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Voices of Faith at Faith

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To the beloved Faithful Islanders and beyond.

Our Lenten series for this year (2026) is: “Ascending the Mountains of Lent for Renewal.” We will be reflecting on the life changing Biblical mountains where God meets Humanity. This week we will be reflecting on the way up to Mount Calvary.

We have come this far by faith, even if it’s the size of a mustard seed, the smallest of plant seeds.

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THERE IS NO WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY DURING THE LENTEN SEASON. We will have our Wednesday Lenten Services, with Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. and the service at 7:00 p.m.

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Easter lilies for the sanctuary for Easter are on sale. Cost per lily is \$18.00. You can place your order through the church.

WELCOMING OUR NEW MUSICIAN

We welcome our new musician David (Davey) Beckley. David is a student at Charleston Southern University and is engaged in aeronautics/pilot. Besides being an excellent musician (music/piano/brass) he plays golf, and loves bowling. Davey is Bobby and Muriel Bellah’s grandnephew. Thank you Davey for your ministry to the Saints at Faith Lutheran Church in Johns Island. Davey is busy at work on a Sunday morning.



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COMING TO AN END IS THE WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

The theme for Women’s History Month in March 2026 is "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future".

- Environmental Sustainability: Celebrating women at the forefront of climate action and green technology development.
- Economic Justice: Recognizing efforts toward financial sustainability, equal pay, and economic reform.
- Educational Equity: Honoring those who strengthen education systems for future generations.
- Social Justice: Highlighting leadership in community resilience, healthcare access, and protecting democratic participation

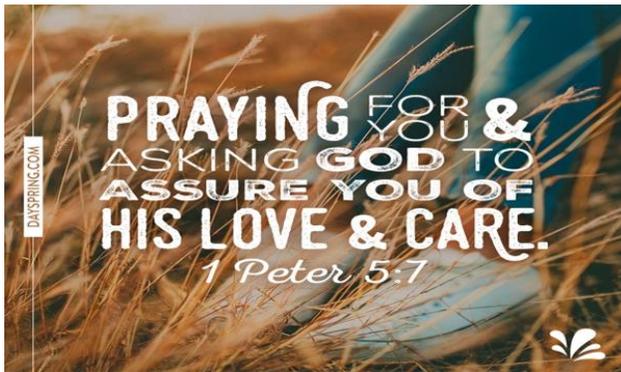
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CELEBRATING THE MARCH BIRTHDAY SAINTS:



03/03 Ms. Dolores Dukes
03/12 Marsha Gindhart

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REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS:

Andrea Brisbin, Trish Bradley's family at the passing of her father Carl Simmons, Roy Kimbrell, Bobby Bellah, Stephen Bellah, Nettie Poulnot's family and loved ones, Jimmy Farr's family, Pastor Josh Knutson's family and his congregations (Christ Community Church, North Charleston and St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Moncks Corner) after his untimely death, Bishop Ginny Aebischer, Mike Shuey, Mikie Floyd, Ken HERNs, Rick Hartley, Bobby Webb, Patricia Beruf, Reid Melton, Jay O'Neill, Phil Ammons, Pat Lane, Helena Bradford, Donna Porritt, Nettie Poulnot, Dolores Dukes,

Matthew Sharbrough, Trisha Melton, Harry Rakowski.



SERVING – Sunday, March 29, 2026
Lector & Prayer Leader Jim Jones
Acolyte Simon Gainey
Ushers Jimmy Sykes & Bobby Bellah
Communion Assistant Anthony Gaines
Communion Prep Karen Sykes

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Climbing the Biblical mountains for RENEWAL

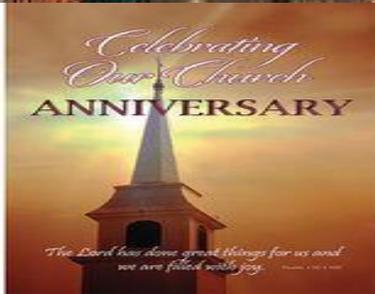
Last Wednesday (03/18) for our Midweek Service we ascended Mt. Olive. A mountain where our lives are mostly lived, afflictions and joys. It's also a mountain where we know God promises us His presence to wipe our tears and give us joy. For it is on this mountain where we will meet Him when our Lord Jesus comes again at the end of the world.

Can't wait to see what Mount Calvary has in store for us...come, let us find out together this Wednesday. Join us for the meal at 6pm and the Lenten Service will begin at 7p.m.

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We are in the process of updating our members and friends directory. Please take a moment to update your information. Thank you in advance!



On Sunday, March 29, 2026 (Palm Sunday) we will be celebrating Faith's 74th Anniversary. Please join us for this celebration. We will have a POTLUCK after the worship service.

If you have some history of the congregation that you would like to share please let the church office know.

Following the potluck we will have an Easter Egg Hunt (03/29/2026) for all our young people and all those who are young at heart. We can use more Saints to help with the filling of the eggs. Empty plastic eggs are at the church.



WE ARE STARTING A KID'S CHOIR

We welcome children to join the choir. To qualify for the choir, each kid has to have a pulse and be ready to sing to the Lord for the sake of His world. Please let Pastor Thulie or Mandy Summers know if your youngie is in!!!



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Getting to know your pastor a little bit.

I was born and raised in South Africa. I am one of 7 children, the oldest girl after two older brothers. At the age of 9 one of my brother's and I left South Africa to go to school in Swaziland, a neighboring country. I finished high school in Swaziland and went to college in Swaziland.

At 16, after graduating from high school, I was among the 120 best Math and Science students in the country and got a full ride scholarship to do a Bachelor of Natural Science degree at the university. Going to college for this degree felt like a dream come true because as a young child I wanted to be a medical doctor. I did pre-med at the university and was eligible to go to med school for six years to become a doctor. My second year in pre-med I realized that I didn't

like the sight of blood so I had a change of mind and decided to just get a bachelor's degree plus a Concurrent Diploma in Education. Through an online school in the UK I received a Diploma in Tropical Agriculture.

At the age of 22 I was offered a job as a Math and Science professor at a Community College in South Africa. Two years later I received two scholarships, one to do my graduate studies in Math at Leeds University in England and another to do my graduate studies in Biology at Ohio University in the US. I obviously gravitated towards the US because after watching shows like "The Golden Girls," "Dallas," "Cosby Show," "The Jeffersons" and many more we believed that the streets of the US were paved with diamonds and gold and that everyone was rich....say no more. I did my master's degree in biology. After completing my degree, I went back to South Africa to teach and in 1990 I came back to the US to do my master's in divinity at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. I met my husband at the seminary, and my first call was at Salem Lutheran Church in Flint, Michigan where I served for 14 years.

While in Michigan my husband went to the University of Michigan to get his computer science degree. After graduating from U of M he was recruited by SPAWAR in the Charleston area and that is why our family moved to South Carolina.

SELECTED AWARDS:

Most of my awards were from working with young people and their families.

- *Kiwanis Club
- *Thrivent Financial Volunteer Excellence Award (MI Region)
- *Thrivent Financial Volunteer Excellence Award (National)
- *Fraternal Organizations of Michigan

*Religious Award by the Mayor of Flint for working with young people and their families plus working hard towards racial reconciliation

SELECTED JOBS HELD IN THE US

- *Assistant Greek Student Teacher in seminary
- *Graduate Assistant in History/Theology/Ethics in seminary during my senior year. Helped teach some classes for some of my professors.
- *Lutheran Campus Ministry Chaplain at The Citadel, College of Charleston, Charleston School of Law
- *Chaplain at MUSC
- *Chaplain at Franke at Seaside Retirement Community
- *Chaplain with Interim Hospice
- *Interim Youth and Campus Ministry Pastor at St. Matthew's, Charleston
- *Pastor at St. Barnabas Lutheran, Charleston
- *Custodian at: Christian School in Summerville; Toyota Dealership on Savannah Highway; selected Charleston Count libraries; Dorchester Habitat for Humanity
- *Associate at Where Ya Bin in West Ashley
- *Victoria Secret, making boxes
- *Bath and Body Works, Quality Assurance
- *Gardner for a wealthy family

As you can see I have a taste of many kinds of jobs!!!!

WORDS...."SOURCES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN"

"Brain at 3:00 a.m.: I can see you're trying to sleep, so I would like to offer you a selection of every memory, unresolved issue, or things should have said or done today as well is in the past 40 years."

"The person you told not to tell me has told me not to tell you."

"Dating a neighbor is nonsense...you will be receiving texts like, bay is everything okay...I saw your mother chasing you with a broom"

"My wedding reception will be in a restaurant...so that when you finish eating you pay for your food."

"At first, they told us that our future is in our hands and now they are telling us to always wash our hands. Do they want us to wash away our future?"

Peace, Pastor Thulie