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Reflections from the Priest in Charge:

I am always grateful for the Season of Lent, an annual invitation to renew our commitment as Christ-followers. Lent is an opportunity to remember what is most important, as well as practice redirecting our lives toward Jesus and away from those things which can distract us from following him.

Before Lent begins, though, on the last Sunday of Epiphany we focus on the Transfiguration, that day on the Holy Mountain when the disciples witness the impossible. Jesus is speaking with Moses and Elijah when he is suddenly changed, shining with heavenly light. If that was not shocking enough, God's voice is then heard, telling the disciples to listen to Jesus.

That is the message that I will be holding on to this Lent: Listen to Jesus. Listen as he teaches us to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Listen as he tells us how to love our neighbors as ourselves. Listen as he leads us into new life - not because we are gifted or talented or deserving - but simply because we are fully and completely loved.

During Lent, we are invited to humbly examine our whole lives through Christ's eyes. We are invited to read and meditate on God's Holy Word, recognizing that God is God and we are not. It is only through God's gracious gift of love that we are given the gift of everlasting life.

This year, we will prepare for Lent with the Quiet Day on February 10th from 8:30 a.m. until noon beginning in the Parish Hall. The focus of the Quiet Day is "Fasting and Fullness." Please read more about this event in this newsletter. A few days after the Quiet Day, we will begin Lent with Ash Wednesday services, which are on Valentines Day this year, as strange as that sounds! On Ash Wednesday, we remember both our mortality and God's gracious gift of eternal life. On the other Wednesdays in Lent, we will gather for Dinner and a Movie in the Parish Hall.

And if you would like a personal confession with your priest, please contact me. While the Episcopal Church offers a general confession of sin during the liturgy, the church also provides for confessions of sin by individual penitents, and for their absolution, pronounced by a priest.

May this Lenten season draw us closer to Christ Jesus and his way of love.

Blessings,
Joseph+

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February Calendar Insert

*A Special Thanks to Our Outgoing
2023 Mission Committee Members*

*Kim Vickers
David Miller
Charles Duchscher*

*Thank you for your faithful service
throughout 2023.*

Welcome to Our 2024 Mission Committee

*Bobbie Quinn - - - - - Sr. Warden
Charlie Creech - - - - - Jr. Warden
Zeny Vo - - - - - Treasurer
Lisa Russ - - - - - Secretary*

*Laura Bowen John Doughty
Ted Godfrey MaryAnne Good
Barb McCall Jackie Raeth*

Joey Zeller

Pastoral Emergencies

All pastoral concerns including: hospitalizations, illnesses, deaths, child concerns, or relationship issues may go directly to Father Joseph via his secured email at priest@saintbart.org or by phone at 803-279-4622. All concerns will be held in the strictest of confidence.

St. Bartholomew's Vision Statement

God has called us to be a diverse community where all may encounter God's love. God strengthens and nourishes us through the sacraments and speaks to us through scripture, tradition, and reason.

Our worship services are fully accessible in person and online, supported by a variety of music, good sermons, and relevant teaching. We provide a unique mix of the traditional and contemporary in both music and liturgy.

We strive, with God's help, to serve all who hunger for the unconditional love of Jesus Christ, spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

All have a place here.

- *St. Bartholomew's Vision Statement Adopted by the Mission Committee on May 21, 2023*

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Peace and courage,

Deacon Pam

Lenten Quiet Day
Saturday, February 10, 2024
Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
471 West Martintown Road
North Augusta, SC 29841

"Fasting and Fullness"




Sister Ellen Francis from the Order of Saint Helena will lead us in our Lenten Quiet Day to explore the history, evolution and purpose of fasting during Lent followed by how to use a resource for 40 days of prayer during Lent and the Inspiration Shirt


All are welcome to attend.

8:30am-9am
Registration and Breakfast
9am-12pm
Fasting and Fullness
40 Prayers for 40 Days of Lent Exercise
The Inspiration Shirt
Holy Eucharist

There is no cost to attend but to prepare enough breakfast and plan for the program, please RSVP by Wednesday, February 8, 2024 to Robin Petry at petrymail@yahoo.com or 706-836-3027



This Lenten Quiet Day is sponsored by the St. Bartholomew's Daughters of the King



LENTEN SCHEDULE - Watch for more details

- Feb 10 - Lenten Quiet Day: "Fasting & Fullness" 8:30 AM
- Feb 13 - Shrove Tuesday Party @ 5:30 PM
- Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday:
 - Service @ 12:00 PM
 - Pretzel Making @ 5:30 PM
 - Service @ 6:30 PM
- Wednesday's in Lent - St. Bart's Lenten Program with Dinner at 6:00 PM
(**NO** Bible Study & Holy Eucharist on Wednesday Mornings during Lent)
- Mar 13 - Community Lenten Worship Service & Lunch @ 12:00 PM
- Mar 24 - Palm Sunday
- Mar 28 - Maundy Thursday
 - Simple Supper @ 5:30 PM
 - Service w/foot washing @ 6:30 PM
- Mar 29 - Good Friday
 - Service @ 12:00 PM
- Mar 30 - Easter Vigil - Service @ 8:00 PM
- Mar 31 - Easter Day
 - Service @ 9:00 AM
 - Breakfast & Egg Hunt @ 10:00 AM
 - Service @ 11:00 AM

STEWARDSHIP AT WORK

Giving is more than a responsibility - it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience - it is evidence of our faith. *William Arthur Ward (1921-94)*

Year to Date receipts through December, 2023:

	OPERATING FUND		
	Actual	Need	Difference
Pledge	\$287,684.72	\$283,382.00	\$ 4,302.72
Other	\$30,094.08	\$ 11,400.00	\$18,694.04
TOTAL	\$317,778.80	\$294,782.00	\$22,996.80

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 If you are a member who has not pledged, please consider doing so. Just contact the church office, get a pledge card, and drop it in the offering plate. Pledges are welcome at any time during the year.

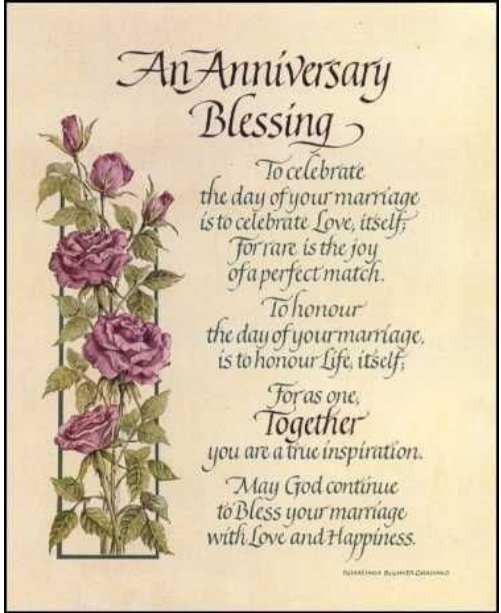


A Wish and a Prayer

When you wish upon a birthday candle, God hears it as a prayer. These dreams of your heart ascend to His heart, where they ignite in hope. Hope for happy days ahead, for making more good memories. Hope for loved ones coming together, sharing smiles and stories and hugs. For reasons to celebrate – big and small – and for joy upon joy. Each candle, like each year of your life, represents God’s faithful care for you. He is always working things together for your good, bringing you more grace, making your hopes and dreams come true.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Carol Osteen
- 2 Carson Sheppard
- 6 Ron Park
- 7 Bobbie Quinn
- 10 Khoi Vo
- 11 Sonny Jones
- 14 John Morris
- 14 Susan Meloan
- 15 Suzanne Hobby-Shippen
- 16 Lawrence Langston



An Anniversary Blessing


To celebrate the day of your marriage is to celebrate Love, itself;
 For rare is the joy of a perfect match.

To honour the day of your marriage is to honour Life, itself;
 For as one, Together you are a true inspiration.

May God continue to Bless your marriage with Love and Happiness.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 24 Paul & Laura Ann Whitaker
- 26 Paul & Molly Campbell



In Remembrance:

<i>Kay Roggenkamp</i>	<i>June 1, 1929 - October 19, 2023</i>
<i>Eric Sisk</i>	<i>May 24, 1977 - January 10, 2024</i>
<i>Richard Sligh</i>	<i>June 14, 1953 - January 14, 2024</i>

Please continue to hold their families up in prayer!



Half the school year is over and I would like to thank each of you for your prayers, contributions, commitment and generosity to LBC Middle School staff and students. **THANK YOU!** We are really providing **HOPE...Helping Others Prepare to Excel.**

Looking Forward

Anyone who adopted a staff member will continue to reach out to them monthly through May. Ideas include gifting a favorite drink or candy, a desk-top plant, a card specifying how you addressed their prayer requests, note pads, a gift card to a coffee shop or restaurant or any other clever idea. You can celebrate their half or belated or current birthday. (Marcia Godfrey or Barb McCall were teachers and could help you with ideas.) **There is now a box in the Narthex to place gifts for delivery to LBC.**

January - We will provide all staff with hand cream and a roll of lifesavers...Sometimes you have to care for yourself! We will distribute a pencil and poem to each student.

February - We will gift all staff with a bag of Hershey's kisses.

March - We will put candy in each of the work rooms to help staff get through the 3rd quarter.

April - We will provide all staff with a tissue canister that reads either "Thankful", "Blessed", "Joyful" or "Grateful"

May - End of school year. We will gift each teacher a ream of copier paper.

We will probably be asked to sponsor and host some type of end of the year celebratory event

It takes the entire ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S Village to provide this yearly support for our LBC family. If you would like to get more involved, visit the school or even become a mentor, please contact Julie Bush at alsojules@yahoo.com or 336-602-6754.

Visit our bulletin board in the Parish Hall to read the beautiful thank you card from the staff at LBC Middle School to Saint Bartholomew's.

EpiscoPals Lunch

*The EpiscoPals is a monthly luncheon gathering for Adults 50+. It is a fun, relaxed time of fellowship and to eat good food! We meet for lunch on the 3rd Thursday of each month in a different location. On **February 15, 2024** we will gather at **McNeely's Place, 301 Georgia Ave, N.Augusta at 11:30.** Please sign up with Phone Number in the Narthex.*

*For more information contact **Mike Osteen at 803-315-3549***

Hope to see you there



ST. BART'S TEAM AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

We will be serving at the Master's Table on the **Second Monday of each month** .

This month, February 12th for both Food Prep starting at **8:30 am** and

Dining Servers that ends at 12:30 pm

BLT (BAZAAR CRAFTERS) - will meet on **February 20th**

The BLT's meet on the **Third Tuesdays at 10:00 AM** in the BLT room on the bottom floor of the David Thompson Ministry Center (Admin Bldg) at the top of the hill. All adults are invited to join for fellowship and craft-making followed by lunch. Crafts will be sold during the Holiday Bazaar and the funds raised from this ministry support local missions.



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
11:00-11:45, Ash Wednesday through Wednesday in Holy Week
Adult Education Building

Sister Ellen Stephen (ES) from the Convent of St. Helena will lead Wednesday Bible study during Lent. ES has been studying and meditating on scripture and its application to life for over 50 years as a monastic sister. Relationally, her goal is to love like Jesus loves, appreciating the utter uniqueness of every individual. Each week, the group will discuss the epistle for the coming Sunday.

For Ash Wednesday, please arrive with your Bible, having read 1 Peter 3:18-22.

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE OF READINGS

Please read the passage before arriving each Wednesday.



<u>Wed. Dates</u>	<u>Bible Reading</u>
Feb 14/Ash Wed	1 Peter 3:18-22
Feb 21	Romans 4:15-25
Feb 28	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Mar 6	Ephesians 2:1-10
Mar 13	Hebrews 5:5-10
Mar 20	Philippians 2:5-11
Mar 27/Holy Wk	Hebrews 10:16-25

FOR GOD ALONE MY SOUL IN SILENCE WAITS
Psalm 62:1a

A few days ago, I told the group present for Centering Prayer that I don't think God could ever have reached me to call me to monastic life if it weren't for Centering Prayer. I joined the Order of Saint Helena in 2002, but leading up to hearing God call me to OSH and knowing it was God doing the inviting were seven years of daily Centering Prayer. That became my favorite time of the day.

The first line of Psalm 62 written above expresses Centering Prayer in a nutshell. We sit as inter-iorly silent as possible for twenty minutes, trusting that God is drawing us ever more closely into deeper and deeper relationship with God. As we make room within, God can find in us a home and fill us with God's Presence.

Meister Eckhart, the 13th century theologian and mystic, said whenever we "self-empty," God cannot help but pour God's self into that empty place. I need this! Do you? Please join us any Sunday morning for Centering Prayer.

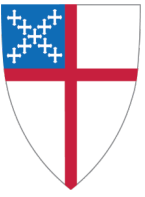
Sr. Linda, OSH
lindaelston@comcast.net

Location: David Thompson Ministry Building Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. *Sunday School*

10:00 A.M. *Holy Eucharist Rite II*

10:00 A.M. *Live Streaming to Facebook & YouTube*

11:00 A.M. *Coffee Hour in Parish Hall*

Our Mission: Rooted in the Episcopal tradition; growing disciples of a loving God, reaching out to make a meaningful difference in the world.

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Any suggestions? Submit to same.