

JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

We are a congregation on a mission!

Look at all the love we shared with the students and teachers at Midway Elementary School. Thank you for getting this new school year off to a wonderful start for our new neighbors!



- 76 Wide-ruled composition notebooks
- 230 Elmer's glue sticks
- 74 colored pencils
- 165 dry erase markers
- 253 highlighters
- 47 kids' scissors
- Boys 7 packs of socks (52 pairs)
- Girls 13 packs of socks (111 pairs)
- Boys 12 packs of underwear (90 pairs)
- Girls 17 packs of underwear (141 pairs)
- 2 large snack trays (for teachers & staff)



AUGUST MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: Mission Lexington

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Donation Center is Open
 Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm

Rice
 Instant Potatoes
 Canned Soup
 Cereal/Oatmeal/Grits
 Peanut Butter/Jelly
 Canned Fruit

THANK YOU! www.missionlexingtonsc.com

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN FAITH

- CMR Men's Retreat - Sept. 22-24 Laurel Ridge, NC
- CMR Lutheran Women Convocation - Sept. 23 Troutman, NC
- Lutherans for Life Conference - Oct. 11-13 Cincinnati, OH
- NALC Youth Gathering - July 1-4, 2024 Boerne, TX

Ask the pastor for more information or to register.

Fill the barrels through Sept. 5th !

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS →

We welcomed 5 new member missionary-disciples on August 13th. We are delighted that the Spirit has led them to Joy and look forward to sharing in the ministry of the Gospel of Christ with them!



Sybil Kennedy



Mike & Ellen Osborne



Cindy Pettway



Taylor Wilson

Everyone has something to offer! How has God gifted you to serve?

A women's group and women's Bible study are in the planning stages. And coming to our congregation this fall...

Life-to-Life Discipleship!

Watch for more info. coming soon.

- Worship Team: Pr. Paulette (803) 767-7231.
- Fellowship Team: Karen Price (803) 206-5423.
- Discipleship Team: Pr. Paulette (803) 767-7231.
- Property Team: Steve Teer (803) 513-4399.

THANK YOU to those who make & keep our buildings & grounds clean & beautiful. We appreciate you!

*Is God calling you to become a member missionary disciple 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

Introducing NALC Life-to-Life: An Experience in Intentional Discipleship for Congregations

In order to encourage congregations to be more intentional in living out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20), the NALC has created the Life-to-Life discipleship experience. This experience engages congregations in learning how to have discipling conversations that are faithful and natural. Discipleship, however, is more than simply learning techniques or offering conversation starters. Though we can teach someone how to proclaim the Good News of Jesus, we cannot implant the desire to share the Gospel with others. Only the Holy Spirit can do that. For this reason, Life-to-Life is an experience rather than a program or course. Yes, it will engage the mind in sound learning, but the ultimate goal is to change hearts and implant a deep desire to live out the Great Commission in our personal and congregational lives. As such, Life-to-Life will focus on three essential areas.

- 1. One with God** - We make disciples when we *are* disciples. In the Great Commission Jesus sends His disciples to make disciples. We cannot convince others of the importance of following Jesus, if we are not doing so ourselves. Each participant will be asked to devote time every day to prayer, meditation, reflection on God's Word, and honest evaluation of personal discipleship.
- 2. One with another** - Proverbs 27:17 states, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." (NIV)

At the heart of Life-to-Life is learning how to engage others in faith conversations. Participants will have opportunities to practice what they learn with each other.

3. One Body in Christ Jesus - Jesus prayed, "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one... so that the world may believe that you have sent me." (John 17:20-23) Participants will gather weekly for learning, prayer, and mutual support.

Who is this resource for?

Life-to-Life is both for everyone, and *not* for everyone. Jesus calls us to follow Him as His disciples and gives us a commission to *make* disciples. This call and commission is for all followers of Christ by virtue of their baptism. Yet, the Holy Scriptures remind us that not everyone whom Jesus called responded by following. One was unwilling to part with his possessions (Matthew 19:20-21). Others had family obligations that held a higher priority (Matthew 8:19-22). Still others just felt that the teachings of Jesus were too hard to follow (John 6:60 & 66). The real question of discipleship is not, "Who is called?" but rather, "Who will follow?" Life-to-Life is a call to fulfill our baptismal vocation to be and to make disciples. This call is extended to all but can only be answered by those who, like those early disciples, put following Jesus as their highest priority. It will require a high commitment to spend time in prayer, study, personal reflection, and encouragement of others. The invitation to take part in this discipleship journey is extended to all, but it is intended only for those who are willing to take seriously Jesus' call to follow.

Adapted from the Life-to-Life Introduction



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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.** August 2023