APRIL 2018
NEWSLETTER

Easter

Amazing Grace
Lutheran Church

Sunday: 8:30 am Worship Service
10 am Sunday School Hour
11 am Worship Service
Wednesday: 5:30 Homework Help

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FROM THE PASTOR

EASTER AS AN EARTHQUAKE!?

In each of the four Gospels, the Easter story is told quite differently, and I think we have a tendency to harmonize those stories, just as we do with the Christmas story.

Matthew's version is the blockbuster Easter story. God got Steven Spielberg to direct it. The Marys make their way to the tomb very early on the first day of the week. And suddenly there is an earthquake. I imagine one of those trademark Steven Spielberg dark grey skies. The sun pierces through, brilliant rays of light illuminate the tomb and the women can see that the stone has been rolled away. Then there is an earthquake. Feel the surround sound shaking your theater seats.

Having grown up in southern California, I have felt the ground rumble beneath me a few times, but I have never been in a major earthquake that brought down buildings. So I can't only imagine the terror of being caught up in a major earthquake, feeling the foundations of the earth shake, seeing buildings crumble to the ground, cracks forming in the earth. Easter, as an earthquake, is not an especially comforting image, at least not at first. We may complain that the world seems to be going to hell all around us, but the truth is we become remarkably well adjusted to the way things are. We are much like Jesus' first disciples in the Gospel of John. Easter happens and we go back home as if nothing has changed. Jesus is raised but we can't cancel our travel plans. We want to be able to come to church on Sunday morning, enjoy the trumpets, smell the aromas of the Easter plants, eat some pancakes and still have the world the way it was last Thursday. I think that's why Matthew tells us that the women hurried away from the tomb with a mixture of fear and great joy. Why fear? Because if Jesus is raised then anything can happen, and we find that very disconcerting. Sorry folks, Jesus rocked the planet on Easter when he got up and walked out of his tomb and nothing has been the same since.

What are we to make of the presence of the soldiers at the tomb? Matthew gives us a rather elaborate explanation. He tells us that the soldiers were posted there to prevent the disciples from coming and stealing Jesus' body, then claiming that he had risen from the dead. The soldiers, of course, represent the greatest military power on the face of the earth. Pax Romana. They maintain the peace by squashing anyone who would threaten it. They thought they had silenced Jesus by nailing him to a cross. Now they are guarding his tomb to make certain he stays in there. Down comes an angel from heaven, and I'm not talking about the pretty blonde, petite angel we see on all the Christmas cards. This may have been the same angel who wrestled with Jacob through the night—Hulk Hogan with a halo. Or maybe Matthew's earthquake angel is the same angel who shook Joseph awake one night with news that his fiancé was pregnant by the Holy Spirit (talk about an earthquake). The angel perches upon the rock, death has been conquered. The soldiers are seized by fear, we are told, and become like dead men. Isn't that ironic? Those who are powerfully alive, who believe that they are in charge are in fact declared dead, and the one who was dead comes sauntering out of his tomb alive.

Of course we live in a world that is still very much in the grip of death. People we love get sick and they do not always get better. People undergo marital and family crises. The situation seems hopeless and we are seized by fear and despair. Or we have a crisis of faith, and the earth shakes beneath us, the blanket of security is pulled out from under us. Easter has not rendered the powers of evil and injustice inert. The promise of Easter is that death and its cronies do not have the final say in our affairs. The powers that be did the worst that they could do to Jesus on Good Friday, and on Easter God did all that God could do to the world. A loved one for whom we have been praying may be laying in a bed right now on the verge of death, but the angel is nearby sitting on the stone.

And then Matthew tells us, the earth heaved, the angel appeared, the stone was muscled away from the front of the tomb, and Caesar's soldiers shook. The angel plopped himself atop the stone in one final act of defiance of death. To the women he says, "Don't be afraid. You're looking for Jesus? He isn't here. He's been raised as he said."

Then the angel turned to the soldiers and said, "Be afraid. Everything your world is built on is being shaken."

Of course, now in the days after Easter, Jesus is no longer at the cemetery. The angel tells us that he has gone on ahead of us to the Galilee we inhabit. Easter has been unleased into the world. That's where you will find the risen Jesus. Go, tell his brothers and sisters. Tell everyone!

Happy Easter!
Pastor Mike

Weekly Ministries at Amazing Grace:

Prayer Discernment Group, meets on the 1st & the 3rd Mondays of the month in the
Sanctuary @ 7 pm

Good Old Guys Group, meets every Tuesday at the Bethesda Park Senior Center @ 11 am

Pastor-led Bible Study, meets on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm

Alleluia Girls Bible Study, meets every Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall @ 9:30 am

Homework Help, meets every Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall @ 5:30 pm

Men's Barnabas Reunion Group, meets every Thursday in the Youth Room @ 7 pm

NA Group, meets every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall @ 7:30 pm

Men's Breakfast, meets every Friday @ the IHOP on Hwy 29 @ 8:00 am

Sound System Volunteer

We need a few more sound system volunteers. The duties include maintaining a supply of lapel mic batteries; confirming that the handheld mics are ready for use at particular Sunday services and special services (i.e. Wednesday's during Lent, Advent, etc.) as needed; understanding how the sound board mixer works; and other similar duties as needed. You will receive training. Please let Debbie Teal, Thinh Tran, or Lois Simon know if you are interested. If you don't see us, leave a note in the W&M Commission Council slot on the wall in the office.

Sunday, April 1 is Easter Sunday!

Easter worship services will be this **Sunday, April 1 at 9:00 am and 11:00 am**. Please bring your family and friends to join us for worship and as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

We will also be having a Pancake Breakfast @ 10 am. Freewill donations for this will benefit the Junior Youth Group's activities.

Easter Egg Hunt fun @ 10:15 am for all children!

Show Your Butterflies!

Sunday, Easter, April 1, we are inviting everyone to wear clothes, jewelry, hair pins or other accessories which show butterflies. We are highlighting a butterfly theme this Easter.

Cancer Relay for Life

Calling all Cancer Survivors and people who want to destroy cancer

Debbie Teal will Captain a Team called Lutheran Crusaders Against Cancer at the American Cancer Society Lilburn Relay Rally on Friday, April 27th at Lilburn City Park from 5 pm-9:30 pm. There is an informational pamphlet in the Narthex. Those who want to fundraise, or be registered as a Survivor, email Debbie at debateal@gmail.com and she can send you an email with the proper URL. Invite your friends to participate with us. Those who want to participate in the Survivor's dinner and Survivor's lap should contact Debbie so that you can become registered and your shirt size can be held for you at the event. If you want to register via a form, there will be a few forms in the Narthex to fill out, which you can give to Debbie in person or put in her Church Council slot on the wall in the office. If you have any questions, Debbie can be reached at 770.624.1487. If you want to support Debbie with her personal fundraising, please be on the lookout for an email with her Fundraising Page or give her cash or check at church.

Lutheran Campus Ministry

We are scheduled to once again take evening meals down to the Lutheran Campus Ministry house on **Tuesday, 4/17**, at 5:00 PM. If you would like to help pay for, serve this meal, or just have questions, please talk with Wayne Linke. Pastor Devin Strong is the Lead Pastor of Lutheran Campus Ministry; it will be fun to break bread with him and the students at the Grace House.

Lutheran Campus Ministries

Homework Help's Schedule from April through July

"Regular" Homework Help Nights. We will meet from 5:30 until 7:00 pm, with dinner from 5:30 – 6:00 pm and Homework Help from 6:00 – 7:00 pm:

April 11, 18, 25

May 2, 9, 16, 23

May 23, **End of School Party**

Vacation Bible School Nights:

June 13, 20, 27

July 11,18

Family Camp at Lutheridge:

July 22 – 28

Thank you for the Easter Eggs

We want to extend a word of thanks to all who contributed plastic Easter eggs and candy to make it possible for the children of Amazing Grace to enjoy an Easter egg hunt at AGLC on Easter Sunday. As is so often the case when an appeal goes out for anything here at Amazing Grace, the response was overwhelming. It is fair to say that all the children who participate in the Easter egg hunt Easter Sunday will have the opportunity to collect their fair share of eggs and candy, as well as eggs that have been filled with symbols of Easter, to stress to the children the reason for our celebration—that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!!

Grace Bag Ministry

At this time, we are in need of someone, or a small group, to be in charge of selling Grace Bags for about 15 minutes after the 11 am worship service. Grace Bags are medium size Ziploc bags filled with small items of food and some daily necessities and a lot of love, for handing out to those who are in need. This is an awesome ministry, we have sold hundreds of bags and helped start this ministry in a dozen other churches. Please consider helping us after service. Thank you to everyone that has purchased and distributed the bags, helping feed the hungry people of our community. If you have any questions or would like to help, contact

Lud or Wayne.

Contact information:

Lud - 678-226-1726 - Labdawg@juno.com or

Wayne - 404-788-0474 - walbigun@aol.com

Visitation Ministry

The Visitation Ministry recently made visits to our homebound members on Tuesday, March 13 with GIANT Easter Lily cards which were personally signed by many of you! We want you to know that these members truly loved their cards and the thoughtfulness of you all! You really helped to brighten the day and the space of these members!

All Women are Invited:

Magi Spring Conference. **April 7 @ Epiphany Lutheran Church** in Conyers. To RSVP, contact Shirley Connelly at: slconnelly@bellsouth.net or call (770) 891-5513

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GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March 16, 2018

Rev. Michael Millum
Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
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Dear Rev. Millum,

On behalf of the Gwinnett County Board of Education and the students and staff of Gwinnett County Public Schools, I want to thank you for delivering the invocation at the School Board's monthly business meeting on March 15, 2018.

The participation of guest clerics from Gwinnett's large, multi-faith religious community has enriched our School Board meetings. It also affirms the ministerial community's support for the school system's efforts to ensure a quality and effective education for every student. I have no doubt the teachers, staff, students, and citizens in attendance valued your uplifting words. The Board and I appreciate the gift of your time in delivering an inspiring message to begin our meeting.

It was a pleasure having you with us, Rev. Millum. Thank you again for your service to Gwinnett County Public Schools.

Sincerely,

J. Alvin Wilbanks
CEO/Superintendent

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Name	Birthday
Lee, Bob	4/7
Moss, Parry	4/7
Herchek, Alice	4/14
McGuinn, Pat	4/15
Ferguson, Connie	4/16
Miranda Reyes, Sebastian	4/20
Palma-Rodela, Marlen	4/21
Sterrett, Nancy	4/22
Koch, Bob	4/24
Simon, Brooke	4/24
Pichetto, Al	4/26
Snyder, Tara	4/26
Davidson, Susan	4/27
Rhilinger, Kathy	4/27

The Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry Food Bank

Hello, Amazing Grace Lutheran Church! As I opened up the Coop page this morning, I was taken back by the wonderful displays of the needs of the Coop at this time! I will try to repeat this listing of most needed items for this month that we are going to talk about today! Right now, the breakfast foods that are needed are Oatmeal, Grits, and Cereals of all kinds! Grape and strawberry jellies and apple sauce would be very appreciated! In the meats/fish and protein needs Beef stew, Chili, Pork, Ham and Chicken would be such a fantastic addition to the shelves of the Coop! Vegetables like Instant potatoes, beets and carrots are requested for this month! With this cool and chilly weather that will just not quit, LIMA BEANS, REFRIED BEANS and Great Northern/ Navy beans are very appreciated!

Needed too are Seasoned Pasta mixes; plain rice, flavored rice mixes, and Spaghetti sauces! Broth and Chicken soup are also needed to take the chill off on a cold day! Since the Coop is asking for soups, we should also include some boxes of crackers to complement the soups! Also some puddings and/or Jello would be a nice touch for a little dessert! Besides food, our neighbors need personal items like toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, and Tampons and Sanitary Napkins. I end the list of needs for the clients of the Coop Food Bank with Dish Detergent and Laundry Detergent!

I did not finish what I started here...that is not the end of the needs of the Coop!
I have mentioned that the Coop is moving! It will take a lot of volunteers in the near future to help with some remodeling and painting and moving things before the new building can be occupied! Please look and listen for ways we all can help with this move in the near future! And, I almost forgot to mention that with the new place, the Coop may need more smiling faces to help future clients! There is a little thing called "Orientation" that is helpful before one jumps into the pool of Volunteers! Just so happens that an Orientation is taking place at the present location on Thursday, April 19, 2018, (176 Church Street, Lawrenceville, GA, behind the City Hall Building!)!
I have not written the Mission Statement of the Coop for several months. I will be sharing it with you this month!

"The mission of the Co-Op is to glorify God and to demonstrate God's love. The Co-Op is an intentionally Christian organization seeking to honor the Lordship of Jesus Christ in word and deed by following His example in sharing and caring for neighbors in need. The Co-Op seeks to preserve clients' dignity while encouraging self-responsibility and spiritual growth." I am sorry that I have not promoted and advertised the Coop enough this year! It has been very cold and I have been sick for several weeks. Please help our neighbors who visit the Coop by bringing some of the needed items needed to Amazing Grace to support those who need a little help! I will close with one of my favorite verses of the Bible - Matthew 25:35 "...For I was hungry and you fed me. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you invited me into your home. ...." Please join me in helping our neighbors through the Lawrenceville Coop Food Bank!

God Blessings Always,
Linda MacKinnon

LAWRENCEVILLE COOPERATIVE MINISTRY, INC.

Council Minutes

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
March 13 2018 @ 7:00PM

In Attendance: Pastor Mike, Elaine Schwartz, Lisa Larsen-Moss, Liz Linke, Lee Bennett, Debbie Teal, Marilyn DelCampo, Trish Ladd-Thomas, John Ferguson
Absent: Bob Lee, Wayne Linke
Opening devotional: Pastor Mike
Spiritual Autobiography: John Ferguson

Secretary's Minutes: The February minutes were approved via email by consensus vote on February 24 2018.

Combined Treasurer and Financial Administrator's Report for January & February

January

January, 2018 Regular Giving was $18,262.00, which is $2,138.00 under budget. Expenses were $22,221.49 which is $678.44 under budget.

January, 2018 YTD Income was {did not receive} than January, 2017 YTD Income.
January, 2018 YTD Expenses were {did not receive} than January, 2017 YTD Expenses.

2018 Year to Date Giving/Income is $2,162.17 under budget.
2018 Year to Date Expenses are $678.44 under budget.

Dedicated Accounts – We have a balance of $35,863.84 in various accounts, which includes January, 2018 receipts of $175.00 and expenses of $1,295.95.

January, 2018 cash on hand is $107,691.19 which includes $35,863.84 in Dedicated funds; therefore, not in reserve/not liquid for general expenses.

February

February, 2018 Regular Giving was $17,357.03, which is $542.97 under budget. Expenses were $18,436.22, which was $742.44 over budget.

February, 2018 YTD Income was $2570.04 more than February, 2017 YTD Income.
February, 2018 YTD Expenses were $893.92 less than February, 2017 YTD Expenses.

2018 Year to Date Giving/Income is $2,680.97 under budget.
2018 Year to Date Expenses are $64.00 over budget.

Dedicated Accounts – We have a balance of $36,250.28 in various accounts, which includes February, 2018 receipts of $549.60 and expenses of $163.16.

February, 2018 cash on hand is $115,629.96 which includes $36,250.28 in Dedicated funds; therefore, not in reserve/not liquid for general expenses.

We did have a one-time, annual expense for our Sundays & Seasons subscription for services that is about $700. We also had an atrocious electric bill, most likely due to heating the building.

THE COMBINED REPORTS ARE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS VOTE

Pastor's Report

- Hospital visits = Five
- Homebound visits = Six
- Home Visits = Five
- Office Visits = Five
- Staff Meetings = Two
- Sunday Worship Services/Preaching = Eight

- Seasonal services, Ash Wednesday (2/14/18), three midweek Lenten Services.
- Five church meetings, including one special meeting of Congregational Council.

Much time has been devoted to planning and getting up to speed on Lenten practices at AGLC, especially Holy Week traditions and expectation. I wanted to be as well informed as possible, so that the expectations of folks at AGLC could be met and important traditions honored, while some new elements might be interjected. I am looking forward to celebrating Holy Week and Easter at AGLC this year.

Prepared Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services weeks in advance, to reduce the stress of Holy Week for myself and the rest of the staff. I have recruited six people to read meditations for me on Good Friday, and delegated someone to arrange Maundy Thursday foot washers. Much work has gone into planning Palm Sunday and Holy Week services this year, including visuals for Holy Week and Easter. Once again, Connie Ferguson has been an invaluable help with this.

I have mixed feelings about the way the midweek Lenten services have gone. Whenever you try to create a dialogue in a large group, it is difficult to generate a meaningful exchange of insights. There is no question that I have become too preachy during these services, especially the second one in which I ran longer than was helpful, and I think we have seen participation from the congregation fall off perhaps due to this. Hopefully we can regain some participation for the remainder of Lent and into Holy Week. I will endeavor to try to generate as much discussion as possible, while limiting my own sermonic comments about the passages.

As I announced at the last Congregation Council Meeting, plans to create a Jr. Youth Group of elementary age children has come to fruition. We held our first activity, Sunday, March 4 from 12:30 p.m., to approximately 2:30 p.m. We had lunch together at the picnic tables out front, had some informal play time in the yard and did a scavenger hunt together. All in attendance (18 children, five parents, and 3 adult leaders: myself, Deb Millum and Becky O'Brien, had a great time.

During the Jr. Youth Group event, I discovered that we have more middle school age youth at AGLC than I realized. Thus, I am interested in trying to form a more traditional Youth Group with these youth. If we are successful in achieving this, I envision these groups meeting on alternating weeks, This will I hope help the kids and youth connected to our congregation to build solid relationships with each other that will create even stronger ties between them and possibly their families and the church.

From what I am observing, the newly organized approach to Sunday school seems to be functioning fairly well. We will continue to monitor functionality and make adjustments as necessary.

I have become aware of some issues surrounding Homework Help. I have discussed this with Judy Lee, one of the Homework Help organizers, and I propose calling a meeting of some of the principal leaders of Homework Help after Easter to put any issues on the table to discuss and hopefully reach some resolutions. Everything I have heard is third hand so I feel we need to get at the source of some of these issues and deal with them directly.

It is time to begin planning for Wednesday nights this summer. I would like to get a group of leaders together, again after Easter, to discuss VBS and other programming for Wednesday nights.

The staff situation seems to be pretty good I think. We are all working together effectively and I am not aware of any conflicts that pose a problem for staff relations. I continue to thoroughly enjoy my time at AGLC. I am grateful for the opportunities I have been given to serve.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Nurture – Marilyn DelCampo

No Report Submitted.

Discipleship – John Ferguson

No Report Submitted.

Outreach – Wayne Linke

- Blood Drive - Our next blood drive is March 18th- 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.
- Relay for Life - Calling all Cancer Survivors and people who want to destroy cancer. Debbie Teal will Captain a Team at the American Cancer Society Lilburn Relay Rally on Friday, April 27th at Lilburn City Park from 5pm-9:30pm. There will be an informational pamphlet in the Narthex. Those who want to fundraise should contact Debbie at debateal@gmail.com as soon as possible. Those who want to participate in the Survivor's dinner and Survivor's lap should contact Debbie by March 20th so that you can become registered and your shirt size can be ordered. When you contact Debbie's email, she will send you the Link to register as a fundraiser and/or a survivor. If you want to register via a form, there will be a few forms in the Narthex to fill out and give to Debbie in person or put in her Church Council slot on the wall in the office. If you have any questions, Debbie can be reached at 770.624.1487.

- Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministries - Since my last report we have donated 50 items! Some of these items are from the Super Bowl Challenge! And I would like to add that all 50 of these items were either dish detergents OR laundry detergents! Please keep these two items on your list to bring to church for the Coop! I remind you that these items are one dollar ($1.00) at the dollar stores! At the same time, food is important too! Consider bringing in a food item that is listed and always needed! You know what you need at your house and our neighbors could need the same items! Thank You so much for your generosity!
- Ten $10 Kroger cards were purchased and given to Pastor Mike. I went with Kroger cards as they can be used for groceries or gas, no need to have two separate cards.
- Please save the date **Sunday, Sept. 9, for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday**.
- Lutheran Campus Ministry @ GA Tech - We are scheduled to serve dinner to the Campus Ministry at GT on Tuesday, 4/17.

Worship & Music – Debbie Teal

- W&M Committee meeting was held Thursday, March 1st with Debbie, Pastor Mike, Lois, Charles, and Connie. We missed Debi, Judie and Sandee.
- Palm Sunday's parade, Holy Week services and Easter were main topics. Connie handling many "to do's" and recruiting volunteers accordingly. Music plans are well underway.
- Hospitality Team volunteers are specifically needed for 11am 1st Sunday Team. Need to encourage members who attend 11am to join this team.
- Anyone interested in becoming a Worship Assistant should contact Debbie or Pastor Mike.
- Tracie & Thinh continue to schedule the Acolytes, Readers and PowerPoint Operators – Please let them know if you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions.
- We now have a few folks as Sound System Volunteers. A training session is being scheduled.

Property – Lee Bennett

Nothing to Report.

COMMISSION REPORTS ARE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS VOTE

New Business

- Safe gatherings training for church volunteers - Liz looked into our safe gatherings training, and the cost is $35 per person. Liz proposed an action item, that all homework help, sunday school, VBS, youth group and nursery volunteers must go through the safe gatherings training as soon as possible, and that the cost of the training should come out of the St. James Money (Great Commission Fund). Debi Linke is the coordinator, and Liz will connect with her to get the ball rolling. Our goal is to have all current volunteers complete the training by the end of the summer. There is no out of pocket expense for the volunteers; everything is billed directly to AGLC. It is self paced and completed through an online platform.

- Designated Funds - Wayne will talk to Bob Lee about several accounts that have either a) been closed or b) been zeroed out in recent months. Best practice would be that if/when an account is to be closed, treasurer, financial administrator, and financial secretary should have a conversation, and then it should be brought to council for informational purposes.

- Berkmar football 2018 - There is new coaching staff for the 2018-2019 school year. Lee has spoken with them and they are interested in another partnership, more info to come on that.

- Announcements - Please make sure that when you submit announcements for church publications (bulletin, newsletter, weekly email) that you provide a blurb with the information to be included in the announcement. It is not the responsibility of office staff to write the announcement for you. The minimum information to be included: What? When? Where? Who? Why? Example: *"We are having [XYZ event] on [date] at [time] in the [location] at AGLC to benefit [who/what group/organization]. Anyone interested in more information, please contact [name of contact] at [contact information]" For submission deadlines for various publications, please contact the church office.*

Old Business

- Color Copies update/resolution - the office will continue to be cognizant of how many color copies are being made.

- Alarm Company Update/Resolution - after looking into the dates for which we are being charged, the alarm is going off at times other than the occasions pastor knows about. The police are only dispatched if the people listed as emergency contacts do not answer to give an OK.

- Nominating Committee Update: Lee Bennett will serve another term (property); Liz Linke will serve another term (secretary); Trish Ladd-Thomas is willing to serve as VP and then President. Nominating committee is looking for someone to complete the term for Financial Administrator and to serve as Discipleship Commission Chair. John Ferguson has spoken to a few folks whom he thinks might be interested, and has passed those names on to the nominating committee.

- Spanish Bibles Update - HOST committee purchased 10 spanish bibles and 10 Spanish Small Catechisms with the funds allocated at the November Council meeting. The council approved spending up to $200, the materials purchased totaled $86 and were delivered to the church at the end of February. They are being kept at the back of the sanctuary; Ana knows where they are and will give them out as necessary. The HOST team decided that if these resources need to be replenished, we can purchase more, and members/visitors can return them or may keep them.

The council moved into executive session and Pastor Mike was excused from the meeting.

Thank You's

- Thank you to all who share their time and talents with us.

- Thank you to Connie Ferguson for her creative spirit and her use of it to enhance our worship space

- Thank you to the music ministries for bringing such varied styles of music into our worship services!

- Thank you to everyone who helped with Outreach functions in February.

Spiritual Autobiography for next month: Debbie Teal
Closing Prayer

CONSENSUS TO ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted by Liz Linke.

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday 9 am Worship; 10 am Easter Pancake Breakfast; 10:15 am Easter Egg hunt; 11 am Worship;	**2** 6:30 pm Peachtree Trombone Consort 7:00 pm Prayer Discernment Group	**3** 11 am Good Old Guys Meet	**4** No Ministries; 3:30 Staff Meeting	**5** 7 pm Men's Barnabas Group; 7:30 pm NA Group	**6** 8:00 am Men's Group; 7 pm Taller de Oracion y vida	**7** Magi Conference @ Epiphany Lutheran Church @ 9 am
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