

# Providence Lutheran Church March 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

March invites us into a quieter, deeper season. The brightness of Christmas and Epiphany have faded. The alleluias of Easter are not yet here. Instead, we walk the Lenten road — a road marked by reflection, honesty, repentance, and hope.

### **Lent is not about guilt.**

- ✝ It is about clarity.
- ✝ It is not about punishment.
- ✝ It is about making space.

In a world that constantly fills our calendars, our minds, and our hearts with noise, Lent gently asks:

*What is shaping you?*

*What is feeding your soul?*

*Where is Christ in the center of your daily life?*

Throughout Scripture, whenever God prepares people for something new, there is always a wilderness moment. The wilderness is not a place of abandonment — it is a place of encounter. It is where distractions fall away. It is where dependence grows. It is where God speaks clearly.

Lent is our wilderness season. We may give something up — a habit, a comfort, a distraction — not because those things are necessarily bad, but because we are making room for something better. We are making room for prayer; for Scripture; for service; for quiet listening; for deeper trust.

But Lent is not only personal. It is communal. As a congregation, we journey together toward the cross — and ultimately toward resurrection. We gather for worship, for study, for fellowship, and for shared service. We carry one another's burdens. We pray for one another. We remind one another that grace is real and hope is alive.

### **This month, I encourage you to consider:**

- ✝ What might God be inviting you to release?
- ✝ Where might God be inviting you to grow?
- ✝ How might you draw closer to Christ in these forty days?

Growth often begins in small, faithful steps. A few extra minutes of prayer; showing up for midweek bible study; reaching out to someone who needs encouragement; extending forgiveness; choosing generosity.

The cross is not the end of the story. It is the doorway to resurrection. But we cannot rush to Easter without first walking through Lent.

May this season be one of renewal for you — not heavy, but honest; not burdensome, but grounding; not somber, but hope-filled. God is always at work — pruning, refining, restoring, and preparing us for new life. Let us walk this road together.

Grace and peace, Pastor Patti Sue

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## SAVE THE DATES:

- ✝ 3/21: Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m.
- ✝ 3/29: Palm Sunday Worship at 11:00 a.m.
- ✝ 3/30-4/3: Spring Break for Lexington One
- ✝ 4/2: Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 p.m.
- ✝ 4/3: Good Friday Worship at 7:00 p.m.
- ✝ 4/5: Easter Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.
- ✝ 4/6: Easter Monday – Office Closed
- ✝ 4/25: Super Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
- ✝ 4/27-4/30: Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week
- ✝ 5/10: Mother's Day
- ✝ 5/20: End of PLCP School Year
- ✝ 5/25: Memorial Day –Office Closed
- ✝ 5/30: Super Saturday from 9:00-11:00 a.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 continue in 1 Samiel and again at 6:30 p.m. to watch the Zoom presentation on Luther's Large Catechism. We'd love to have you join us!

## ANNUAL YARD SALE

A great big "thank you" to everyone who helped make this year's Yard Sale a huge success. We were able to raise \$1,020 to give to our preschool, our largest outreach ministry!

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Thank you for your generous support for Mission Lexington! This year we collected a love offering to help support this vital crisis ministry of \$357.46.

## JOURNEY WITH JESUS TO JERUSALEM

Please join us in a journey of wellness this Lenten season by participating in our "Journey with Jesus to Jerusalem" activity. Each day for the 40 days you are encouraged to walk 2 miles. At the end of our Lenten journey you will have walked the distance that Jesus walked to Jerusalem.

## DON'T FORGET

Daylight Savings begins on Sunday, **March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Don't forget to set your clocks **forward** one hour before you go to bed.

## LENTEN SERMON SERIES

During this holy season, I will be doing a sermon series from John's Gospel on the seven classic "I Am" sayings of Jesus, describing himself.

## EASTER SUNDAY IS APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>

COME CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST!

Please join us on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our risen Lord.

8:15 a.m. Flowering of the Cross

8:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Festival Worship



## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** Please consider helping with activities and crowd control as well as bringing in pre-filled eggs. We will need at least 600 eggs to hide.



## PLC PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February may have tiptoed in with freezing temperatures and a few snowy days that cancelled school, but once we were back together, our month was full of learning, laughter, and love! We began the month exploring our bodies and five senses. The children had such fun discovering how God made each of us unique. We then celebrated Valentine's Day with the sweetest program. It was such a joy to see the children confidently sing and share their songs. They also exchanged Valentine cards with their classmates, showing kindness and friendship in action. During Dental Health Week, we welcomed a special visit from a dentist who taught us all about caring for our teeth. The children learned about brushing, flossing, and making healthy choices to keep their smiles bright. To wrap up the month, we hosted our Book-a-thon — and what an incredible success it was! The children logged an amazing number of books, and we celebrated their hard work with a pizza party for all classes. Watching their excitement over reading has been such a blessing.

Registration for the 26-27 year has officially begun, and we're down to just a few remaining openings. We are so grateful for the families who continue to choose our preschool and for those who join us for the first time. Please help us spread the word to friends and family about our sweet preschool ministry. We were also thrilled to use a portion of our fundraiser proceeds to purchase beautiful new toddler tables for our MMO classroom and snack area. We are incredibly thankful for the generous support of both our church and preschool families, which continues to bless our little learners in tangible ways.

February was full of growth, celebration, and gratitude. We are blessed to serve these precious children and families.

Blessings, Amber McNorton

## MARCH SERVERS:

### Altar Flowers:

3/1 *Lent-No Flowers*  
3/8 *Lent-No Flowers*  
3/15 *Lent-No Flowers*  
3/22 *Lent-No Flowers*  
3/29 *Open availability*  
4/5 *Open availability*

### Lay Readers:

3/1 Deb Kopitskie  
3/8 Glenda Oswald  
3/15 Duane Hall  
3/22 Tanya Thomas  
3/29 Kathy Hendrix  
4/5 Trudy Scurry

### Greeter:

Teresa Elam

### Offering Counter:

Glenda Oswald

### Worship Assistant:

3/1 Trudy Scurry  
3/8 Deb Kopitskie  
3/15 Kathy Hendrix  
3/22 Trudy Scurry  
3/29 Deb Kopitskie  
4/5 Kathy Hendrix

### Altar Guild:

3/1 Kathy Hendrix  
3/8 Mona Nash  
3/15 Judi Harmon  
3/22 Glenda Oswald  
3/29 Trudy Scurry  
4/5 Judi Harmon

### Ushers:

Russell Pye &  
Val Nash

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

3/16 Russell Oswald  
3/19 Connie Setzler  
3/28 Jimmy Scurry



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

## SUPER SATURDAY: 3/28

Super Saturday will be on **March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 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 to have sufficient supplies.

## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Copies of the Annual Report for 2025 are located in the narthex.

## INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

If you're interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Patti Sue (803-403-7755). She would like to have conversation with you about Providence and the Lutheran church. **We hope to celebrate new members, baptisms and first Holy Communion on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday, 3/29 or 4/5.** Thank you.

## TIME & TALENT

We ask that all members and regular visitors pray about how and where God may be calling you to serve in 2026. Please complete and return so that we can properly schedule serving saints each month.

## BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

During the season of Lent, the congregation and preschool will fill empty baby bottles with money to be donated to LaVie Pregnancy Care Center in Lexington - Lexington County's only pregnancy care center. LaVie is a pro-life organization dedicated to helping women and men facing unplanned pregnancy with free, confidential services and the love of Christ. Please return your bottles to church by Easter Sunday (April 5.)

## HOLY WEEK BEGINS ON MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have several opportunities to gather for worship as we move from Palm Sunday through Good Friday. I encourage you to please try to attend our evening worship opportunities during Holy Week so that the magnitude of Christ's sacrifice for our salvation is made clearer. The worship schedule is as follows:

March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 a.m. Palm/Passion Sunday worship  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

## PROVIDENCE MEMBERS

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

## FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Virginia Aebischer, Stephen Barrett, Owen Brincko, Donna Burton, Adrianna Calderon, Amanda Carnavale, Minerva Castro, 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, Emma Morris, Kaitlyn Osteen, David & Suzanne Richardson, Greg Ring, Amy Jo Rodziewicz, Luz Roman, Sue Ruff, Maryanne Seyfert, Evelyn Sheffield, Chris & Ginny Smith, Suzie Starkey, Haidee Stith, Mario Trejo, Lora Ullery and Leo Vila

## Prayers & Praises

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