



*A note
from the pastor*

REFLECTIONS



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Dear Church Family,

As always, I would like to commend you for the generosity of your hearts. Gary and I together have raised \$680 to date in sales of our books which has been specifically donated to support missions. To date, you have given in 2025 a total of \$2035 to the Lutheran Food Pantry (Our Savior Community Ministries). Individuals have also purchased 11 meal tickets for the Kairos Prison Ministry Walk number 33 at Tyger River Correctional in early May. Plus, you are bringing in snacks and treats for the after school program of the Bethlehem Center in Spartanburg. Finally, you are supporting our church's Relay for Life team by making pledges (last year Lee Road UMC was the outstanding team of the Upstate SC Relay for Life, raising almost \$5500).

Yes, we are indeed "The Servant Church" who sees everyone in need as worthy of help. We will celebrate our history as The Servant Church as the theme of our 67th Homecoming later this year on Sunday, August 17, 2025. Together, we are doing so much Kingdom Work for Christ Jesus. It's not just our history. It's our present and it's our future.

"Was is our motto?"

"Serving our neighbor with all our gifts."

In Christ,
Pastor Rusty

★ IS A HIGHER
CALLING



Team T-Shirt & Bumper Sticker Fundraiser

Last year your Unity Team sponsored a fundraiser by selling **t-shirts** and **bumper stickers**. A number of members missed this opportunity to obtain these unique Lee Road/Bridge t-shirts. The Unity Team is ordering more t-shirts in order to provide a free shirt to our new members and preparatory members.

If you missed the opportunity to purchase a shirt last year, or would like an additional shirt, this is your opportunity to order now! Simply give your completed form with payment to any Unity Team member, or you can place it in the collection plate, or drop it off at the church office no later than next **Wednesday, March 19th**.

Pastor Rusty is excited about the prospect of a new group picture made in front of our beautiful new mural with people wearing their Lee Road t-shirts. So, if you don't have one, order yours today!

The Unity Team still has our vinyl "Follow Me to Lee Road" **bumper stickers** available for \$3.00 each.



Tee-Shirt Order Form

Indicate in the table below the number of shirts you want to purchase by size. All shirts are \$22 each. Your check should be made out to LRUMC with Unity Team fundraiser in the memo line. Name: _____

S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL	Bumper Sticker

TOGETHER

— AT —

Wednesday Night
DINNER

\$7 (ADULTS) KIDS EAT FREE!

3/26/25 menu: bbq chicken, mac and cheese baked beans rolls and dessert

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY KIDS PROGRAM 5PM / DINNER 6PM / BIBLE STUDY 6:45PM

WHO IS THIS MAN?

STUDY GUIDE

WESLEYAN

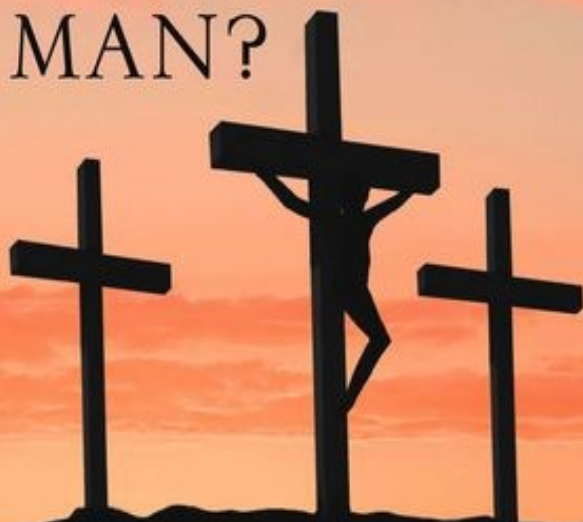
JOHN ORTBERG



WHO IS THIS MAN



The Unpredictable Impact
of the Inescapable Jesus



Taught by Laurie Fite

The Bridge Mural Dedication Combined Service Sunday, March 30th @ 10AM



It's a GIRL



**Baby Shower for Adelaide Kiser
Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 11:15 AM (S.H.)
(After our combined
5th Sunday worship in The Bridge)**

LRUMC Lenten Calendar

† **April 12th @ 10AM—Easter Egg Hunt**

† **April 13th—Palm Sunday
10AM—Contemporary Service
11AM—Traditional Service**

† **April 17th @ 6:30PM—Maundy Thursday Service (soup afterward)
(St. Matthew UMC, Taylors will join LRUMC for this service)**

† **April 18th @ 12PM—Good Friday Service at St. Matthew UMC, Taylors
(2507 Rutherford Rd, Greenville, SC 29609)**

† **April 20th—Easter Sunday
7AM—Easter Sunrise Service
10AM—Contemporary Easter Service
11AM—Traditional Easter Service**



The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Upstate SC will take place on Friday, April 25, 2025 at Gibbs Cancer Center and Research Institute 2759 SC-14 Greer, SC.

The Survivor's Dinner will begin at 5 pm (must register to attend) with the remaining activities taking place from 6-10 pm.

Although each Relay For Life event embraces the uniqueness of the home community, every event does have the same four signature elements:

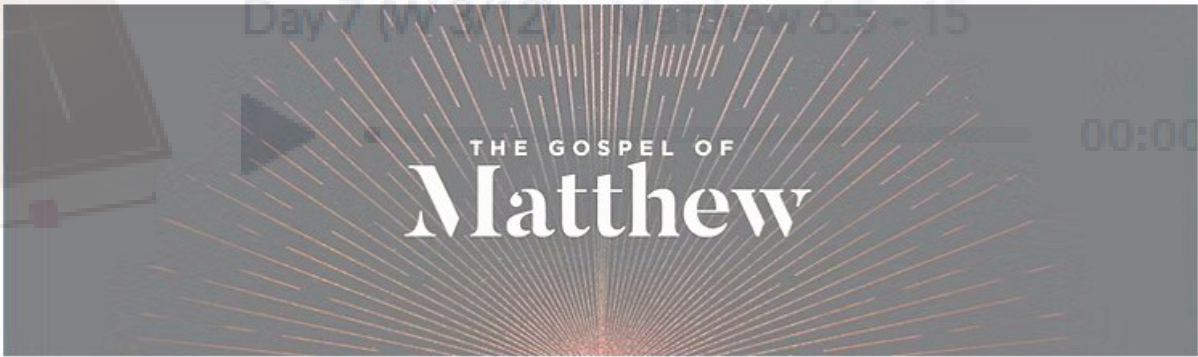
- † a celebration of cancer survivors
- † a celebration of caregivers
- † a luminaria ceremony to honor and remember loved ones
- † the opportunity to fight back against cancer

To register, make a donation or purchase a luminary, look for the display table in the Social Hall or contact Linda Schinck at 864-414-7268

2025 Wednesday Kids Programming

WED. DATE	ACTIVITY	COORDINATORS	SAFE SANCTUARY PERSON
3/19	Singing Lesson	Adelaide Kiser	Pastor
3/26	Singing Lesson	Adelaide Kiser	Pastor
4/2	Mulching Beds	Sandy Davis	Kisers
4/30	Craft	Pilar Turner	Kisers
5/7	Gardening	Adelaide Kiser & Sandy Davis	Nona Walser
5/14	Gardening	Adelaide Kiser & Sandy Davis	Nona Walser

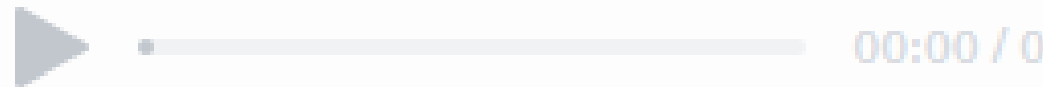
1. Plan for at least 45 minutes of instruction / hands-on activities. Begin no later than 5:05 PM. Any late “scholars” will be folded in as best they can be.
2. Plan to eliminate any downtime (such as cooking time).
3. Plan for at least 12 children to attend your session (ages 8-14 years old).
4. Try to foster teamwork and no competition or contests.
5. Begin the lesson by having a short kid-appropriate devotion (aim for 5th grade level) followed by a prayer. Next, inform them what the activity is and go over rules (cell phones must be in the basket, no talking when the presenter is speaking, raise your hand if you have any questions).
6. End your lesson at ten minutes until 6 PM and get the kids to clean up the space. Then walk them up to the social hall for the church dinner. Get them to sit at the kids’ table. (Some will be picked up by their parents at 6 PM and taken home.)
7. Any consumable materials that you need for your lesson that you wish to be reimbursed for please save receipts (with no personal items on them) and staple them to the disbursement authorization form (next page). Turn the form with receipts into the church office.
8. Pastor will get a “safe sanctuary” person assigned to each Wednesday.



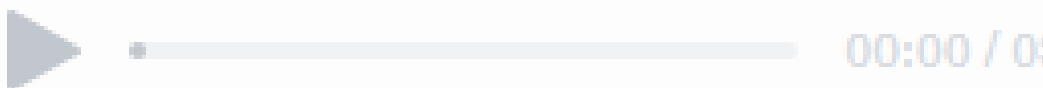
Lent: Daily Readings in the Gospel of Matthew

The last 2 years I've served as pastor, we have done "synchronous readings" of the Gospels of Mark and Luke. This Lent, we are taking a 40 day journey through Lent with the Gospel of Matthew. I have 6 different readers who have recorded Matthew in 36 portions (Sundays are off). I have posted the first 10 daily readings at our church website. I hope that you will journey with us!

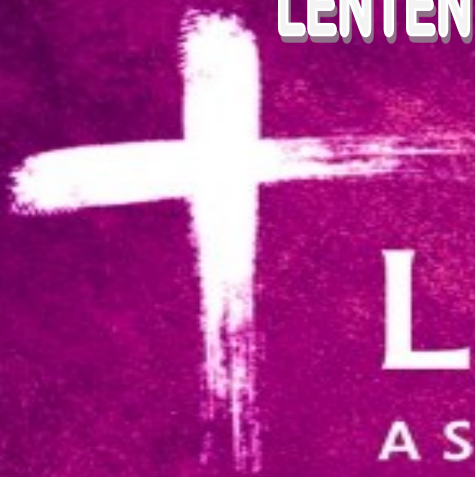
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Day 10: (Sa 3/15) - Matthew 8: 1-22



LENTEN REFLECTION BOARD



LENT

A SEASON OF RENEWAL

SUNDAY IN LENT DATE	GUIDING QUESTIONS	ITEM TO BRING TO WORSHIP
March 23	Where have you seen humans serving as the “hands and feet” of Christ recently (current events)?	Image Index card size (either 3x5” or 4x6”)
March 30	What word drains you the most of spiritual energy?	Word Index card size (either 3x5” or 4x6”)
April 6	What thing of beauty brings you joy?	Image Index card size (either 3x5” or 4x6”)
April 13	What do you think of when you consider the Lordship of Jesus?	Word Index card size (either 3x5” or 4x6”)

ARCO PRADIPTA DS

CHARIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Hello Jimmy
How are you? I hope you are always fine.

this January I took part in retreat at my school,
I am very happy because I can study the Bible
and get to know God more in my life.
Me and my friends plays and learn together. The
themes of our Retreat is "NGGANDOL GUSTI" it's
means to invites all students to rely on and
surrender to God every single life.

I am very happy and blessed.
God bless you too Jimmy





UPDATES FROM PASTOR RUSTY FOR LEE ROAD UMC PEOPLE

- † Pastor will be presenting a talk in the prison on Saturday, April 5, 2025 called "What Are the Results of Trusting God."
- † The link to Kairos Tiger River #33 for prayer sign-ups at [TR #33 Prayer Vigil](#) is now available for you to sign up for 1/2 hour slots to be praying for the men during the week-end of our walk in May. Please sign up and pray for us.
- † Pastor needs to sell 20 meal tickets for \$10 a piece (\$200 total). As of March 16, Pastor has sold 11 tickets for \$110. Thank you so much to these individuals for caring about these guys on the inside of prison wall. The tickets are placed on the prisoner's placemat to let him know someone cared enough about him on the outside to buy them a meal.
- † Many of you have supported this in the past, and I humbly ask you to consider doing so again. Make checks out to LRUMC and on the comment line put "Kairos meal ticket."
- † Pastor will be asking the church this time to produce 100 dozen homemade cookies for T.R.#33 Walk in early May. (We produced over 560 dozen last Fall! Two artists made works thanking LRUMC for this accomplishment.)
- † Lee Road UMC has hosted thus far three Tyger River (TR) Kairos Chapter meetings on Saturdays from 8 AM - 1 PM. It is expected from each team member to attend 80% of the 36 hour training and discipleship sessions in preparation for each long weekend ("walks").
- † Sandy Davis has submitted an approved application with the SC Department of Corrections so he can join the food prep logistical team that provides the meals for the May "walk."
- † Kairos does two 4-day "walks" in the prisons per calendar year. The next 4-day "walk" at Tyger River is "T.R.#33" from May 1-4, 2025 (Thursday through Sunday).



Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 20, 2025

6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, March 21, 2025

Saturday, March 22, 2025

7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, March 23, 2025

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (Bridge)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

4:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice

Monday, March 24, 2025

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Faith Montessori (Bridge)

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (S.H)

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

9:00 a.m. Men's Sharing Group (S.H.)

5:00 p.m. Bridge Kids Program

6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Meal

6:45 p.m. Lenten Study

Thursday, March 27, 2025 (Spring Begins)

6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, March 28, 2025

Saturday, March 29, 2025

7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, March 30, 2025

10:00 a.m. Combined Contemporary Service
(Bridge Mural Dedication)

11:15 a.m. Baby Shower for Adelaide Kiser

4:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice



It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want—oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!
- Mark Twain

For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.
- Toni Morrison

Church Staff

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Adelaide Kiser, Contemporary Worship Coord.

864-631-9252

Organist, Mary Berry

Media Specialist, Chaunce Youngblood

Custodian, Gene Turner



To add to or delete from the list, please call the church office.

Special Prayer Requests

- Patti Sandor
- Mel Casby
- Julie Ross
- Geno Cope
- Phil Whitlock
- Nona Walser
- Susan and Max Cromer
- Steve Frantz
- Patricia Gordon
- Tammy Brown



Post—surgery, my recovery has been lifted by all the prayers, support and encouragement extended by my church family. You are the best! With love and appreciation, Karen Turner

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH
March—Greg Strong

Residential Care

Linda Black, Bob & Ellen Elson, Jim & Jean Crain, Annette Hunter, Natalie Smith

At Home

Sadie Murphy
Ann Huntley (with daughter)

Extended Family

Mother of: Dusty Ross, Tammy Brown

Father of: Marc Turcotte, Karen Turner

Daughter of: Laurie Fite

Brother of: Vicky Williams

Sister of: Jane Pingley

Son-in-Law of: Carl & Beth Kohlhepp

Nephew of: Linda Black, Sandy & Joan Davis

Niece of: Laurie Fite, Gene Turner

Nephew of: Sandy & Joan Davis

Family of: Don Sandor, Mike Lewis, Patsy Kleman, Carol Hyde

Friends of:

Sandy & Joan Davis, Debbie Gantt, Jane Pingley, Elizabeth Lowrey, Gail Bachman, Wayne & Denise Dorr, Alida Weber, Mike Martin, Trace Silvers



Sunday, March 16, 2025
Contemporary Service—41
Traditional Service—40

2025 Tithes & Offerings
\$7,200 (needed weekly to meet budget)

March 2	\$17,345.00
March 9	\$2,650.00
March 16	\$3,754.00
March 23	
March 30	
Total	\$23,749.00

Explanation for higher than usual deposit: A member paid their annual tithe.

Prefer to pay your tithe online?



SCAN ME

Watch Services Live!
Contemporary Service at 10AM
Traditional Service at 11AM