



**Sunday worship - 10:30 am  
virtually; and in person with  
masks and socially distant seating,  
alternating locations between  
Zion/St. Mark; and 8:00 am re-  
broadcast on local tv channel**

**For online access information:  
Zion: Beth Deskins  
St. Mark: the LeRoy and Smith  
families**

**Prayer requests – parish office  
[zionstmk@swva.net](mailto:zionstmk@swva.net) or 745.2096**

***Please let us know if there is any  
way we may be of assistance to  
you***

***Pastor Wanda Childs –  
304.920.5965***

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*“Let my teaching fall like  
rain and my words  
descend like dew, like  
showers on new grass,  
like abundant rain on  
tender plants.”*

Deuteronomy 32:2

*To the Friends of the Floyd-Willis Parish,*

“Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”  
With these questions, Jesus addresses Mary in the midst of  
her grieving. This is good news in a world where we can’t  
help but weep. Grief opens us to a world in need. It also  
opens us to see Jesus. In our grief, the risen Christ  
encounters us and makes us witnesses. “I have seen the  
Lord,” Mary shares with her community of friends and family.  
In our sorrows, through our tears, in his voice calling us by  
name, we too have seen the Lord!

We see the glory of resurrection in the blooming of trees and  
flowers, in birdsong, and in the end of animals’ winter  
hibernations. The resurrection is a reality for us in every  
moment of our lives and for the whole of creation. In Easter  
we can rejoice, knowing that all that God has created is good  
and very good, and that all of creation has been redeemed in  
the life, death, and glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ.

So, we will gather this week to be reminded that Resurrection  
has happened – it happens still. Grace and life can find us  
anywhere, and bring us home

*In Easter Joy,  
Pastor Wanda*

## Contact Us

### **FLOYD WILLIS LUTHERAN PARISH**

PO Box 37, Floyd, VA 24091  
Parish Office – 540.745.2096 or  
[zionstmk@swva.net](mailto:zionstmk@swva.net)

### **ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**

5655 Floyd Hwy South, Willis, 24380

### **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

635 Needmore Lane, Floyd, VA 24091

### **PASTOR WANDA CHILDS**

Pastor Wanda will be happy to meet with you by phone or in person. Please contact her to set up a time. She also has weekly office hours.  
304.920.5965

[wandalchilds@gmail.com](mailto:wandalchilds@gmail.com)

### **MUSIC/CHOIR DIRECTOR**

Vickie Sowers [vsowers@swva.net](mailto:vsowers@swva.net)

*Alive in Christ, Christ alive in us*

### **St. Mark Council Members**

Susan Paris, President  
Laura LeRoy  
Mike Smith  
Vickie Sowers

### **Zion Council Members**

Marty Holliday, President  
BJ Bauermeister  
Michael Daiber  
Bill Gardner  
Linda Fox  
Jack Wall  
Marjorie Wells

### **Joint Council**

Bill Gardner, President  
Tom Roemhildt, Treasurer  
Mike Smith, Secretary

### **Committees**

Altar Guild St. Mark – Beth Smith  
Altar Guild Zion – Marty Holliday  
Cemetery/Columbarium-Bill Gardner

Community Cares – Kamala Bauers  
Prayer Shawls – Linda Fox  
RIC – Linda Fox  
Social Justice – Marty Holliday  
Treasurer Zion-Michael Daiber  
Treasurer St. Mk – Nadine Rutrough  
Treasurer Parish – Tom Roemhildt  
Webmaster – Tom Roemhildt

Zoom Services – Marty Holliday

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## FLOYD WILLIS LUTHERAN PARISH

PO Box 37  
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## Funny Bone –

- My winter fat is gone. Now I have spring rolls
- What do you call someone flying out of a hammock in the month of April? A spring fling.
- I was never into gardening but this spring I started planting seeds and it grew on me.
- Should you plant flowers in any month besides April? May as well!
- A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.
- When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.
- Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
- This spring I decided to read a book on DIY underwater gardening which is a self-kelp book.

**“Lunch with Lutherans”  
Noon on Thursday, April 11  
St. Mark**

“For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.” —*Song of Solomon 2:11-12*

**“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.”  
Audrey Hepburn**

## **April Worship Services**

**7– St. Mark, 10:30 Sunday Worship**

**14 – Zion, 10:30 Sunday Worship**  
*Noisy Offering for Plenty Farm/Food Bank Fund*

**21– St. Mark, 10:30 Sunday Worship**

**28 – Zion, 10:30 Sunday Worship**  
*Noisy Offering for Community Care Fund*

## **Hungry Mother Lutheran Retreat Center Kids Summer Camp**

**3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders – 6/30-7/5**

**Nature hikes      Sports  
Biking on Creeper Trail  
Bible Study and Worship  
Arts and Crafts  
Lake Swimming  
\$300**

**[hmlrc@hungrymother.org](mailto:hmlrc@hungrymother.org)**

## **Lay Ministry Academy Encouraging and Training Leaders**



**(Back Row: Pastor Wanda Childs and Marty Holliday at the Lay Ministry Academy Retreat)** The Virginia Synod—in partnership with the North Carolina Synod—held a weekend retreat for the Lay Ministry Academy at Lutheridge Conference Center and Camp in early February. The luxury of a whole weekend afforded participants the chance to engage in intensive study as they journey through their calling to become lay leaders.

*Thank you to BJ Bauermeister for her years of service as Parish Treasurer. Thank you to Nadine Rutrough for serving (42 years!) as St. Mark Treasurer. Thank you to Michael Daiber for continuing as Zion Treasurer. Welcome to Tom Roemhildt who will serve as Parish Treasurer.*

*Prayers for the People*

*Autumn Scott,*  
granddaughter of Rosemary  
Wyman

*Wayne Pennell,* husband of  
BJ Bauermeister

*Nancy Conduff,* daughter of  
Nadine Rutrough

*Roger Slusher,* husband of  
Leslie

(prayer requests/deletions- parish  
office voice mail 745.2096 or  
email [zionstmk@swva.net](mailto:zionstmk@swva.net))

**Tithes and Offerings**  
**can be mailed to:**

**Zion - Floyd Willis**  
**Lutheran Parish, PO**  
**Box 37, Floyd, VA**  
**24091**

**St. Mark- Nadine**  
**Rutrough, 952**  
**Christiansburg Pike,**  
**Floyd, VA 24091**

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“I sit before flowers  
hoping they will train  
me in the art of  
opening up.”

Shane Koyczan



**Birthdays**

2-Theresa Palmer  
6-Julia Meredith  
11-Jason Kocol  
13-Joe Rutrough  
26-Roger Slusher

**Anniversaries**

8-Pastor Wanda Childs and Steve  
Hetherington  
10-Ginny and Bill Gardner

*“The heart is like a garden. It can grow compassion or fear, resentment or love. What seeds will you plant there?” – Jack Kornfield*

**Floyd Empty Bowls**

**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 11 am – 2 pm, Floyd County High School**

**Annual fundraiser for Floyd Backpack Program which provides food for Floyd County children during the weekends.**

**You will receive a bowl crafted by a local potter, with soup, bread, drink and dessert.**

**Tickets are available at multiple locations in Floyd or online at**

[www.facebook.com/FloydBackPack/](http://www.facebook.com/FloydBackPack/)

**\$25-adults, \$10 children ages 6-12 with no bowl**

**Free children under age 5 with no bowl**