

The Lamplighter
Of Saint Luke's Lutheran Church,
Prosperity, South Carolina
August 2009

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

We are moving fast through the summer months. At the end of this month I will have had the great privilege of serving as you Interim Pastor for one year. It does not seem that it has been that long. It has been a joy to work in God's mission with each one.

Over the last several weeks I have been trying to balance my time here at St. Luke's and being with my wife. Helen and I want to express our sincerest appreciation for all the calls, cards, prayers, and gifts of food and flowers during her stay in the hospital and at the Rehabilitation Hospital. It was a great joy to have her come home on July 10 after entering the hospital on June 14. We thank you for your compassion and concern. It is greatly appreciated. We look forward to the continual miracle of God's healing power.

What a great experience was had by all at Vacation Bible School. Thanks to Mary Beth Richardson and all her staff for the great work. The Adult Class was filled with many exciting and interesting discussions. I appreciate all who attended and read the book THE SHACK.

Your support of our summer worship schedule has been great. Your patience with our service has been appreciated. Thanks so much. Remember you are the gift that God uses to make St. Luke's a strong witnessing community.

Remember to keep your church in your daily prayers. Remember to Pray for the ELCA Church wide Assembly meeting, asking the power of the Holy Spirit lead and guide all voting members in making decisions that will affect the witness of God's Church.

Pastor Smith

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Women ^{of the} ELCA

The annual Women of the ELCA State Convention was held June 26-27 at St. Stephen's in Lexington. Convention offering totaled \$17,543.45 (\$4214.00 convention + \$13,329.45 Thankoffering). This year's convention project of collecting Bingo prizes for the five SC Lutheran Homes was quite a success with a total of over 13,000 prizes and \$104.26 donated. One representative was sent with a pick-up truck to transport their share but quickly realized that it would take 30-40 trips to do the job...he decided to get a rental travel unit.

Deann McMannus and Michelle Long attended as delegates, and Mollie Connelly represented us well as our young woman guest. Christie Gardner was present in her State Board capacity, and Harriett Kesler and Ingrid Carr "wo-manned" the Fair Trade store.

Pictures and a complete copy of the Convention minutes are posted on our bulletin board downstairs in the hallway of the church.

The Executive Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 30 at 6:00pm in the Assembly Room. All Circle Presidents, or their representative, are encouraged to attend.

August 2009

Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Laura Lester	
2	Maggie Connelly Ruth Boozer	
3	Terrance Burdette	
5	Halle Koon	
6	Brandi Rosenberg Randy Arehart	Levi & Karen Cumalander
8	Kaitlin Kunkle Doliene Bedenbaugh	
9	Alex Bedenbaugh	
10	Becky Pugh	Robert & Helen Beebe
13	Sandra Lominack	
14		Mickey & Tracey Fulmer
16	Ben Hawkins	
17	Alex Lake	
18	Carlee Livingston	
19	Nicole Boozer	
21	Amber Stone Keitt Kunkle	
22	Ashely Lake	
24	Jane Pommier	
26	Faye Long Lydia Merchant Mary Edith Bedenbaugh	Randall & Kathy Minick
27	Kenneth Lake Carson Cockrell	
28	Jared Jones	Keitt & Beth Kunkle
29	Ashley Dominick	
30	Justin Hawkins	Barry & Deann McManus Bob & Debra Beard

**Happy Birthday and Anniversary Everyone
May God Bless You with Many More!**

August 2009 Volunteers

ACOLYTES

- August 2 April Cumalander & Rachel Turner
August 9 Duncan Crotwell & Patrick Craven
August 16 Jake Buzhardt & Justin Hawkins
August 23 Rachel Buzhardt & Ashley Lake
August 30 Hannah Floyd & Rachel Swygert

CRUCIFER

- August 2 Emma Brandt
August 9 Adam Steele
August 16 Amber Stone
August 23 Alden Turner
August 30 Lesley Taylor

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

- August 2 Linda Kunkle & Cindy Bedenbaugh
August 9 Mike & Dapne Dubose
August 16 Dana Green & Janna Cockrell
August 23 April Peel & Rose Brandt
August 30 Fran Merchant & Sarah Eargle

ALTAR FLOWERS

- August 2 Ruth Boozer and Family
August 9 Bernice and Susan Connelly and Edith Hite
August 16 Billy and Edith Morris
August 23 Martha, Millie, Ashley Rose, and Elizabeth Pugh
August 30 Barry and Deann McManus

GREETERS

- August 2 Brenda Clapp & Dianne Morris
August 9 Enoch Boozer & Betty Shealy
August 16 Joe Boozer & Linda Sheppard
August 23 Bernice Connelly & Mary Beth Richardson
August 30 Betty Dominick & Rose Brandt

LECTORS

- August 2 John W. Pugh
August 9 Jim Ballantyne
August 16 Kevin Longshore
August 23 Henry Brandt
August 30 Youth Sunday

CLOSING THE CHURCH

- August 2 Alvin Connelly
August 9 Mike Hawkins
August 16 Enoch Boozer
August 23 Russell Hendrix
August 30 Bobby Morris

USHERS

- August 2 Tim Connelly, Evan Pitts, Bert Lucas, Chesley Minick
August 9 Henry Kunkle Jr., Jim Ballantyne, Russell Hendrix, Enoch Boozer
August 16 Steven Lake, Matthew Kunkle, Lee Livingston, John W. Pugh
August 23 Joe Boozer, Jody Green, Reggie Beckham, Joey Long
August 30 Tim Connelly, Alvin Connelly, Tim Brandt, Steven Lake

ALTAR GUILD

- July 27-Aug 2 Mitchell and Harriett Connelly and Wanda Crotwell
August 3-9 Joe Kunkle & Brenda Smith
August 10-16 Junior and Faye Shealy
August 17-23 Neal, Laura and Adam Lester
August 24-30 Randy and Judy Nobles

Prayer List

Members

Carol Brandt
Sherry Dominick
Essie Suit
Peggy Bedenbaugh
Mary Edith Bedenbaugh
Wayne Sheppard
Chesley Minick
Rebecca Killian
Joe Usry
Ponzell Morris
Julia Turner

Family & Friends

Matt Paxton (Deann McManus' cousin)
Bobbie Alan Oxner
Kathleen Crumpton (mother of Dianne Morris)
Pauline Owings (Beth Kunkle's Grandmother)
DJ Bedenbaugh
Mica Wilson (friend of Shelia Beckham)
Chase Hamm
Kathleen Long (mother of Charlene Pitts)
Ronda Cannon
Jessica Morris (needs heart transplant)
Jean Nichols
Jan Tibboles
Harry Evan
Vanessa Boozer
Wyman Metts
Helen Smith
Nancy Pitts
Mary Davenport
Leah & Anna Long (Aunt of Belton Dennis)
Mary Beck
Ernestine Wofford
Carolyn Harmon

All caregivers, and all others who have experienced pain, disappointment, anger, and grief in this congregation, St. Luke's, and elsewhere.

Nursing Home

Carol Brandt (Saluda Nursing Center)	Ira Bedenbaugh (White Oak Manor)
Mamie Lou Bedenbaugh (White Oak Manor)	Lille Belle Minick (White Oak Manor)
Dezaree Morris (White Oak Manor)	Ruby Nichols (White Oak Manor)
Martha Ann Cook (Lowman Home)	Jacob Bundrick (Lowman Home)
Peggy Bedenbaugh (White Oak Manor)	

Hospitalized this Month:

Joe Usry, Sherry Dominick, Helen Smith, Peggy Bedenbaugh

Congregational Sympathy

Congregational Love and Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mrs. Evelyn Morris. Mrs. Morris passed away on Saturday July 18, 2009. Her funeral was held here at St. Luke's on July 20, 2009.

Congregational Love and Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mr. Robert Claude May III. Mr. Mays passed away on Wednesday June 24, 2009. He was Grant and Carter Mays' grandfather and Gina Mays' father-in-law.

Our Prayers are with you all

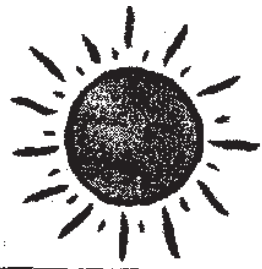


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	6	7	8 ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY 8 am
	13 NEWSLETTER INFORMATION DUE IN OFFICE	14	15
Circle 7:30 pm	20	21	22
	27	28	29

News and Announcements

HATS OFF to all who helped make our July 3 Boston Butt-Hash-Baked Goods-Produce Sale a big success! St. Luke's now has \$10,615.32 available to pay o our loan on the New Fellowship Hall Building. We tried some new things some worked; others didn't. Next time we will improve by our mistakes. Thanks again for all who worked, contributed baked goods and produce, sold and purchased. Working together and with God's help anything is possible

On Saturday, August 8 at 8:00 a.m. Lutheran Men In Mission will be picking up trash along the Stoney Hill Road, between S.C Highway 391 and 395. Plan now to come out and help these groups, along with other community volunteers, in their Adopt-A-Highway efforts.

It's once again time to begin purchasing items for MANNA HOUSE. The Children's Sunday School Department, Kid's Club, and WELCA will be making another delivery at the end of August. All items should be placed in the appropriate boxes at each exit of the church by August 30. Remember this is a time when many of our neighbors are going through tough times and they need our help. Donations of canned meats, vegetables, fruits, soups, and juices; cereals such as grits, oatmeal, rice and boxed cereals; condiments like salt, pepper, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, sugar, flour and cornmeal are needed. Use your imagination for other contributions. Gifts of money or checks (made to "Manna House") can be used. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done unto one of the least of these my brethrens, ye have done it unto me."

In 2008 St. Luke's kicked off its BUILDING+ RENEWING +BELIEVING Campaign. At this time we joined with South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers in their and our "Legacy Campaign". Many of us pledged to donate each year, month, or week to further the expansion of SCLRC and/or to repay St. Luke's loan on the new building. Others said that they'd rather give each year as they were able. Every first Sunday you give to St. Luke's. but on Sundays August 16 and 23 you will once again have the opportunity to give to SCLRC. If you've ever been to Camp Kinard, Coastal Retreat Center or Biggerstaff, did you enjoy your experience? Now is the time for you to show your appreciation and to make sure these places are available for your children and grandchildren. These are "places apart" where one can go to rest, relax and meet God.

The end of the summer is near and a new school year is upon us which means its time to prepare for a new and exciting Sunday School year! Many have already volunteered to help but more teachers are needed. If you are willing to help, please contact Janna Cockrell (364-9282). Thanks to the many teachers that have agreed to minister in faith to the young people of St. Luke's

Would you like to increase your flexibility, strength and balance? Can you move and breathe at the same time? Are you interested in trying yoga? Would you like to try a Yoga Fit class for FREE? Based on the ancient fitness science of hatha yoga, it blends balance, strength, flexibility and power in a fitness format. YogaFit overcomes the mystery of yoga by delivering a practical, user-friendly style, which is accessible, understandable, and DOABLE by individuals at ANY level of fitness. You won't stand on your head and you don't need to be able to touch your toes!!! Deann McManus will be offering FREE yoga classes at the church beginning on Tuesday, August 4 at 7pm. Classes will meet during the month of August on Tuesdays at 7pm and on Sundays at 5pm (this schedule is subject to change depending on the schedules of the majority of those interested). For more information call Deann at 364-1990 or e-mail at DeannMac1212@att.net.

We officially ROCKED THE DOCK!!!! Vacation Bible School was a HUGE SUCCESS!. We had 87 children that participated. Each night we averaged 165 participants, including helpers, teens, and adult class. I would like to thank everyone for their love and support and prayers during this majorly large project. Many people came to my rescue and I could not have done it without you ALL. I especially would like to thank Sarah Eargle who has done this for the past several years. I never knew how hard of a worker you are until I tried to step into your shoes. St. Luke's is truly blessed to have you as a member!! I would challenge each of you to try to find ways that YOU can become more involved with the MINISTRY of our church. There is no more satisfying feeling than to see the rewards that you get when you do the "Lord's Work". I would challenge you to ask the Lord what He would have you to do - and then do it! GREAT THINGS ARE GOING TO HAPPEN - I GUARANTEE IT!!!!

HEARTLAND CONFERENCE AUGUST HAPPENINGS

There are several Conference events that will be happening during the month of August

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the Lutheran Men In Mission will be on August 9 at 5:00 p.m. This is Youth Night for all the youth of the Conference. The entertainment will be by SOLID GROUNDS, a Christian rock Group. The meal will be Hot Dogs, hamburgers and all the trimmings. The price is \$6.00 per person. If you will be attending please let Ronald Boozer, Joe Boozer, or Mike Cousins know by Sunday August 2. Reservations must be made by 8:00 that evening.

HEARTLAND CONFERENCE MEETING

The annual conference meeting will be held at St. Jacob's Chapin. This meeting will begin at 4:00. At this meeting elections will be held for Conference Council and to elect a new Dean of the Conference. All Congregations should be represented by the Pastor and 2 lay delegates. We need a male and female delegate to represent St. Luke's. If you would be interested in attending, please let Pastor Smith know by August 9.

About our Members

Sarah Eargle was named the new director of the preschool program at Grace Christian School. Congratulations to all! We are so proud of you.

The WELCA had three entries in the WKDK June dairy month cream cheese dessert contest. Thank you Peggy Boozer, Lisa Lever, and Faye Shealy for showing off some of St. Luke's culinary talents! We were not victorious, but there's always next year!

"A Big Thanks to the Saint Luke Family"

The family of Bertha Nichols would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown to them during the time of her death.

The Nichols Family

Dear Friends at St. Luke's,

I want to express my deepest thanks to you for the many prayers, for all the cards you sent, for calls made, for your gift of flowers, for the visits, for the food you have brought to our home, during my weeks at Self Hospital and the Greenwood Regional Rehabilitation Hospital. All this support has been very helpful to my entire family. Your thoughtfulness and concern have been very sincerely appreciated.

Helen D. Smith

50 Days of Prayer

Week of August 2

Word

Acts 2:42-47

Luke 20:45, 21:4

- How is your congregation similar and dissimilar from the congregation described in Acts? What might bring there for each other in-season and out-of-season look and feel like for you?
- Who has unexpectedly shown you the grace of God that brings life? In what unexpected places have you found a great wealth of faith, generosity and service?

Week of August 9

Word

Joshua 21:1-2a, 14-18

Psalms 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

- What are the gods that compete for your life and the lives of our communities? What are some of the ways that “you and your household” serve the Lord? How has God supported, sustained and nourished you in this service?
- What are some of the spiritual battles and struggles in your life? What do you need from God to stand against these things?
- What unique or shared tools has God given you, your congregation and this church for declaring that Jesus is the “Holy One Of God”? What impedes that proclamation? What frees it?

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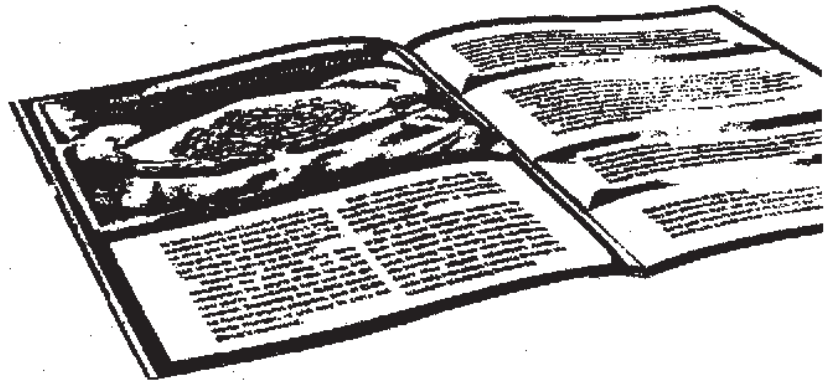
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2009–2010 Bible Study

"To God's Beloved: Paul's Letter to the Romans," begins in September. This epistle is one of the foundations of Christian theology. Martin Luther called it the most important piece in the New Testament—he even said it would be worth memorizing!

The author is the Rev. Dr. Sarah Henrich, professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.



September
Encouragement

Session 1: *Be Mutually Encouraged*
Theme verse: Romans 1:16

October
Obedience

Session 2: *The Obedience of Faith*
Theme verse: Romans 4:16a

November
Hope

Session 3: *Hope Does Not Disappoint*
Theme verse: Romans 8:11

December
Change

Session 4: *Moved to a New Address*
Theme verse: Romans 8:13b

January 2010
February
Trust

Session 5: *Nothing Can Separate Us*
Theme verse: Romans 8:26
Session 6: *Does God Keep Promises?*
Theme verse: Romans 11:29

March
Renewal

Session 7: *The Renewing of Our Minds*
Theme verse: Romans 12:1–2

April
Hospitality

Session 8: *Holy Hospitality*
Theme verse: Romans 15:7

May
Wisdom

Session 9: *Wise in What Is Good*
Theme verse: Romans 16:19

June
July-August

Upcoming 2010
Summer Bible Study on prayer



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2 years/20 issues \$22
3 years/30 issues \$33

July Financial Report

Offering needed each Sunday in 2009 to meet Budget	\$5,047.37
Budget Needed To Date	\$136,278.99
Budget Received To Date	\$125,012.24
Amount short of Budget	\$11,266.75
Fellowship Hall Balance as of 06/30/09	\$230,251.87

WORSHIP TRENDS

ATTENDANCE

OFFERING

July 5th	171	3954.00
July 12th	193	3876.20
July 19th	179	5146.80
July 26th	214	3711.80