

# Providence Lutheran Church

February 2025

*We exist to help people know Jesus, not just about Him!*

*Our purpose is to make Christ known by developing prayerful disciples.*

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we step into the month of February, our hearts are warmed by the thoughts of love and compassion that fill our days. This is a month where we not only celebrate Valentine's Day but also prepare our hearts and minds for the approaching season of Lent. It is a time when we reflect on the profound love that God has for us and the ways in which we can embody that love in our own lives.

One of the most powerful expressions of love is forgiveness. Forgiveness is a cornerstone of our faith and a vital part of our spiritual journey. It is through forgiveness that we find healing, peace, and a deeper connection with God and one another.

Forgiveness does not mean forgetting or condoning the wrongdoing; rather, it is about letting go of the anger, resentment, and bitterness that can weigh down our hearts. It is a conscious choice to release the burden of hurt and to seek reconciliation and peace. Through forgiveness, we experience the freedom that comes from God's grace and the restoration of our relationships.

Consider the story of Joseph in the Old Testament (Genesis 45). After being sold into slavery by his own brothers, Joseph rose to a position of great power in Egypt. When his brothers came to him in their time of need, Joseph chose to forgive them and help them. His forgiveness brought healing to his family and demonstrated the redemptive power of God's love.

In our own lives, let us strive to follow Joseph's example. Let us seek to forgive those who have wronged us, to mend broken relationships, and to extend grace to others. By doing so, we not only heal our own hearts but also create a community of love, compassion, and understanding.

I invite each of you to reflect on the role of forgiveness in your life. Are there people you need to forgive? Are there grudges you need to release? Let us turn to God in prayer, asking for the strength and courage to forgive, just as we have been forgiven.

May God's peace and grace fill your hearts and may we all experience the transformative power of forgiveness in our lives.

In Christ's love, Pastor Patti Sue

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# SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

Each year we partner with Mission Lexington for the Souper Bowl of Caring in which we collect a love offering to help support this vital crisis ministry.



Because of the increased need at Mission Lexington, they are focusing on collecting monetary donations rather than canned goods in 2025. These funds will allow them to purchase the specific items needed to fill their food pantry and continue meeting the growing demands of its clients. Together we make a meaningful impact in our community, ensuring that those in need have access to the nourishment they deserve.

Please come prepared to place a monetary donation/check (made payable to Providence with reference for Souper Bowl of Caring) in the soup pot that will be in the narthex before & after worship.

## SAVE THE DATES:

- ✝ **Annual PLC Yard Sale:** Feb 8 from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- ✝ **Souper Bowl of Caring:** Feb 9
- ✝ **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:** March 4 at 6 p.m.
- ✝ **Ash Wednesday Worship:** March 5 at 7 p.m.
- ✝ **Annual Easter Egg Hunt:** April 5 at 10 a.m.
- ✝ **Maundy Thursday Worship:** April 17 at 7 p.m.
- ✝ **Good Friday Worship:** April 18 at 7 p.m.
- ✝ **Easter Sunday Worship:** April 20 at 6 a.m. and 10 a.m.

## PPS ON VACATION

Pastor Patti Sue and Russell will be out of town to visit with their daughter in St. Louis and enjoy some vacation time in Colorado from February 22<sup>nd</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any emergency needs, please contact Duane Hall.

## 2025 Council Members

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## PLC PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January has been month full of excitement and joy at PLC Preschool. We kicked off the year by celebrating a new beginning; engaging in fun and educational activities that the little ones absolutely loved. Throughout January, the children explored the fascinating world of zoo animals, learning about different species and their habitats. It was truly heartwarming to see their curiosity and enthusiasm. We missed circus week due to snow, but the kids thoroughly enjoyed this rare event in South Carolina! Another highlight of the month was our Fairy Tales week. The children delved into enchanting stories, dressing up as their favorite characters and bringing these timeless tales to life.

On a more personal and heartfelt note, we had a special day of celebration for our very own Elee Bassett. We gathered to praise God for Elle being 100 days seizure-free. Elee, who has Ring 14, is a true inspiration, and it was joyous for all of us to celebrate this remarkable milestone. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our preschool community. We look forward to sharing more wonderful moments and achievements with you in the coming months. Blessings, Betsy and Amber

## FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

### Altar Flowers:

2/2 *Open Availability*  
2/9 *Open Availability*  
2/16 *Open Availability*  
2/23 **Eva Jimenez**  
3/2 *Open Availability*

### Lay Readers:

2/2 John Scott  
2/9 Terrie Apperson  
2/16 Tanya Thomas  
2/23 Duane Hall  
3/2 Judy Meetze

### Greeter:

Terrie Apperson

### Worship Assistant:

2/2 Trudy Scurry  
2/9 Deb Kopitskie  
2/16 Kathy Hendrix  
2/23 Trudy Scurry  
3/2 Deb Kopitskie

### Altar Guild:

2/2 Kathy Hendrix  
2/9 Mona Nash  
2/16 Glenda Oswald  
2/23 Judi Harmon  
3/2 Trudy Scurry

### Ushers:

Russell Pye &  
Val Nash

### Offering Counter:

Anthony Holloway

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

2/1 Liam Ronan  
2/12 Evan Ronan  
2/28 Mike Cox



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

## INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Patti Sue (803-403-7755).

## 2025 ANNUAL YARD SALE

The annual yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, **February 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Please bring your gently used or new items to the Fellowship Hall A.S.A.P. If you can help price and sort beforehand or if you can help the day of, please let Stephanie know. We have not yet decided where the proceeds will go but will advise.

## 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. & 6:30 p.m. each week. We'd love to have you with us!

## SUPER SATURDAY: FEBRUARY 22

Super Saturday is a 2-hour program for children in our congregation and preschool. We meet on the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. for a time of learning, fun and fellowship.

If you can help, please call Pastor Patti Sue (803-403-7755) or email Steph at the church (providencelc@gmail.com). We need 3-5 helpers for each event.

## TIME & TALENT SHEETS

Included with this month's newsletter is a "time and talent" sheet. We ask that all members and regular visitors pray about how and where God may be calling you to serve in 2025. Please complete and return so that we can properly schedule serving saints each month. Thank you.



## PROVIDENCE MEMBERS

Gail Caldwell, Rosemary Carmean, Noah Carvajal, Debbie & Jamie Edwards, Judi Harmon, Eva Jimenez, Kaleigh, Ryder and Rebecca Kameese, Steph Lawhorn, Mike Mancino, Christopher Marler, John & Jane Martin, Judy Meetze, David Monts, Rachel Moore, Peyton Nash, Glenda Oswald, Ken Peacock, Cass Ronan, Jeanette Swygert, Conner Violette and Shannon Waites

## FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Lynn Ball and her son Jackson, Stephen Barrett, Scott Brazell, Donna Burton, Amanda Carnavale, Minerva Castro, Craig DeMunbrun, Kay Elliott, Rachel Ellis, Hellen Farrell, Grayson Florio, Tricity Florio, David Godwin, Kim Groh, Sarah Harmon, Elizabeth Hebert, Luis Jimenez, Susie Kopitskie, Bobbi Labreque, Carl Meetze, Brice Minick, Kaitlyn Osteen, Jane Park, Brad Pounds, David & Susanne Richardson, Greg Ring, Luz Roman, Maryanne Seyfert, Evelyn Sheffield, Greg Smith, Suzie Starkey, Caitlin Sudman, Mario Trejo, Lora Ullery, and Clemence (friend of Denise Pikramenos)

## Prayers & Praises

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