY

Bible study is on Wednesdays. We meet in the bible study room in the education building at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. We will be studying 2 Samuel as we learn more about King David. We'd love to have you join us!

## INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Patti Sue (803-403-7755). She would like to have a conversation with you about Providence and the Lutheran church.

## SUPER SATURDAY: 6/27

Super Saturday will be on **June 27<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 a.m.** Please let us know if you can help (we need at least 6 adults) and whether you will be bringing any children/grandchildren so that we can get an accurate number in order to have sufficient supplies. Thank you!

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY IS JUNE 12-14: CREATED TO CREATE

For our 2026 South Carolina Synod Assembly, we're excited to introduce our theme of **"Created to Create"**.

Scripture: **Ephesians 2:10** *For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.*

This theme is rooted in the powerful message of **Ephesians 2:10**, where Paul writes, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works..." The Greek word for "workmanship" is poiēma, from which we get our English word "poem." We are God's masterpiece, His poem, created to perform good works. Our good deeds and creativity aren't random; they are a direct reflection of our Creator and a fundamental part of our identity.

Scripture shows that God creates, and then makes humanity in His image to be **fellow creators**. From the command to tend the Garden in Genesis to the call to good works in Ephesians, the message is clear: we are **"Created to Create"**—to build, innovate, and steward the world in a way that truly brings glory to God. This is core to our purpose.

Please pray for this year's Synod Assembly – that God's will would be accomplished as we gather to do the "business of the church" and elect a new bishop. Thank you.

## PROVIDENCE MEMBERS

Gail Caldwell, Rosemary Carmean, Debbie & Jamie Edwards, Eva Jimenez, John Martin, Amber McNorton, Judy Meetze, Peyton Nash, Ken Peacock, Cass Ronan, Evan Ronan, Jeanette Swygert, and Conner Violette

## FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Virginia Aebischer, Ann Blakely, Owen Brincko, Susan Bundy, Donna Burton, Adrianna Calderon, Minerva Castro, Jim Davidson, Craig DeMunbrun, Kay Elliott, Rachel Ellis, Hellen Farrell, Grayson Florio, Rosy & Adrian Garcia, David Godwin, Millie Guzman, Kimberly Howard, Luis Jimenez, Caroline and Hunter Jones, Bobbi Labreque, Brice Minick, Nick Montanez, Emma Morris, Cathy O'Byrne, Kaitlyn Osteen, Greg Ring, Amy Jo Rodziewicz, Luz Roman, Sue Ruff, Maryanne Seyfert, Evelyn Sheffield, Chris & Ginny Smith, Suzie Starkey, Haidee Stith, Lora Ullery and Leo Vila

## Prayers & Praises

## JUNE SERVERS:

### Altar Flowers:

6/7 The Ronans  
6/14 Judy Meetze  
6/21 Judy Meetze  
6/28 *Open Availability*  
7/5 John Scott

### Lay Readers:

6/7 Duane Hall  
6/14 Maria Jimenez  
6/21 Glenda Oswald  
6/28 John Scott  
7/5 Deb Kopitskie

### Greeter:

Pat Fulmer

### Offering Counter:

Glenda Oswald

### Worship Assistant:

6/7 Kathy Hendrix  
6/14 Trudy Scurry  
6/21 Deb Kopitskie  
6/28 Kathy Hendrix  
7/5 Trudy Scurry

### Altar Guild:

6/7 Glenda Oswald  
6/14 Mona Nash  
6/21 Trudy Scurry  
6/28 Kathy Hendrix  
7/5 Mona Nash

### Ushers:

Russell Pye &  
Roy Fulmer

## TIME & TALENT

We desperately need our members and regular visitors to pray about how and where God may be calling you to serve in 2026. Please complete and return your time and talent sheet so that we can properly schedule serving saints each month.

## BABY BOTTLES

Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraising event for the benefit of LaVie! We raised \$662.38. We only received back 30 baby bottles. It is not too late to turn your baby bottle donation in. Please just bring them to the pastor.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS OPPORTUNITY

We are pleased to announce that we will be having some "pop up" classes this summer with Sarah Lee Brasche on the Chinese practice of Chi Gong which combines breathing, movement, balance and mental focus.

Chi means breath, essence, energy. Gong means work, cultivation, skill. Chi Gong means working with life energy. These classes will be held at Providence for 45-60 minutes at a cost of \$5 per person.

### Chi Gong practices are very gentle usually include:

- Slow, flowing movements (similar to Tai Chi)
- Controlled breathing techniques
- Focused awareness or meditation

### Benefits people seek include:

- Reduce stress and anxiety
- Improve flexibility and balance
- Boost overall energy and well-being
- Support mental clarity and relaxation

This is a great opportunity for each of us to improve our overall health and wellness. If you have any questions, just text Pastor Patti Sue.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

6/9 Peyton Nash  
6/11 Michael Bise  
6/13 Eddie Kopitskie, Phillip Thomas  
6/14 Judy Meetze  
6/18 Ashley VanBuren, Hannah Owens,  
Denise Pikramenos  
6/20 Ty Yonce  
6/24 Sharon Shealy



Did we forget your birthday? Please contact Steph in the church office!

## SUMMER FEEDING MINISTRY:

6/20

We will be having our annual summer feeding program on **Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** If you can help out, please come join us! Thank you!

## PLC PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May was such a beautiful month full of celebration, love, and sweet memories! We stepped up our Mother's Day Tea game this year and truly tried to honor our precious mamas in a special way. It was such a joy watching everyone slow down and enjoy time together.

We also celebrated graduation and gathered together to watch a precious slideshow prepared by Mrs. Grace. There wasn't a dry eye in the room! This year we added prayer shawls for our graduates, and it was such a meaningful and beautiful addition to the celebration.

We wrapped up the year with an unforgettable foam party and our end-of-year program, showcasing all the cuteness, learning, and worship we've shared throughout the year. What a fantastic way to end an incredible year filled with so much change, growth, and God's goodness. We are so thankful for every family who has been part of this journey with us!

Blessings, Amber McNorton

# FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>

On June 21<sup>st</sup> we celebrate Father's Day—a time to honor the men who have shaped our lives through love, sacrifice, protection, and guidance. In a world that often downplays the unique calling of fatherhood, Scripture reminds us of its profound importance. Fathers are called to reflect the heart of our Heavenly Father: steady, faithful, sacrificial, and full of grace.

The Bible is rich with images of God as Father. He is “a father to the fatherless” (Psalm 68:5), the One who “disciplines those he loves” (Hebrews 12:6), and the compassionate Father who runs to welcome home His wayward children (Luke 15). Earthly fathers, though imperfect, are invited to mirror this love. The Apostle Paul urged fathers not to “exasperate” their children but to “bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). This is both an incredible privilege and a weighty responsibility.

To the fathers among us: Thank you. Thank you for the early mornings, the late nights, the quiet faithfulness, the hard conversations, and the unspoken sacrifices. Whether you're raising small children, guiding teenagers, supporting adult kids, or pouring into spiritual sons and daughters, your presence matters more than you know. Even on the days you feel you've fallen short, God's grace is sufficient, and His strength is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9). Keep pointing your family to Jesus.

To those who carry the ache of absent, wounded, or lost fathers: Know that you are seen. Our Heavenly Father never leaves nor forsakes His children. He is close to the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds (Psalm 34:18). Many in our church family have found in God the perfect Father their hearts always longed for. You are not alone, and your story can become a testimony of redemption.

To our church as a whole: Let us celebrate fatherhood well this Sunday. Encourage the men in your life—not just with words, but with prayer, support, and genuine honor. Let us also commit to strengthening families and discipling the next generation together. In an age when cultural voices seek to redefine or diminish godly manhood, may our church stand as a beacon of biblical fatherhood rooted in the love of Christ.

## **A Prayer for Fathers**

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of earthly fathers.  
Bless the men who lead, love, and serve their families.  
Give them wisdom, endurance, and joy in their calling.  
Heal old wounds, restore broken relationships,  
and draw every heart closer to You—the Father  
from whom every family in heaven and earth derives its name  
(Ephesians 3:15). In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray.  
Amen.



# WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

On Pentecost Sunday we had the honor of welcoming 6 new members into our congregation! We are blessed to be a new home to these wonderful families. If you see any of these beautiful faces at church, make sure to give them a warm welcome!

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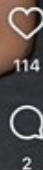
(Pictured below: Pastor Patti Sue, Anthony Holloway, Brian Mayer, Ruth Mayer, Pat Fulmer, Stacy Mobley, Roy Fulmer and David Fulmer)



Roy and Diana Vageles Division of Biology and Biomedical Science 2/5



**This is who got their PhD in microbiology with a first-author paper in the *Journal of Virology*.**



SB Pye, PhD Candidate, Molecular Microbiology & Microbial Pathogenesis

## CONGRATULATIONS!

They say pictures are worth 1,000 words. These two pictures are worth thousands of words, hours of studying, late night researching, blood, sweat, and plenty of tears.

Congratulations to Sarah Beth Pye, who has completed her PhD in molecular microbiology & microbial pathogenesis! What an incredible feat to accomplish. Sarah Beth is truly a brilliant woman.

We wish Sarah Beth all the best in her scientific journey, and can't wait to see what dream she achieves next!



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JULY 20-23



Get ready to launch into an out-of-this-world experience this summer! Our **Galaxy VBS** is coming soon, and it's going to be an unforgettable cosmic journey through faith, fun, and God's amazing love.

others. With starry skies, glowing galaxies, fun rotations, Bible adventures, music, games, crafts, and snacks, children will experience God's Word in fresh and exciting ways. Along the way, they'll learn that they are part of God's great mission—right here on Earth!

## **Key Details:**

- ◆ **Dates: July 20-23**
- ◆ **Times: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
- ◆ **Ages: Preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Whether your child or grandchild loves rockets, stars, planets, or robots (meet Gizmo!), this VBS is designed to help kids grow closer to Jesus while making new friends and creating lasting memories. Parents and volunteers are also welcome to join the adventure—there are plenty of ways to serve and be part of the mission!

Volunteers make VBS shine brighter than any star in the galaxy. If you'd like to help with decorations, leading a station, snacks, games, or behind-the-scenes support, please contact Stephanie Lawhorn, Amber McNorton or Pastor Patti Suetoday. No experience is required—just a heart to serve!

At Galaxy VBS, kids won't just learn about God—they'll experience His love in powerful ways and be equipped to shine His light in their everyday lives. This is more than a week of fun; it's an opportunity to invest in the next generation and reach families for Christ.

Let's fill our church with excitement and prayer as we prepare to launch! Pray for the children who will attend, the volunteers who will serve, and the families who will hear the Gospel through this ministry.

**"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."** (Psalm 19:1)

Can't wait to see you there—**3...2...1... Blast off!**

# JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 PPS Sabbath	2	3 6:30 p.m. HOA Hall Rental	4	5 11:30 a.m. Reunion Group	6 2:00 p.m. Rhett Lever Student Recital
7 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Potluck Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Worship	8 8:30 a.m. PLCP Summer PPS Sabbath	9 <b>Election Day-- Office Closed to be used as voting location</b>	10 8:30 a.m. PLCP Summer 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:15 a.m. PLCP Committee 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	11 8:30 a.m. PLCP Summer  SC Synod Assembly	12  SC Synod Assembly	13  SC Synod Assembly
14 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. New Member/ Baptism Reception 1:00 p.m. PLC Council Meeting	15 8:30 a.m. PLCP Summer PPS Sabbath	16 8:30 a.m. PLCP Summer	17 8:30 a.m. PLCP Summer 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	18 8:30 a.m. PLCP Summer  SC Synod Assembly	19 11:30 a.m. Reunion Group	20 8:00 a.m. Summer Feeding Ministry
21 <b>Father's Day</b> 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship	22 8:30 a.m. PLCP Summer PPS Sabbath	23 <b>Election Runoff-- Office Closed to be used as voting location</b>	24 8:30 a.m. PLCP Summer 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	25 8:30 a.m. PLCP Summer 6:00 p.m. Southlake Bible Study	26 5:30 p.m. PLC Ladies' Night	27 9:00 a.m. Super Saturday
28 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Lunch	29 8:30 a.m. PLCP Summer PPS Sabbath	30 8:30 a.m. PLCP Summer PPS Day Off				

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