

MAY 2018



# SERVANT LINES

John 13

*Christ the Servant Lutheran Church*

## **The Dash by Linda Ellis**

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on earth. And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars...the house...the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real and always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash...would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

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## From the Pastor's Heart

**I've never been a huge fan of clichés. I find them empty, shallow and at times annoying.** When one is going through a time of test, trial or tribulation (use whatever other term you might want to and insert it here \_\_\_\_\_) I don't know about you, but the last thing I want to hear is: *"Well ya know, it is what it is.....OR.....That's life for ya.....OR.....Well that just means that there's something else better out there for ya....."*(So, how is it that you seem to know that and I'm not "feelin' it"?) OR.....even better are those who try to put a "spiritual spin" on things by quoting the 18<sup>th</sup> century poet, William Cowper who said: *"God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm."* (Many misguided people quote that phrase claiming it's in the Bible, guess what folks? IT'S NOT!)

While I do believe that the LORD works in our lives in ways that are often times *mysterious* (in the sense that we don't always understand why) I believe that His ways are more profound (**see Isaiah 55:8-9**) than mysterious. How God can take something hurtful and painful and turn it into something good (**see Romans 8:28**) seems to be (at least to me) "above my pay grade"! Furthermore, the longer I live and the deeper I dig into the "mysterious" ways of God, the more I have come to understand that I may never know the answers to my "why" questions (and I have to somehow be "ok" with that). **Could it be that God wants me to embrace the unanswered "why" questions as His way of teaching me to trust Him more fully and deeply?**

**In the midst of circumstances that are inexplicable, can we learn to "be ok" with not knowing "why" something happened and still find peace in our souls in knowing that our Heavenly Father is inherently good and all His intentions towards His children (even the things we can't comprehend or understand) are good and ultimately part of His divine plan and will for our lives?** I suspect that until we have wrestled (like Jacob) with God concerning these deep spiritual issues, we will continue to live our lives in fear, worry or even despair. In contrast, **what would it look like if we gained a whole new respect and reverence and deeper perspective/understanding of the awesome sovereignty of God....OVER ALL THINGS!**

As many of you know (and others will find out by reading this newsletter) that May 15, 2018 marks our last day of service as Senior Pastor at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church. The past 3 ½ years have been filled with many wonderful times of ministry and opportunities of service with you (some of the finest folks in all of Horry County). On behalf of Elaine and Charles, please accept our deepest thanks and gratitude to all of you for having had this incredible opportunity to serve as your Pastor. We love you and we will miss you. **Grace and Peace in abundance to you all today and always.....Pastor Rick**



On Sunday, May 13 (Mother's Day) we will have a special offering for the Elizabeth Bates Handy Scholarship Fund. Annually, a deserving college bound high school senior is awarded the Elizabeth Bates Handy Scholarship. The awarding of this scholarship and a reception will take place in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 10 at 9:45 a.m.

Please take a moment and join us in our sincere Congratulations to past recipients of the Elizabeth Bates Handy Memorial Scholarship!!

1996 Katie Schrock	1998 Michael D. Paul	2000 Ann Marie Long
2001 Jade Pike	2002 Victoria Jones	2003 Megan Long
2004 Jordan Benson	2005 Brandy James, Edwin Cavin	
2006 David McDaniels, Bryant Hatoway	2008 Amanda Jones, Amilio Carter	
2010 Mary Frances Sarvis	2011 Berkeley Glover, Mariah Kowalkowski,	
2011 Sommer Tarabek, Elizabeth Vaughan	2012 Sarah Sarvis, Blaine Kowalkowski	
2014 Nehemiah Menassie	2015 Katelyn Eisenhardt, Jacob Hitchcock	
2016 Virginia Sarvis, Anna Joy Saenz	2017 Kaleigh Tarabek, Grace Lee	

#### WHO IS ELIZABETH BATES HANDY?

Elizabeth Bates Handy was born on January 5, 1955 in Frankenholz-Saarland. She was thirteen months old when she was adopted from the orphanage. Her new parents were 1st Lt. Philip Dustin Handy and Frances Wall Handy, residing at Kaiserlautern-Vogelweh. "Libby" was Elizabeth's nickname.

Libby was presented for Christian Baptism on April 8, 1958 at St. Paul Methodist Church in Goldsboro, North Carolina. She was confirmed on February 19, 1967 at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Annandale, Virginia.

Libby lived in Germany, France and attended schools in North Carolina, Okinawa, Virginia, Philippines, and South Carolina. In her final days, she lived in Murrells Inlet and attended Socastee High School.

In the summer of 1972, three ladies were dead. Two murdered bodies were found but one was still missing. The missing person was Libby. These women were brutally killed by the same person, a sergeant from Myrtle Beach Air Force Base.

A memorial service for Elizabeth Handy who died July 29, 1972 at the age of 17 was held on Monday, July 16, 1973 at First Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach. She was preceded in death in 1971 by her mother, Frances Handy.

## OUR ATTENDANCE IN APRIL 2018

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	8:30 WORSHIP	11:00 WORSHIP	TOTAL WORSHIP
April 1	N/A	127	179	306
April 8	19	108	115	223
April 15	15	88	89	177
April 22	N/A	91	109	200
April 29	11	74	102	176

Maundy Thursday: 65 Good Friday: 67

We have received a donation from Fern and Dick Imdorf in memory of their son, Ricky Imdorf

We have received a donation to the Bell Choir Fund in memory of Art Terhune from Chris Terhune.

**THANK YOU** to Thrivent members Bruce Brech, Martin & Nellie Cline, Miranda DeGroot, Ron & Chris Dusterhoft, Debbie Goff, Jeanne Shaffer and Linda Verduin-Dale for directing their Choice Dollars to our Debt Reduction Fund.



We offer our deepest Christian sympathy to the family of Roland Hilz. Roland passed into the Church Triumphant on April 18. A memorial service, led by Pastor Rick, was held here at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church on April 29. Please keep Roland's family in your prayers.



The Social Ministry Mission Team will be placing 20 American Flags to line the driveway in celebration of Memorial Day, Sunday, May 27, 2018. Help is needed to place the pipes and holders in the ground for the flags. If you can help, please contact Chip Booker or Bonnie Batina. Thank you.

The donation drive for new socks/underwear for Fostering Hope has been extended until Sunday, May 13. Thank you for your support for this important drive. Also, Fostering Hope is in need of new sneakers for both boys and girls – Boys and girls sizes 1 through 5. Gift cards are welcomed. The people at Fostering Hope will shop for the shoes.

**SUPPER CLUB** will be held at El Cerro Grande, 101 Rivertown Blvd., Conway on May, 19 at 5:00 pm. Contact Teresa or Hank Anderson at 843-234-3214 home or 843-877-2230 cell

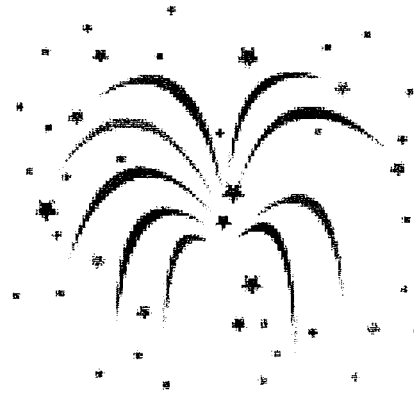
**REMINDER:** Sunday mornings are very busy times to exit the church parking lot and extreme care must be taken when MAKING A LEFT TURN ONTO HWY 501. If you must, please be aware that there are THREE (3) LANES OF TRAFFIC YOU MUST CROSS OVER BEFORE THE MEDIAN TO TURN LEFT. The third lane is very difficult to see, so please be very aware.

MAY

BIRTHDAYS

2 Danielle Hudson  
4 Pat Musetti  
5 Lee Beacham  
Bob Santors  
7 Bernadette Hilb  
8 Christian Pardue  
9 Bob Greaker  
13 Katherine Price  
14 Elizabeth Vaughan  
15 Vickie Loeper  
Don Ray  
17 Katelyn Eisenhardt  
18 Jason Eisenhardt  
19 Vince Manella  
Rick Reagan  
Bob Greaker

22 Anna Joy Saenz  
23 Sam Holshouser  
27 Jan Notte  
30 Kurt Angersbach



ANNIVERSARIES

12 Larry & Maria Setzer  
18 Mike & Elaine Lucatuorto  
25 Frank & Mary Jane Sarvis



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## MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 Handbells	2 10:30 Social Ministry Team meeting Noon AA 7:00 Choir	3 6:30 Congregation Council meeting with Pastor Baker 7:00 Bible Study	4	5
6 8:30 & 11:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School	7	8 12:30 Pairs & Spares 7:00 Handbells	9 Noon AA 7:00 Choir	10 6:00 Audubon Society 7:00 Bible Study	11 6:30 Kids Club	12
<b>Scholarship Sunday</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 13 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School	14	15 7:00 Handbells	16 10:30 Bible Class Noon AA 7:00 Choir	17 10:00 Stitchin' Sisters 7:00 Bible Study	18	19 5:00 Supper Club @ El Cerro Grande
20 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School 5:00 Congregation Council	21	22 7:00 Handbells	23 Noon AA 7:00 Choir	24 7:00 Bible Study	25 6:30 Kids Club	26 8:30 Men's Breakfast
27 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School	<b>Memorial Day 28</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED !!</b>	29 7:00 Handbells	30 Noon AA 7:00 Choir	31 7:00 Bible Study		

### LAY ASSISTANTS

8:30 Chip Booker  
11:00 Jerilyn Santors

### ACOLYTES

Wilson Sarvis  
Avery Currie

### USHERS 8:30

Mike Sicurella  
Martin Cline

### USHERS 11:00

Carl Hallberg  
Don Henderson

### GREETERS 8:30

Roland Bourque  
Janice Bourque

### GREETERS 11:00

Judy Gifford  
Debbie Goff

### FLOWERS

May 6 P. Alfano  
May 13 A. Moran  
May 20 F & M Sarvis  
May 27 V & W Niemetz

### ALTAR GUILD

Darlene Ringler  
Barbara Miller

**ON THE FIRST SUNDAY** of each month you are invited to bring non-perishable food and monetary offerings for CAP. Please place food in the CAP box and monetary offerings in the jar.  
Thank you!