

The Lamplighter

of Saint Luke's Lutheran Church
Prosperity, South Carolina

December 2009

Pastor's Note

A time of hope..and light

December is always a time of contradictions. The weather turns colder, the sky is often cloudy and gray, and as the month goes on the days continue to grow shorter and shorter. In spite of all of the gloomy weather December is often a time of celebration and joy. We gather together as friends and family inside warm, glowing homes and comfortable churches to rejoice in the promises that we have been given through the birth of Jesus.

As we prepare for that wonderful day when we celebrate Christ's birth I have always wondered about the core contradiction of the season. How can one child so change the course of the world that we find ourselves still celebrating his birth more than 2000 years later? What happened on that day so long ago that causes us to look for hope?

I find that answering the question begins when we see who is drawn to the birth of this new child. First the shepherds come, those who have spent the night working in the cold away from family and friends. With nothing to give they are given a blessing themselves. The Shepherds are the first ones to hear about the birth of God's own son. Later we hear about the Wise Men who also come sharing gifts fit for a King. These gifts show hints of both the triumph any pain that will come in this child's life.

As we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth we are also preparing for a time when he will come again. We find ourselves drawn into the story of our salvation. We see God draw near as we wait to celebrate with the world that promise that the Christ Child lived, lives again, and one day we will all see the fullness of God.

Christmas blessings to you in this holy time

Pastor Jason Schafer

Mt. Pilgrim Presents Carolyn Hamlin in Christmas Concert, Saturday, December 12th 3:00 pm, 2336 Mt. Pilgrim Church Rd., Prosperity. You are invited to join the congregation of Mt. Pilgrim as it celebrates both the installation of its new Allen L-9 Custom organ and the beautiful and inspiring music of the season. The performer is the organist at First Baptist Church in Easley and is a noted concert artist as well as a composer. A reception follows the concert. For more information call 364-4709.

New Horizons

New Horizons is attending Newberry Community Choir's production of "The Wonder of Christmas" on Friday Dec 4th after stopping for dinner at Grille on Main. Meet at the church at 4:30 pm. Contact Rose (364-2973) or Catherine (364-2870) by next Sunday, the 29th for reservations.



Ladies mark your calendar for February 19-20, 2010 and plan to attend the WELCA Retreat. "Son Your Wildflowers" will be led by the Rev. Mary Mappns Finklea and held at Camp Kinard. There will be a Bible Study, crafts, time to enjoy God's creation and time to get to know your sisters in Christ. Experience a great overnight escape to the country where peace and serenity await you. Registration and \$60 per person (overnight) or \$40 per person (day with meals, etc...) must be received by January 1. For more information and a registration form see Catherine.

Special Thanks

Dear St. Luke's Family, We would like to express our deep appreciation for all your concern for Mrs. Peggy with your calls, prayers, cards and visits when she was so sick and going through such a bad time. Thank you for the memorials you made at the time of her death. Thanks to Pastor Smith and Pastor Brandt for their concern. May God bless each of you, Phillip and Linda Bedenbaugh.

Dear Church Family, Thanks so much for the Thanksgiving Dinners you provided for Mom (Ms. Manona H. Hendrix) and her caregiver last week. It is so thoughtful of you all! May God richly bless you in your continuing to do His work here on earth! In Christian Love, The Hendrix Family

Hello! Beckie, I thank you for the food you brought me on Thanksgiving day. It meant so much to me. Hope all of you had a great feast. Thanks in God's love, Mrs. Essie Suit

About Our Members

Mid-Carolina Middle School Principal's Honor Roll consists of Annabel Barnett, Rachel Turner, Ingrid Trotter, Jayden Peel and Duncan Crotwell.

Mid-Carolina Honor Roll includes Marshall Horne, Ryan Karn, Ashlyn Kunkle, April Cumalander, Beth Fulmer and Ashley Lake.

MacKenzie Crotwell and Ben Hawkins are Awesome Authors at Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School.

Savannah Lever, Calen McManus and Aubrey Richardson are Lifeskills Leaders at Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School.

Ashley Lake is a member of Mid-Carolina Middle School Volleyball Team.

Payton Gardner and Cillon Morris are on Newberry Academy's First Six-Weeks Honor Roll.

Rachel Buzhardt was a member of the Newberry Academy Math Team, who competed in the SCISA Middle School Math Meet.

Justin Clevenger is on Newberry Elementary School First Nine Weeks Principal's Honor Roll.

Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School First Nine Weeks Principal's Honor Roll includes Julia Eargle, Andrew Green, Eliza McManus, Reagan Peel, Jerran Long, Kirsten Bickley, MacKenzie Crotwell, Alana Eargle, Calen McManus, Ashley Turner, Jared Ballantyne and Grant Mays.

Named to the Honor Roll are Landon Morris, Savannah Lever, Kolby Minick, Alex Lake, Ben Hawkins, Elise Mills, Anna Craven, Jonathan Bickley, Ivey Horne, Carter Mays and Justin Lever.

Congratulations to everyone! Keep up the good work!

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL HEARTLAND CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF RELIGION



*Fee: \$10.00 for 4 nights
Youth admitted FREE.*

**Tuesday evenings, January, 2010
January 5, 12, 19, and 26
7 to 9 p.m.
at
Grace Lutheran Church
Prosperity, SC**

School of Religion

Each session of the School of Religion will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, Prosperity, SC, on Tuesdays, January 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2010. The sessions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. with a break for refreshments and fellowship.

What is the School of Religion?

The School of Religion is designed to help laypersons and rostered leaders apply biblical and theological foundations to their congregational ministries and personal life in the world. The school in 2010 will focus on Bible Study, discerning God's will, witnessing, and other life issues.

Why Have a School of Religion?

The school provides outstanding resource people to address the interests of congregations and individuals in our Heartland Conference. In this setting, we can enhance our learning and deepen our understanding of God's work in the world.

How is the School Financed?

The cost of the school will be funded from individual registration fees, congregational contributions, and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Other donations are also welcomed.

Registration Materials

Registration materials are available in Heartland Conference Churches. If you have any questions, please call Khristie Metts at 803-276-9969.

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Tuesday

Wed

Notes:

1 Boy Scouts SHC 6:30PM

2 Kids Club w
5:30pm

6 Sunday School 10:00 am
The Service 11:00 am
Prosperity Parade 3:00pm

7 Cub Scouts SHC 6:30pm

8 Essie Hawkin's Circle
meets at 10:30am to
go to the Palms for
lunch at 11:30
Boy Scouts SHC 6:30PM

9 LMM Christ
Fellowship

13 Sunday School 10:00 am
The Service 11:00 am

Kids Club Christmas
Program Practice

14 Cub Scouts SHC 6:30pm
LMM 7:30pm

15 Boy Scouts SHC 6:30PM

16 Thomas Su

20 Sunday School 10:00 am
The Service 11:00 am

Kids Club Christmas
Program During Service

Drop-in Schafer 3-5pm

21 No Cub Scouts

22 No Boy Scouts

23

27 Sunday School 10:00 am
The Service 11:00 am

28 No Cub Scouts
Thomas Suber Circle
Christmas Party at
Main Dish 7:00 pm

29 No Boy Scouts

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LCY Trip →

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
will Serve Supper	3	4 New Horizons - to Newberry Community Choir Program. Leave Church @ 4:30pm	5 Christmas Tree Lighting 5:30 pm
Christmas Party Hall 7:00 pm	10 Fellowship Hall Reserved for Newberry Cattlemen's Assoc.	11 Fellowship Hall Reserved for Connelly/Ruff Stoney Hill Center Christmas Party at SHC 7pm	12 Fellowship Hall Reserved for Connelly/Ruff Wedding. 3pm today
ber Cr. 7:30pm	17 Deadline to submit newsletter info	18	19 Fellowship Hall Reserved for Betty Shealy 12 noon - 11pm <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Kids Club Christmas Program Practice</div>
	24 Christmas Eve Two Services: 4pm 10pm	25 Christmas Day	26
	31	Notes:	

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mary Nell Boozer
- 2 Tina Nichols
- 3 Brandon Koon
April Cumlander
Patsy Enlow
- 5 Joe Kunkle
- 6 Jeff Livingston
- 7 Edna Stuck
- 8 Chris Kunkle
- 10 Rudy Boozer
Martha B. Turner
- 11 Al Turner
- 12 Deann McManus
- 14
- 15 Catherine Boozer
- 16 Paula Brandt
Cyril Sheppard
Larry Bedenbaugh
- 17 Mickey Fulmer
Christie Gardner
- 18 Chansel Minick
- 19 Wanda Crotwell
- 21
- 22 Lesley Taylor
- 26 Elizabeth Bratton
- 27 Ponzell Morris
- 29 Thelma Morris
- 30 Tim Connelly
- 31 Matthew Kunkle
Emily Lake

ANNIVERSARIES

Rudy & Ruthie Boozer
Chad & Kelly Hawkins
Calvin & Patsy Morris

Mike & Andy Hawkins
Tony & Martha Turner

David & Catherline Amick

Henry & Lucinda Kunkle
Alvin & Susan Connelly
David & Sarah Eargle

Prayer List

Members: Janice Lake, Edgar Jones, Tamela Cohen, Ashely Turner , Betty Connelly, Julia Turner , Ashley Glymph, Essie Suit, Roseann Lester, Mary Edith Bedenbaugh, James Kesler

Family and Friends:

Nora Sharpe	Helen Kiker (Mother of Frank Kiker)
Rosemarie Dickert	A.J. McManus (Barry's Nephew)
Gary Wilbanks	Ruth Boozer (Mary Beth Richardson's Grandmother)
Chase Hamm	Leah & Anna Long (Aunt of Belton Dennis)
DJ Bedenbaugh	Michael Hendrix (friend of Charlene Pitts)
Harry Evan	Justin Saxon (friend of Charlene Pitts)
Mary Beck	Sarah Shealy (Peggy Boozer's Sister-in-Law)
Brandy Nussman	Carl Matthews (Kidney Cancer)
Bruce Payne	Pauline Owings (Beth Kunkle's Grandmother)
H.C. "Doc" Richardson	Jessica Morris (needs heart transplant)
Clarence Vanderford	Gladys Hazel and Clarence Hazel

Nursing Home

Carol Brandt (Saluda Nursing Center), Mamie Lou Bedenbaugh (White Oak Manor), Marth Ann Cook (Lowman Home), Jacob Bundrick (Lowman Home), Dezaree Morris (White Oak Manor), Ruby Nichols (White Oak Manor)

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

Hospitalized during the month: Jacob Bundrick, Larry Morris, Floyd Morris

Congregational Love and Sympathy is extended to the families and friends of Charles David Lindler who passed away on November 13. Charles was Dale & Martha Pugh's brother-in-law, Jeff & Mille's uncle, and Ashley Rose's great uncle.



Our prayers are with you all.

News / Info / Announcements / Notices

LMM Christmas Party is on Dec 9th at 7:00 p.m. Please notify George Hawkins (364-1417) if you plan to attend.

Essie Hawkins Circle will meet at 10:30am at the church on December 8th. We will be going to the Palms Restaurant for lunch, arriving there at 11:30 am. Ladies who would like to go may call Faye at 364-3460.

The 2010 Flower Chart sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please sign-up by Dec 13.

Timber! There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 6 to discuss the sale of timber of 7 acres of St. Luke's property. Joe Boozer has more information.

Stoney Hill Center's Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 11 at S.H. School. Bring a covered dish and beverage and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

COOKBOOKS ARE COMING - Morris Press is currently working on our long-anticipated church cookbook! All 1124 recipes and other materials were submitted to them in late October. The company estimates delivery during the week prior to Christmas. The books will be in colorful three-ring binder format and will well for \$18.00 each.

LMM Toy Drive: Christmas is almost here! LMM is conducting their annual toy drive for needy children in Newberry Co. now till Dec 10. A few requested items are: basketballs, footballs, Spiderman items and board games. However, *any* toy will make some child happy at Christmas. Families can also use diapers (sizes 2,3,and4) and pull-ups (sizes 3T or 4T). LMM will be delivering toys to DSS on Dec 11. Leave unwrapped items on the tables labeled "LMM Toy Drive" in the Assembly Room. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Christmas Program on Dec 20 will be performed during regular Sunday Service. Please contact Sarah Eargle, Mary Beth Richardson, or Jana Cockrell for details.

December 2009 Service Volunteers

- Acolytes:** 6th - Rachel Swygert & Rachel Buzhardt
13th - Jake Buzhardt & Hannah Floyd
20th - Ashley Lake & Justin Hawkins
27th - Beth Fulmer & Adam Lester
- Crucifer:** 6th - Amber Stone
13th - Alden Turner
20th - Lesley Taylor
27th - James Ballantyne
- Nursery Attendants:** 6th - Mike & Daphne Dubose
13th - Dana Green & Janna Cockrell
20th - April Peel & Rose Brandt
27th - Fran Merchant & Sarah Eargle
- Altar Flowers:** 6th - Edna Stuck, Wanda Connelly, Maggie Connelly
13th - Parents of Laurie Ruff and of Christopher Connelly
20th - Josh, Janna & Carson Cockrell
24th and 27th - Peggy Killian and family
- Greeters:** 6th - Linda Kunkle & Enoch Boozer
13th - Ronald & Catherine Boozer
20th - Dean & Cindy Bedenbaugh
27th - Rose Brandt & Mary Beth Richardson
- Lectors:** 6th - Sandra Pugh
13th - Scott Gardner
20th - Wanda Crotwell
27th - Becky Pugh
- Closing the Church:** 6th - Fred Kesler, 13th - Carlton Hite
20th - Henry Brandt, 27th - Joe Kunkle
- Ushers:** 6th - Tim Connelly, Chesley Minick, Bert Lucas, Evan Pitts
13th - Henry Kunkle Jr., Jim Ballantyne, Russell Hendrix, Enoch Boozer
20th - Steven Lake, Matthew Kunkle, Lee Livingston, Paul Brandt
27th - Joe Boozer, Jody Green, Reggie Beckham, Joey Long
- Altar Guild:** Nov 30th to Dec 6th - Neal, Laura & Adam Lester
Dec 7th to 13th - Randy & Judy Nobles
Dec 14th to 20th - Mitchell & Harriett Connelly and Wanda Crotwell
Dec 21st to 27th - Joe Kunkle & Brenda Smith
Dec 28th to Jan 3rd - Faye & Junior Shealy