

# GraceNotes



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*Imposition of Ashes  
and Holy Communion*

*March 1, 2017  
7:00 PM  
Union Church*



*Worship will be held every Wednesday in Union Church at 7:00 PM*

*Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> - Pastor Gilbert  
Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> - Pastor Hefner  
Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Pastor Cauble  
Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - Pastor King*

## From the Pastor's Pen...



Dear Friends in Christ,

As some of you know, I continue to struggle daily with what many call the “battle of the bulge” – the muffin top, that de-lap over the belt, that chest of drawers that has moved south over the belt line like a slowly moving glacier. I know that many of you struggle with that same challenge as you have shared with me the diets and newly found methods of nutrition you are testing. For me, it is a constant struggle with diabetes, fibromyalgia, high blood pressure and kidney disease. I truly believe that a diabetic diet was designed by Satan himself – no sugar, no refined sugar, strict intake of carbohydrates, no white foods at all, no breads, no potatoes, no pasta, no grits! It truly is a real battle.

With this real battle going on, I welcome the season of Lent when we are to give up certain cravings and special things for the 40 days leading up to Easter. Lent originated with the preparation of candidates for Holy Baptism. By the middle of the fourth century in Jerusalem, candidates would fast for 40 days and during those 40 days, the candidates would study the catechetical lectures of Cyril of Jerusalem. The length of the 40 day fast comes from several sources: Jesus’ fast at the beginning of his ministry in the wilderness; Moses’ stay on Mount Sinai; the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness; Elijah’s fast on his way to the mountain of God.

After the legalization of Christianity in 313 AD, the period of preparation of baptismal candidates became a general period of preparation for Easter by all Christians. The length of the fast was 36 days – 6 weeks - not counting Sundays. In the 6<sup>th</sup> century, Rome added 4 days bringing Lent to the biblical number of 40 days beginning on Ash Wednesday which was designated as a time of penitence.

I hope you will observe the directives of the Lenten season in making it a time of penitence, reflection, fasting, reading the scriptures daily and prayer. I also hope to lose some weight during the season of Lent which will improve my diabetic condition. If you are like me and wanting to lose weight, and you need an accountability partner, speak with me and we will walk through Lent together. Hopefully, we will be able to celebrate Easter as new creations in more ways than one!

May your Lenten journey be a holy blessing!

Pastor Gil Gilbert, STS

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MARCH

- ❖ Communion Assistants - Tim Eckard, James Hall
- ❖ Ushers - Carl Beam, Don and Nicky Jarrett, Justin Whalen
- ❖ Greeter - Kay Hatchett
- ❖ Altar Preparation - Cindy Bivens, Libby Travis
- ❖ Children's Church and Nursery - Frankie Crouse, Shelly Scronce
- ❖ Offering Tabulators - Carl Beam, Mike Pisko

*Please be mindful of your commitment to serve. If you are unable to fulfill that commitment, be reminded that it is your responsibility to find someone to serve in your place.*

### FLOWER CHART FOR MARCH



3/05 - OPEN  
3/19 - OPEN

3/12 - Carl & Glennie Beam  
3/26 - OPEN

If you wish to give the flowers for a given Sunday, please list your name on the chart in the narthex. *You are responsible for ordering the flowers from a florist of your choice; we do not have a standing order with any florist.* The liturgical color of the day is listed to assist you in selecting flowers appropriate for that Sunday. You should contact the Church Office so that the correct information is placed in the bulleting for that Sunday. Please notify the Church Office the Thursday prior to your selected Sunday. You can call the Church Office between 9 AM and Noon each weekday, leave a note on the desk, or send an email to let us know the occasion or memoriam for this wonderful gift of beatification of the worship.

### ATTENDANCE AND GIVING TO OUR LORD'S WORK FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

	1/29/17	2/5/17	2/12/17	2/19/17
SCS	43	46	37	47
Worship	94	96	79	85
General Fund Receipts	2,202.75	6,800.00	1,780.00	2,363.00 <small>includes \$1000.00 from CD cashed in</small>

General Fund **Receipts**, January 2017 = \$13,047.77  
 General Fund **Expenses**, January 2017 = \$14,201.61  
 Difference = \$ -1,153.84 (expenses exceeded receipts)

Needed Each Week = \$3,257.94

**THE FRED T. FOARD SENIORS** will meet at Noon on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at Ebenezer.

**FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH** will be held March 5<sup>th</sup> following Worship. The meal of hot dogs and all the trimmings will be furnished by the Leadership Ministry Board. Suggested freewill offering - \$3.00.

**MEN OF GRACE PRAYER BREAKFAST** will be held on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM at the Blue Moon. We invite all men of Grace to join us for discussion, prayer, and great food.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** begins early Sunday morning, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to turn your clocks *ahead* one hour before going to bed Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST** will be held Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM. Providing the breakfast is the Jo Doris Frye Family. Suggested freewill offering - \$3.00.

**THE GRACE SENIOR LUNCHEON GROUP** will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, from noon until 2:00 PM. Please invite a friend and come join the fun and fellowship!

**THE 2017 FLOWER CHART** is now posted in the Narthex. Please sign up if you wish to sponsor the flowers for any given Sunday. It is your responsibility to contact a florist of your choice to order flowers or use flowers from your garden or other source to make an arrangement. Please notify the Church Office regarding your dedication no later than noon on the Thursday prior to your sponsorship.

**"CONNECTIONS" BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES** Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM. This study focuses on upcoming lessons for Sunday's worship as well as ideas and interpretations concerning scripture. For us to offer this type of Bible study digging into God's Word seems to be the best way to begin the new year! Come and bring a friend!

**"FACING DARKNESS"**, a Samaritan's Purse Film will be playing at the Carmike 14 Theater in Hickory. On Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, you will have the opportunity to see Samaritan's Purse in action in the compelling new documentary, "Facing Darkness". Playing in select theaters *for only one night*, the movie takes you into the fight against the Ebola pandemic in West Africa. This powerful film features Dr. Kent Brantly, Franklin Graham, Nancy Writebol, and other Samaritan's Purse team members, who - with faith, determination, and prayer - witnessed God perform miracles! Individual tickets are \$13.38 but group tickets can be purchased for a discounted price for groups of 25 or more. (KH)

**THANKS** to Jackie Jarrett for rounding up artificial poinsettias sprigs for the Grace cemetery for Christmas 2017. Some of our older ones were in need of replacement.

#### **DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Cobb, Rev. John - 304 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Benedict, ND 58716 704-640-0536  
jcobb12000@yahoo.com

Maki, Jessica - 847 Clarkson Mill Court, Charlotte, NC 28202

Stainback, Jonathon & Bethany Bivens; River Stainback - 6075 Winters Road,  
Middlesex, NC 27557

**WANTED: STEPHEN MINISTERS.** Grace Church is moving toward being certified as a Stephen Ministry congregation. We will need 5 willing persons from the congregation to come forward to participate in the first Stephen Ministry training which will begin in April. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister and feel God is calling you to this kind of healing ministry, please indicate on your Worship Today form or speak with Pastor Gilbert.

## **FROM EASTERN CATAWBA COOPERATIVE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY:**

Thank you for all of the support that Grace Lutheran Church has provided to the Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry, Inc. in the last year. Because of your total contributions (both financial and in kind) of \$840.00, ECCCM was able to continue its 48-year tradition of providing vital crisis assistance to those in need.

In addition to your generous monetary contributions, your congregation participated in the 14,543 volunteer hours that saved the ministry \$342,633.08 in 2016. It is only through volunteers that we can continue to meet the growing demands in Catawba County.

We have changed our church volunteer system for 2017. Instead of a church taking one week a year, we are assigning each church a day of the month to ease the burden of scheduling volunteers. Any and all volunteer time is appreciated. ***Grace's Volunteer Day is the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (1/31, 5/30, 8/29, and 10/31).***

Through the generosity of congregations like yours we were able to distribute 1.56 million pounds of food to 6,974 individuals in 2016. Thank you for your support, helping ECCCM fulfill its mission. We look forward to our continued partnership with Grace Lutheran Church in 2017.

Rev. Robert C. Silber, Executive Director

## **REPORT OF THE PASTORS' GATHERING in ORLANDO**

Over 200 pastors, spouses, laity and guests attended the Annual Pastors' Conference in Orlando, Florida on February 13-16. The Crown Plaza Hotel on Universal Blvd. was the site of this year's gathering.

The Rev. Dr. James Nestingen was the keynote speaker for the event and delivered four wonderful lectures on the seasons of Lent and Easter. Bishop John Bradosky preached at the worship on Tuesday evening as all celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Also present were members of the Bishop's Staff, Rev. David Wendel and Rev. Mark Chavez.

Please keep in your prayers Pastor Chavez and his wife, Jocelyn, who is in her last days suffering from a neurological condition. Hospice is caring for Jocelyn in their home at the present time. Also remember, Pastor Marty Ramey who received news of her brother's sudden death during the conference.

**PREGNANCY LOSS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** will be held on **Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 3 pm at the Chapel of First United Methodist Church of Hickory.** Pregnancy loss is devastating to a pregnant woman and her family. Did you know that 1 in 5 pregnancies can end in loss, usually in the first 12 weeks-the first trimester? The Pregnancy Care Center of Catawba Valley has a monthly pregnancy loss group that meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the lobby. Please call Janet at 828-322-4272 for details. The center wouldn't be here without your prayers and support!

**TO KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST NEWS** around the Church there are several online resources. If you do not have access to the internet maybe a family member or friend could show you some of the resources. The following links are very informative.

North American Lutheran Church - NALC <http://thenalc.org>

Carolinas Mission District <http://carolinasnalc.org>

Carolinas Lutheran Women <http://carolinaslutheranwomen.org/>

Women of the NALC - WNALC <http://thenalc.org/congregationally-focused-womans-ministry>

Samaritan's Purse [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)

**A LENT RETREAT** of the Society of the Holy Trinity (STS) will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory. Go to [www.societyholytrinity.org/generalretreat.htm](http://www.societyholytrinity.org/generalretreat.htm) for registration information or speak with Pastor Gil.

**SALEM LUTHERAN** in Salisbury, NC has called Rev. Dawn Rister to be their pastor. She was ordained at St. Jacob's Lutheran in Chapin, SC in February.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is the first day of Lent - the Christian season of fasting and repentance in the run up to Easter. Ash Wednesday is always 46 days before Easter Sunday so the date varies year on year. But it is always celebrated sometime between February and March.



The name Ash Wednesday comes from the Christian practice of placing holy ashes on the heads of believers. During Worship, the pastor will either draw a cross on their foreheads using ashes or sprinkle the ashes over their heads. The ritual is accompanied by the words "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

The ashes come from the branches of palm trees which are blessed with holy water from the previous year's Palm Sunday. They symbolize the dust from which God is believed to have made mankind and the grief of sinning in preparation for repentance.

Christians observe Ash Wednesday as a day of penitential prayer and fasting. According to the canonical gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus Christ spent 40 days fasting in the desert, where he endured temptation by Satan. Lent originated as a mirroring of this, fasting 40 days as preparation for Easter. Every Sunday was seen as a commemoration of the Sunday of Christ's resurrection and so as a feast day on which fasting was inappropriate. Accordingly, Christians fasted from Monday to Saturday (six days) during six weeks and from Wednesday to Saturday (four days) in the preceding week, thus making up the number of 40 days.

### **SUPER BOWL CHALLENGE WINNER**

In worship on Super Bowl Sunday, Pastor Gilbert issued an invitation to the congregation to write on their Worship Today Forms the total number of points to be scored in the Super Bowl which was played that evening. The total score of both teams was 62. Justin Whalen guessed 64 and won the cash prize. Congratulations, Justin!

### **FROM CATAWBA VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER:**

I am writing to express our deepest thanks for your recent donation to CVMC Hospital Chaplaincy Fund. Generous gifts from donors like you provide the financial and moral support needed to continue our mission here at Catawba Valley Medical Center.

With your financial contribution, you've demonstrated your deep commitment to our work of seeing to the spiritual needs of our patients and their family members while here at CVMC.

There is no way to fully express my gratitude and appreciation. We at CVMC are continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of donors like you.

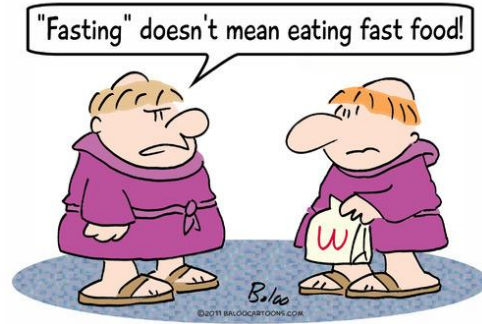
I look forward to a continuing partnership with Grace Lutheran Church.

Adina Anreau, RN, MS, CNM, NEA\_BC, Vice President-Administration

## BOARD NOTES FOR FEBRUARY (Meeting held 2/12/17)

- \* Devotions given by Joe Momier. Prayer s by Pastor Gilbert
- \* Contract for use of land next to Union Church to be presented to Michael Whisnant,
- \* Board has First Sunday Lunch in March.
- \* Board noted that propane gas bill was questionably high in past months and will investigate with Blossman Propane Co.
- \* Old laptop computer in Church Office to be used for Confirmation students.
- \* Current Church Office computer having hard drive issues. Kathy Hefner will take to Select Tech for repair.
- \* IBM Typewriter was donated to Church Office by Pastor Gil and Karen Gilbert.
- \* Property/Facilities: Report was made listing 17 items as goals to accomplish.
- \* Finance: Motion was made and seconded to cash in CD at BB&T Bank (\$1,000) and deposited into the General Fund. (Passed). Motion made and seconded to deposit unclaimed checks (\$6,000) into General Fund. (Passed) Motion made and seconded to report offerings in the Grace Notes newsletter each month, as well as the weekly average needed.(Passed)
- \* Pastor Gil reported on his trip to Pastors Conference in Orlando and meeting with Bishop Bradosky and Pr. Randall Cauble concerning being an Internship Pastors and Grace and New Jerusalem partnering as an internship location. He will bring back a report from Orlando.

Next Meeting: March 12 @ 4 pm.



*Only with Jesus  
can you reach your  
full potential.*



Thanks to Richard Germain (See Jonah 1-4)

IT JUST SAYS "DON'T"

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**FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH AND SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

Those listed below are ones that served those months the past year. Please look at the list below and *contact the Church Office by email, a phone call, or a note on the desk to verify that you will prepare the meals, or sign the list on the bulletin board across from the Pastor's Office.* If you will **NOT** be serving again, we need to know that as well so another group can be recruited. It has been requested that the menu for each meal be listed in the newsletter and bulletin. They are due in the office by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month prior to the event. (KH)

	<b>FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST</b>
April	Christian Education/ Learning Ministry Team <b>(CONFIRMED)</b>	Pastor Gil & Karen Gilbert <b>(CONFIRMED)</b>  Easter Breakfast 4/16/17 - Dennis & Nancy Leonard & Family <b>(CONFIRMED)</b>
May	Mr. Biven's Learning Hour Class <b>(CONFIRMED)</b>	Via de Cristo Ministry <b>(CONFIRMED)</b>
June	No Lunch Served	No Breakfast Served
July	No Lunch Served	No Breakfast Served
August	No Lunch Served	No Breakfast Served
September	No lunch - Labor Day	Learning Hour Classes - Rally Day
October	Christian Education/ Learning Ministry Team <b>(CONFIRMED)</b>	Carl & Glennie Beam, Lorene Heavner, Gary Leatherman, Dan & Tricia Panek
November	Chancel Choir	Pastor Gil & Karen, Joy Heavner, Don & Nicky Jarrett, Mike & Debi Pisko
December	Christian Education/ Learning Ministry Team <b>(CONFIRMED)</b>	Biggerstaff's

**CONFIRMATION/CAMPFIRMATION PLANNING**

The meeting of all pastors in the Campfirmation Ministry was held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Christ Lutheran Church in Charlotte NC. Registrations are now being accepted for all youth who will have finished the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2016-2017 school year. The week of Campfirmation for our camp (Exodus Cluster) is July 16-22 at Camp Lutherock in Newland NC.

Grace has one confirmand this year, Makayla Hall. Makayla will be attending Campfirmation with 30 other campers, 5 pastors and 1 adult leader from 5 other Lutheran Congregations. Upon completion of her camp experience, Makayla will be in class with Pastor Gilbert and upon completion of all work, the Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated on Reformation Sunday. It's going to be a great year for Makayla and all the youth who will be attending!

**ESSIE REINHARDT** will be celebrating her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The family encourages everyone to send her a card in hopes of her receiving at least 100 cards. That would surely put a big SMILE on her face and fill her heart with love. Cards can be sent to: Essie Reinhardt, c/o Homeplace of Burlington, 118 Alamance Road, Burlington, NC 27215.



## **INVITATION BEGINS FOR INTERNSHIP CONGREGATIONS**

Grace Lutheran Church, Newton NC and New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Hickory NC have been invited to participate as teaching congregations in the NALC Internship Ministry. This is an important and vital part of the ministry of the wider church as the local congregation takes on an intern as part of their seminary education.

The internship year for a seminarian is the time spent in a congregation setting, and doing those things in the ministry to “get their feet wet” and to get exposure for what parish ministry is like. It is also a tremendous time of learning.

We are in the early stages at this writing, but the internship model is based on the gifts and qualifications of the congregation pastor to be an internship supervisor, as well as the setting and willingness of the potential internship congregation. For that reason, Grace and New Jerusalem congregations have been yoked as a 2-point internship site to serve as internship congregations. This will follow with the approval of both congregations.

Internship Teams must be formed with qualified persons from both congregations who will meet monthly with the intern to assist and oversee the internship year. Pastors Gilbert and Cauble will be the internship pastors/supervisors for the intern (Vicar).

If you are interested in the internship ministry or would be willing to serve the internship program at Grace in some way, please speak with Pastor Gilbert. More to come. Stay tuned!

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING TO BEGIN**

There have been several members of Grace who have come forward to indicate their interest in the Stephen Ministry. Just to keep you informed about the Stephen Ministry, it is a one-to-one caring lay ministry of persons within the congregation who have received Stephen Ministry training by a certified Stephen Leader. Future SMs begin with 12-weeks of training in all aspects of pastoral care and developing skills such as how to be present, listening to others, grief, divorce, handling crisis situations, confidentiality, speaking truth in love, making hospital visits, the authority of a Stephen Minister among many others topics. Here are some comments from other Lutherans who have been trained and are currently Stephen Ministers:

*“This is the most rewarding thing I have ever done in my life for Christ’s church.”*

*- Linda Retzlaff, Fayetteville Georgia*

*“I thought it was just another class on visiting, but it is so much more. I have grown as a Christian in caring for others as Jesus would.” - Eloise Taylor, Charlotte NC*

*“It is the training that is truly from the Holy Spirit. Thanks to Pastor Jim for encouraging me to be a Stephen Minister. It has enriched my life tremendously.”*

*– Robert Weller, Houston, Texas*

The Stephen Ministry at Grace will begin with its first training class sometime after Easter. Pastor Gilbert has been trained as a Stephen Leader with the extensive two-week course taught by Stephen Ministry founder, Dr. Kenneth Haulk.

If you are interested in giving back to the church in the form of this rewarding caring lay ministry, please contact Pastor Gilbert for a pre-training interview.

## **NALC CONSTITUTION AND HOMOSEXUALITY POSITION: SCOUTING**

The Boy Scouts of America has announced a major policy reversal, a rather dramatic shift in the foundational policy of the organization. It is now accepting girls as Boy Scouts. Yes, girl boy scouts. That is to say, the Boy Scouts of America is accepting “transgender boys”—girls who are biologically female, but are declaring themselves “boys,” or, at least, are currently declaring themselves boys, for now, at the moment, for as long as they feel like wanting to be called boys.

These “transgender boys” will be permitted to proclaim their gender identity of preference on their application and thereby gain entry to Boy Scouts’ programs. Michael Surbaugh, the chief executive of the Scouts, explains that the policy change has been dictated by the “complex topic” of transgender identity.

The NALC and Grace Church Constitutions call for all associations using church facilities to be made aware of our stance on Scripture and God’s Word as it relates to the sinfulness of man and, more specifically, the intention of Creation and same-sex marriages and transgender/homosexuality. A covenant has been established to insure that any groups using the church facilities agree with the NALC position on human sexuality. The announcement by the Boy Scouts of America prevents that organization from using NALC church facilities. The Girl Scouts also have the same position as the BSA with regard to homosexual leaders and youth.

We are currently in conversation with the Brownie troop leaders to enter into a covenant with Grace Church as they use our facilities.

## **THE PANZOS IN MISSION**

Written by Didi Panzo

On the night of December 26, 2016; strong rains fell all over the DRC. Most of the rainwater ran into the Congo River, causing a big flood in the city of Boma and taking many lives and homes. (You can see the photos below.) There was crying everywhere, because the death toll was around 700 and more than two thousand houses and buildings were lost, including the Lutheran elementary school. Many of the victims have no place to stay, so they spend their days and nights outside. No humanitarian action is visible and people are facing depression. Through CCDN and the



Confessional Lutheran Church, we are providing counselling to some families, but the need for temporary housing still exists and we have no place for them to stay. Your prayers are needed.

Political unrest surged in the DRC from December 19-20, 2016. The opposition and the majority exchanged words, and fighting was so intense in the city of Boma that many lives were lost. Houses were broken into and young folks engaged in robbing houses and vandalizing cars of deputies and those in government positions. All this happened because the president of republic overstayed his time in power. The situation is calm for now but prayers are requested for an effective peace.

We thank God for the opportunity we had to feed 10 young orphans on December 31, 2016. These boys frequently come to our doors to ask for food, money and much more. We share with them what we have and are able to give. December 31st was a touching day as we heard each

child's story. One of them said, "I am not an orphan because God is my father. My mother passed away and my biological father abandoned me, but God is always there." It was very touching. The others didn't want to share their situations but instead shared who they want to be in the future and the talents that they possess. We spent a good evening with them and gave each child a small soccer ball as a gift. To God be the glory. Continue to pray that God may provide for their needs. We shared Jesus with them and we will continue to gather for prayer once a week.

Two veteran pastors of the Confessional Lutheran Church in Boma passed away recently. Each was diagnosed with a terminal disease and remained in the hospital until the day that God called him home. The Rev. Muaka died on January 16 and was buried on January 27, 2017. While in the hospital, his house was destroyed during the flooding and everything was lost. The church must help the widow to find a place to stay. Rev. Tsumbu passed away on January 22, and the burial is planned for February 1, 2017. Pray for the two widows who are left behind with nothing and facing a life of poverty. Pray also for the Confessional Lutheran Church as they grieve the loss of their two faithful servants

Prayer Requests:

- ❖ Pray that God will make provision as we consider buying or renting a facility that can be use as shelter and orphanage.
- ❖ Pray for those who lost their homes and love ones during the flooding.
- ❖ Pray for the DRC government to reach an agreement for future elections as a way to achieve peace in the country.
- ❖ Pray for God's provision for our ministry fund as we consider engaging in some crucial programs. Also the provision to replace our generator that was stolen.
- ❖ Pray for peace and safety.
- ❖ Pray also for the leadership of the Confessional Lutheran Church, for church growth and stability.

To God Be the Glory!

**For more information on how to partner with the Panzo family, please visit: [NALC Global Workers](#).**

### **A NEW BUSINESS IN OUR COMMUNITY**

As you have noticed, Love's Travel Center is currently being constructed on Hwy 10 at US 321 in our community and is scheduled to open this Spring (weather permitting completion on schedule). It will be a full service travel center with groceries, drinks, snacks and a full Hardee's

Restaurant. (Seniors get coffee at Hardee's for .15!!!). The Travel Center will also feature Chester's Chicken which is a regular offering at all Love's Travel Centers. Love's usually has very competitive gas prices and now many in our community won't have to travel far to get gas...or food!



**Love's**

**Questioning God? He made the brain cells you think with!**

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