



JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

We are a congregation on a mission!

February Ministry of the Month: CMR Winter Mission Event

On Saturday, February 25th, the Carolinas Mission Region packed 705 NALC Disaster Response hygiene kits. Wow! Thank you, Joy, for your donations and help!



our donations included:

- 102 combs
- 460 travel-sized shampoos
- 140 sticks of deodorant
- 40 packs of dental floss
- 32 wash cloths
- & 10 nail clippers!



Pr. Paulette & Susan at St. Peter, Chapin, on donation drop-off day. Look at those smiles!

March Ministry of the Month: Tartu Academy of Theology & Home for Hope

On Thursday, March 9th, Pastor Siimon Haamer (third-generation Lutheran pastor) will be with us at New Hope Lutheran Church (1725 Old Tamah Rd. Irmo) to share about the awesome ministry that Jesus is up to the country of Estonia. Come hear about this work and how we can support these brothers and sisters in Christ!



**SATURDAY,
MARCH 18**

8K & 1-mile Fun Run

REGISTER TODAY!

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← Also in March:

Mission Lexington's Race Against Hunger

Register to participate.

Lent, Holy Week, & Easter Worship Schedule:

- **Wednesdays** (3/1, 8, 15, 22, & 29) 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer & meal at Tom's Den
- **Palm Sunday** (4/2) 11:00 a.m. Worship w/Procession of Palms
- **Maundy Thursday** (4/6) 7:00 p.m. Worship w/Holy Communion (no meal)
- **Good Friday** (4/7) 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service, the Passion of Christ (no meal)
- **Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Day** (4/9) 11:00 a.m. Festival Service w/brass

Invite your friends, family, & neighbors to join us for worship!



Want to become a part of Joy? Contact the pastor for more information.

JOY MISSION CHURCH

✝ We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name through worship, fellowship, and discipleship.

DISCIPLESHIP CORNER

Rest, and Be Renewed.

And {Jesus} said to {His disciples}, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while."

Mark 6:31

No matter whom you talk to, it seems that everyone is just too busy these days. The great slow-down that happened during the Covid pandemic is now but a distant memory. Important responsibilities and commitments once again incessantly demand all of our time, attention, and energy. At the end of the day, we find that there is little left of ourselves to expend on anything else.

Our many and various responsibilities and commitments do not stop just because we Christ-followers enter the forty-day Lenten season. But, thankfully, the three traditional disciplines of Lent - praying, fasting, and giving - are not three more things to pile on our ever-growing to-do lists.

The three disciplines of Lent are just that - disciplines, teaching tools - which our Lord uses to pull us aside from the stress and strain of our busy and demanding everyday lives and draw us closer into relationship with Him that, through Him, we might rest and be renewed.

During Lent, we will offer respite for such rest and renewal each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. I hope you will take a pause from the craziness of life to spend some time together with our Lord, praying Evening Prayer. The practice of Vespers began in monasteries in the 300s A.D. as a way, at the end of the day, to take time apart and refocus minds and hearts on Christ.

As Jesus invited His first disciples, "*Come away... and rest a while,*" so too, He invites us still today. The demands on our time, attention, and energy are enormous. Come rest with Jesus and be renewed.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, help us this Lenten season to take some time away and rest a while with you. By your grace, restore, renew, and revive our hearts and minds, that we might continue to serve you faithfully and with joy, in the midst of our daily lives. We ask this to your glory and in your holy name we pray. Amen.

To the glory of God alone (Soli Deo gloria!)

Pastor Paulette

We are NOT the mission. Our mission is the Great Commission:

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of age.'" (Matthew 28:18-20)

This is why we exist - to: **Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus' name.**



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