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**April 2024**

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

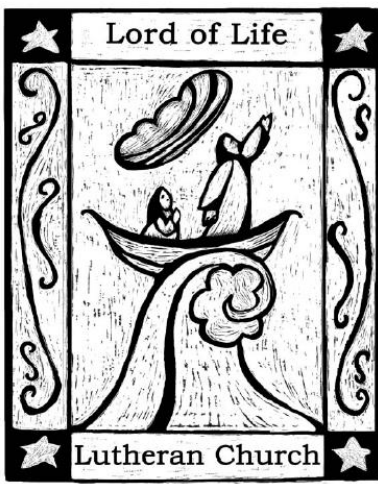
**Sundays:** 9 am Adult Bible Study  
10 am – In-Person Worship  
& Virtual Worship via YouTube  
(search for Lord of Life Lutheran  
Church ELCA)

**Eucharist:** Every Sunday

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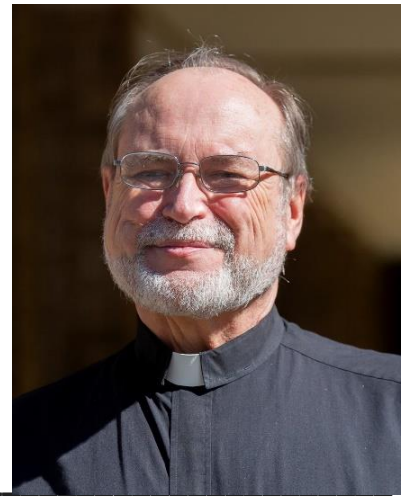
- Snoopy





# Life-Lines

April 2024



*They left the tomb and broke the news of all this to the eleven and the rest. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them kept telling these things to the apostles, but the apostles didn't believe a word of it, thought they were making it all up.*

Luke 24:9-11, The Message

## PASTOR WOLFGANG'S EASTER MESSAGE

"They thought they were making it all up." This is the reaction the women get when they come to the apostles to report that they found the tomb empty, Jesus' body gone. And can you blame them? The idea of a dead person coming back to life is just so outside all of human experience, it just has to be a made-up story.

There's a cultural context here that's easy to miss. It is the *women* who bring the news of Jesus' resurrection to the apostles – who are all men. In the patriarchal society of Jesus' day, women were considered unreliable witnesses and could give testimony in court only when their witness was corroborated by others (read: men). This is important to Luke who even tells us who some of these women are: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James. Luke insists that they are real people with names at a time when women essentially had no value, and he confirms that their testimony is credible and reliable.

And so it is with us. Like the apostles, we were not present when Jesus defeated death and the grave, and, like the apostles, we might likely assume that this resurrection stuff is a made-up story because dead people coming back to life is just way outside our human experience. But that's just the point: Jesus, in his resurrection, wins the ultimate victory and expands what it means to be human. From now on, we know that death is not the final word.

To tell us that this is true, we have the witness and testimony of the women, and, eventually, of the apostles, and indeed of the Church universal through the ages. This is where our hope lies, and this is why we can say with confidence:

**ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN  
YES, CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED  
ALLELUIA!**

Happy Easter to you all,  
Pastor Wolfgang D. Herz-Lane



## From the Desk of Your Council President

It's hard to believe that Pastor Wolfgang has "technically" been our Pastor only since March 1<sup>st</sup>, however, he's accomplished many things before that. It's obvious that there's renewed enthusiasm stirring in our church that is contagious and running wild. One of the obvious positive changes is the implementation of our new Welcome Center. Our Welcome Center was gifted by Christ the King Lutheran Church, Cary. It's being used as a visitor sign in station with name labels, visitor gift bags, bulletins, and additional church information.

Another improvement to provide a more welcoming environment in our church is the creation of a "Cry Room". This is a space designed for people to take babies or small children for privacy to help reduce distractions during the worship service. This was one of the many projects targeted by Pastor Wolfgang during our Church Workday on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our LOL volunteers moved items of interest for children into the Cry Room (after organizing/cleaning activities). The service can be viewed from a window in the Cry Room and there's a speaker that provides audio.

Other accomplishments during our Workday included recycling/organizing, vacuuming, cleaning, and dusting in Narthex, Library, Sanctuary, Nursery, Pastor's Office, Kitchen, and Fellowship Hall. Thanks again to the hard work of our 22 volunteers who dedicated a good part of their Saturday to improving our church facility.

PLEASE consider helping our current volunteers with the following duties: Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Deputy Treasurer and Audio/YouTube Streaming. If there's any interest in helping (even for a short time), please consider serving to meet these needs. We will train you. Listed below are people currently in these roles:

Treasurer	Lindsay Crocker
Deputy Treasurer	Tess Andrews
Financial Secretary	Terry Barnes
Audio/YouTube Streamer	Terry Barnes

The Parish Committee is still updating LOL Member pictures in the Fellowship Hall. If you have outdated pictures posted or no pictures at all, please consider updating. You can bring your own pic or request Tim Clark or Steve Brantley snap a new shot of you. The pics with names are a great help in determining "who is who" at Lord of Life for our new folks and visitors.

There will be many more positive changes for Lord of Life in the future. We're a GROWING church and are optimistic about an increasing Church Family! It's a pleasure getting to know Pastor Wolfgang and having the opportunity to introduce him to some of Garner's finer points ... Garner Area Ministries, Lake Benson Veteran's Memorial, Angie's, Aversboro Restaurant and Alexander's.

Please continue praying for each other, our leadership, and the growth of our Church Family. Please pray that God would mold and shape us into His desire, and that we will be pleasing in his sight.

**Never  
Underestimate  
The Power Of  
Prayer.**

God's Peace,  
Terry Barnes, Council President



# Hello April

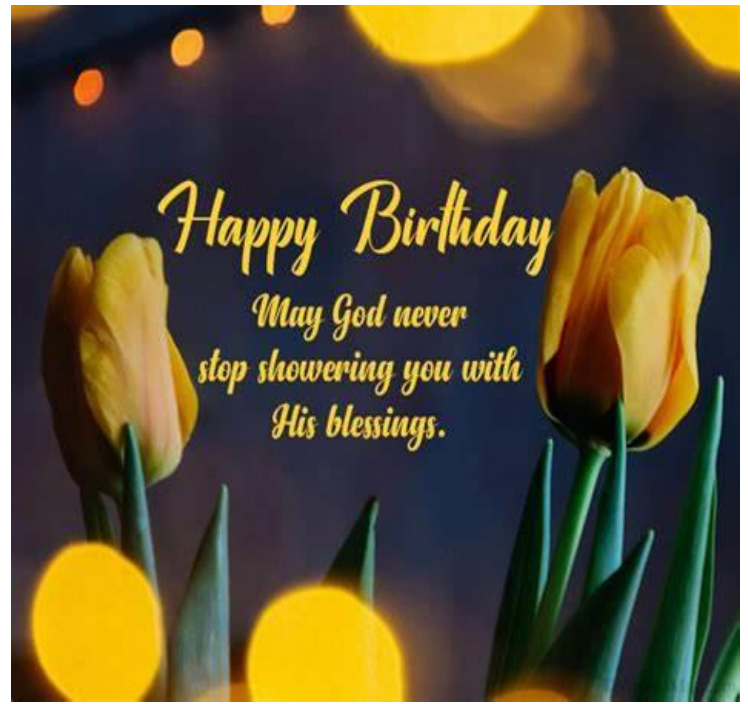
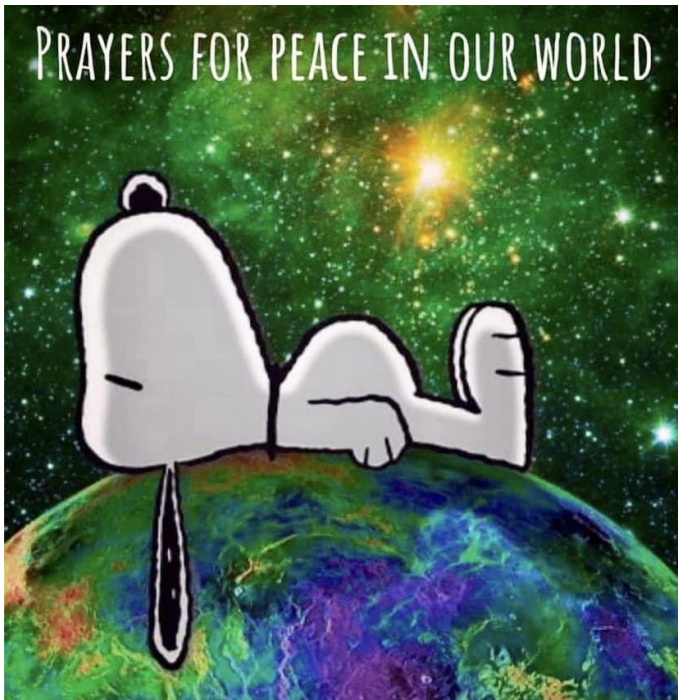


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b><u>Sundays</u></b> 9 am Bible Study 10 am Worship 11 am Fellowship		2	3 Rotary Breakfast	4	5 7 pm 	6 Relay for Life Fund Raiser
7 Social Concerns Meeting After Worship	8	9	10 Rotary Breakfast	11	12	13
14 Council Meeting After Worship	15 Tax Day 	16	17 Rotary Breakfast	18	19	20
21 Worship & Music Meeting After Worship 3:30 pm Installation of Pastor Wolfgang	22 	23	24 Rotary Breakfast	25	26	27
28	29	30	 			



We pray for our world  
and those in it with  
hope for our future.

Family of Jim Powers; Nick Vietri – recovering from surgery for broken femur; Richard Suriano, Julia Lochra's father-in-law; Shirley Lewis, friend of Laura – ALS; Hannah Kestner Bockover; Gerry Havenstein, Diana Havenstein; Rob Havenstein; Donna Hanna; Mary Ann Jackson – brain tumor; Dayshaun – sickle cell anemia/ seizure/stroke/ recovering from surgery; Rita's co-worker, Elizabeth Alexander – colon cancer; Carolyn Watkin's neighbor, Mr. Smith; Clyde Bogle's sister-in-law, Wanda – cancer; Linda Hash's brother, Charles Barlow, and sister-in-law, Beth Hash Lennon; Rebecca Swanson's sister in PA – Post Polio Syndrome, and her nephew, Dr. David Shaefer; Tess Andrews brother, David Van Benschoten.



## **April**

April 7	Gray Anthony
April 8	Steve Brantley
April 15	Enid Weatherwax
April 19	Arthur Kyles
	Roland Kyles
April 21	Jeannie Stang
April 26	Sara Melanie Bollinger
April 29	Alecia Harrison
	Chris Thomsen

## **May**

May 6	Carla Niemann
May 10	Mary Cook
May 11	Leslie Hash Jarrett
May 14	Sharyl Eggert
May 17	Virginia King
May 18	Julie Bogle
May 22	Tucker Britt
May 27	Sylvia Lambert
May 28	Jillian Harrison

If your name is missing from  
our Birthday List,  
please let Laura know!!!



## Greetings from Social Concerns



The April theme for the Garner Area Ministries food collection is "Spring Cleaning".

We are currently accepting Camp Agapé Scholarship applications.

We will again host the Mother's Day Brunch for Able to Serve on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Social Concerns and Parish Committee will host Pastor Wolfgang's Installation Reception on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Relay for Life fundraiser will be on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm. We will have a reverse raffle, barbecue sandwich sale and silent auction.

Blessings,  
Alecia Harrison



## Parish Committee

The parish committee would like to thank everyone for their support with their generous donations of food for fellowship after worship. And thank you everyone for offering your support to help me as I learn my new position as Parish Chair.

Steve Brantley,  
Parish Chair



The Synod Gathering will be May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> in Hickory at Lenoir Rhyne University. The theme is "We are More". Registration is ongoing. Daily workshops are listed on the website.

Pastor Wolfgang's installation will be April 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 pm – Pastor Marsha Anderson, Dean of the Triangle Conference, will preside. Pastor Daniel Pugh will be preaching. A reception will follow at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Garner.

The Bishop's Bible Study on the book of Micah has finished. It is interesting to hear Bishop Tim's take on scripture and have questions from Lutherans across the state.



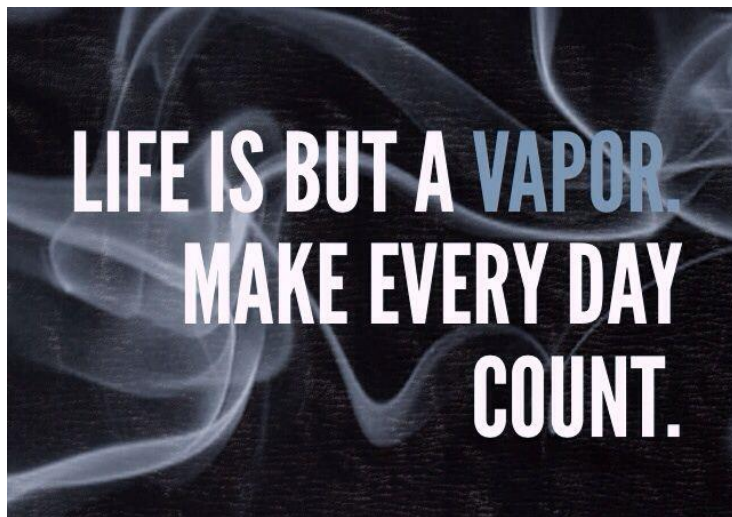
*Children are always welcome in worship, and we expect to hear happy kids' noises. However, if the little ones need a break, Lord of Life now offers a "Kids' Korner" (also known as a "cry room") right off the worship space where children can play, and adults can watch the service through the large window and hear it through a speaker in the ceiling.*



Spring cleaning happens not just in your home: Twenty-two (yes, that's 22!) LOL members came out March 23 to get the church ready for Holy Week and Easter. They dusted the corners, wiped the surfaces, polished the windows, removed accumulated junk ... and managed to have a good time doing it! Thanks to all who helped!!







Barely the day started and it's already six in the evening.

Barely arrived on Monday and it's already Friday.

.. and the month is already over.

.. and the year is almost over.

.. and already 40, 50, 60 or 70 years of our lives have passed.

.. and we realize that we lost our parents, friends.

.. and we realize it's too late to go back.

So... Let's try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time. Let's keep looking for activities that we like. Let's put some color in our grey. Let's smile at the little things in life that put balm in our hearts.

And despite everything, we must continue to enjoy with serenity this time we have left.

Let's try to eliminate the afters.

.. I'll do it after.

.. I'll say it after.

.. I'll think about it after.

We leave everything for later like "after" is ours. Because what we don't understand is that:

Afterwards, the coffee gets cold.

Afterwards, priorities change.

Afterwards, the charm is broken.

Afterwards, health passes.

Afterwards, the kids grow up.

Afterwards parents get old.

Afterwards, promises are forgotten.

Afterwards, the day becomes the night.

Afterwards, life ends.

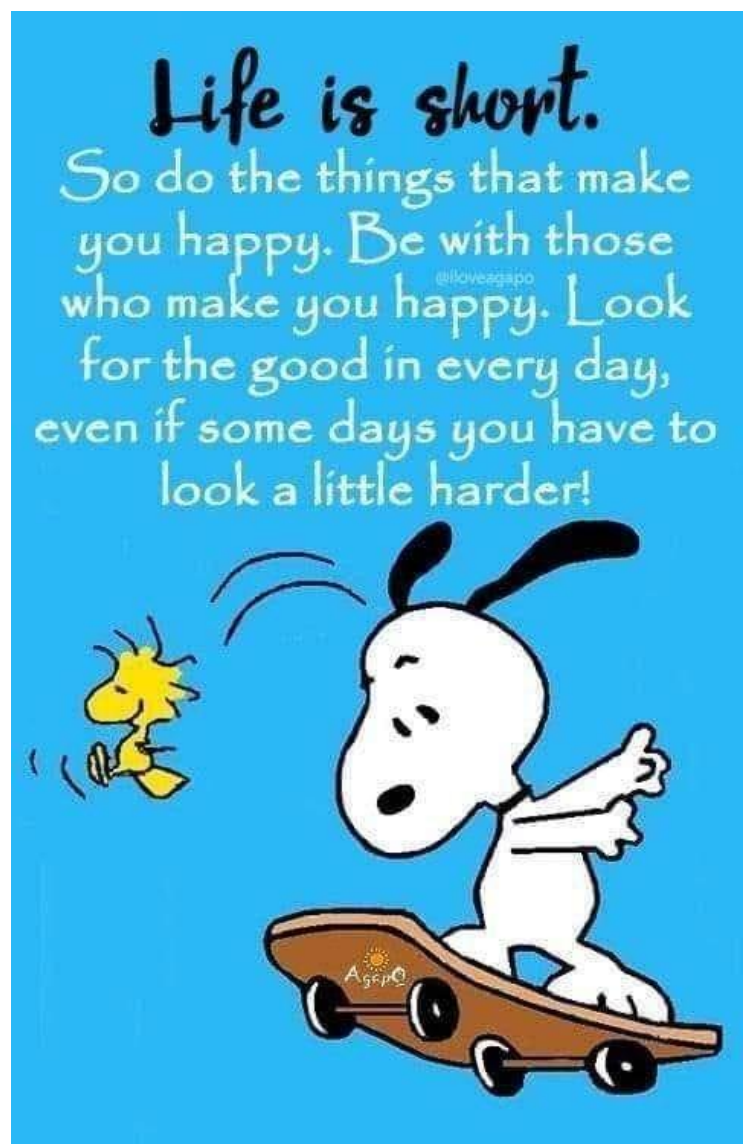
And then it's often too late.

So... Let's leave nothing for later. Because still waiting to see later, we can lose the best moments, the best experiences, best friends, the best family.

The day is today. The moment is now. We are no longer at the age where we can afford to postpone what needs to be done right away.

It may look like an eternity, but It's a short trip.

Enjoy Life and Always Be Kind.







**Document Shred Day**  
**May 11<sup>th</sup> - 9 am to Noon**

**All available men AND women  
are needed to assist!**

No more than 10 containers per car,  
staples, paper clips, small bound and  
spiral notebooks accepted.

**NO 3 RING BINDERS ACCEPTED**

**Call 919-772-9044**  
**for more info**

**Event Hosted by**  
**Lord of Life Lutheran Church**  
**Men's Group**

**"All are welcome, no exceptions!"**



Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Garner  
cordially invites you to

**THE INSTALLATION OF**  
**REV. DR. WOLFGANG D. HERZ-LANE**  
as pastor and mission developer

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**  
**3:30pm**

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church**  
**2100 Buffaloe Road, Garner NC**

Rev. Marsha Anderson, Dean of the  
ELCA Triangle Conference, presiding

Rev. Daniel Pugh, Senior Pastor of  
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Cary,  
preaching

Special music by Dr. Abraham Cáceres,  
Ms. Deborah Bagby and Lord of Life and  
Christ the King musicians.

A wine & cheese reception will follow

## Welcome to Interim Organist Marsha Vanderwerff . . .



Marsha Vanderwerff has been engaged as interim director of music for Lord of Life Lutheran Church. She began her duties in mid-March and will be with us until sometime in June when our permanent new music director, Gail Hrobuchak, begins her duties with us. Gail is relocating from Harrisburg, PA this summer where she has been serving as organist and music director of Christ Lutheran Church for a number of years. In the meantime, we welcome Marsha to this 15-hour per week position. She will be playing the piano at all of our worship services and direct the choir.

Did you know that a swarm of Ladybugs is called a Loveliness? A Loveliness Of Ladybugs. With a name like that, no wonder Ladybugs are believed to bring good luck. And if you spot one, it's a good reminder to

Count your  
*Blessings*™



**It's not too late:**

**Join Prayer Partners today**

On the evening of Palm Sunday, March 24, Pastor Wolfgang sent out his first email update to more than 60 people who had promised to be prayer partners with him. As prayer partners, they promised to pray for Pastor Wolfgang, for Lord of Life Church, and for the work of mission redevelopment once a week on the day of their choice; in return, Pastor Wolfgang prays for them and provides a weekly update each Sunday evening. It's not too late: If you'd like to join the Prayer Partners Network, send an email to [wolfgangherzlane@gmail.com](mailto:wolfgangherzlane@gmail.com), indicating which day of the week you wish to pray. Alternatively, you can fill out a sign-up form at the Welcome Center in the lobby at LOL. Don't delay so you won't miss the informative Sunday night emails!

### A Loveliness of Ladybugs





## On April 14, LOL Welcomes

### Rev. Mycal X. Brickhouse

On Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Lord of Life will welcome an exciting guest preacher to its pulpit: The Rev. Dr. Mycal X. Brickhouse, director of programs and grants for leadership education at Duke Divinity School. Ordained as an itinerant elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Brickhouse previously served as pastor at Cary First Christian Church, one of the historic Black churches in Cary, and as director of alumni relations at Duke Divinity. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and earned an M.Div. from Duke Divinity School. He recently completed his Doctor of Ministry at Duke.

Pastor Brickhouse is passionate about community relations and spending time with his family. He is married to Kristin McCullough Brickhouse, and together, they have one beautiful baby girl, Micah, and one handsome baby boy, Makoa. The family resides in Fuquay-Varina.



The Rev. Dr. Mycal X. Brickhouse



Do You LOVE to SING?



**JOIN OUR CHOIR  
AND MAKE A  
JOYFUL NOISE!!!**

We practice at 7 pm (most) Wednesdays.  
ALL are Welcome!!!

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### Installation at Christ the King April 14<sup>th</sup>

While our own new pastor, Wolfgang Herz-Lane, will be installed on April 21<sup>st</sup> (see invitation elsewhere in this issue), his successor as senior pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Cary, Daniel Pugh, will officially take office on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 3 pm. Bishop Tim Smith of the North Carolina Synod will be the installing officer, and Pastor Wolfgang will lend a hand as well. Please join your siblings in Christ at CTK for this festive occasion. See Terry Barnes to sign up for the carpool that will leave Lord of Life at 2:15 pm on April 14<sup>th</sup>.



*"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." Matthew 6:14*

God forgives us even when we continue to struggle with the same old sin. Therefore, we should be willing to forgive others because God forgave us first. And sent His only Son to be our Savior.

We have just finished the season of LENT, a time of preparation and deep quiet, looking inward, evaluating your relationship with God.

A lot of the problems that we have in the world could be fixed with **LOVE**. Try to be kind to someone who is driving you nuts. It will completely disarm the angry person when you remain calm and give them a little grace.

None of us know what the other person is going through! Before you rightly yell back at someone that is yelling ridiculous comments about you, take a deep breath, and try to see the problem from their eyes.

Always try to think of the good things that are going on in your life instead of focusing on the negative things said to your face, or worse yet, behind your back.

A newcomer to the Contemporary Christian Music scene is Seph Schlueter. His first hit, Counting My Blessings, has a great message to remind us of all that is right in the world.



It's like it was yesterday  
 I was a praying for a miracle  
 Scared to have a little hope  
 And now looking back today  
 Seeing all the things You've done  
 I can't even add them up  
 One, two, three  
 Up to infinity  
 I'd run out of numbers  
 Before I could thank You for everything  
 God, I'm still counting my blessings  
 All that You've done in my life  
 The more that I look in the details  
 The more of Your goodness I find  
 Father on this side of Heaven  
 I know that I'll run out of time  
 But I will keep counting my blessings  
 Knowing I can't count that high  
 And I know the seasons never lost forever  
 So God, I will remember  
 All of the reasons my heart has to be grateful  
 All the times You've been faithful to me



God is faithful and He is always there for you.

I hope this Lenten season helped you see how God is working in your life, in our church and in the world.

Blessings,  
 Alecia Harrison