

The Lamplighter

Of Saint Luke's Lutheran Church, Prosperity, South Carolina

February 2009

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Our 2009 journey of faith is moving fast. We will end the Epiphany chapter and move into Lenten Journey, sooner than we really anticipated.

Prior to the beginning of our Lenten Journey, other things are happening in the life of St. Luke's. On February 1, our youth group will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Sharing, please read the information elsewhere in the newsletter. On February 8, we join our scouts in celebrating Scout Sunday. In the near future we will begin sponsorship of a Boy Scout troop, in addition to our Cub Scout pack. On February 15, we are once again sponsoring a Blood drive. You are encouraged to be a part of each of these great outreach activities.

We began in January with our participation in the Church wide endeavor entitled OPENING THE BOOK OF FAITH. For several weeks we will be involved with this bible study. We meet on Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening. Pray for our study, pray for those involved, pray that we will open the doors for more to want to be partners in this study of God's word and become more fluent in the language of faith.

Prior to our Lenten services you are invited to join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper on February 24 at 7:00. Our Lutheran Men in Mission will prepare the meal. Following tradition at the end of the meal we will burn last years palm branches to use in the Service of Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Our Lenten Services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 25. We will have two services on that day. One at 12 noon for those who would rather come to worship in the day, and on at 7:30 that evening. These will be services of Holy Communion. Our regular Wednesday Lenten Services will be held each Wednesday at 7:30. A light supper will be held at 6:30 each Wednesday. Join us in this Holy season. I would encourage you to pray for our services, pray for those planning, leading, and attending. Pray each day for each of us.

Pastor Smith

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:00am-12:00pm

1:00 pm-4:00 pm

February 2009 Volunteers

ACOLYTES

Feb 1	Justin Hawkins	Ashley Lake
Feb 8	Rachel Buzhardt	Beth Fulmer
Feb 15	Rachel Swygert	Cathryn Kunkle
Feb 22	Adam Lester	Hannah Floyd

CRUCIFER

Megan Hawkins
Alden Turner
Lesley Taylor
Catherine Beggs

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Feb 1	Mike Dubose	Daphne Dubose
Feb 8	Cindy Bedenbaugh	Dana Green
Feb 15	Tammy Kunkle	April Peel
Feb 22	Sarah Eargle	Christie Gardner

ALTAR FLOWERS

Feb 1	Beth and Erin Kiker, Kathy and April Peel
Feb 8	Caroline, Robin, Carol, and Rose Brandt
Feb 15	Joe and Linda Kunkle
Feb 22	Joe and Peggy Boozer

GREETERS

Feb 1	Linda Kunkle	Fran Merchant
Feb 8	Ronald Boozer	Catherine Boozer
Feb 15	Dean Bedenbaugh	Cindy Bedenbaugh
Feb 22	Rose Brandt	Edna Stuck

LECTORS

Feb 1	Kevin Longshore
Feb 8	Jane Pommier
Feb 15	Henry Brandt
Feb 22	Wanda Connelly

CLOSING THE CHURCH

Enoch Boozer
Russell Hendrix
Phil Connelly
Jeffery Pugh

USHERS

Feb 1	Tim Connelly, Evan Pitts, Bert Lucas, Chesley Minick
Feb 8	Henry Kunkle Jr, Jim Ballantyne, Russell Hendrix, Enoch Boozer
Feb 15	Steven Lake, Joe Kunkle, Lee Livingston, John W. Pugh
Feb 22	Joe Boozer, Jody Green, Reggie Beckham, Joey Long

ALTAR GUILD

Feb 1	Mitchell and Harriett Connelly and Wanda Crotwell
Feb 8	Joe Kunkle and Brenda Smith
Feb 15	Faye Shealy and Junior Shealy
Feb 22	Neal, Laura, and Adam Lester

**Serving God through
Serving Others**

Women ^{of the} ELCA

WELCA joint meeting will be held Sunday, February 22, at 3:00pm in the church Fellowship Hall. The Essie Hawkins Circle will host, and our program will be presented by the Newberry County Disabilities and Special Needs Board about the work they do in the community and the Ruth S. Pugh Foundation.

The Yearbook will be finalized and ready for distribution at this meeting, so please have any changes in monthly program hosts, memberships, or phone numbers to me by February 10. My phone number is 276-4791, and my e-mail is msboozer@bellsouth.net

February 22 is also Bold Women's Sunday. It is a day to reflect upon the impact that women have made upon others and the world.

Thank you for your support of the Gifts of Hope program. A total of \$633 was gifted for programs sponsored by the SC Lutheran Retreat Centers, SW Diocese of Tanzania, Lutheran Homes of SC, Iglesia Luterana Manatial de Vida, Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lutheridge/Lutherock Ministires, Inc., and Newberry College. This is a most worthwhile Synod project, and one which I hope we can continue to support.

Two ongoing projects are donations to Sistercare and Manna House. Both of these organizations continue to need our church wide support. Donations can be placed in the designated boxes in the assembly room.

Remember, if you are a woman of St. Luke's, you are also a Woman of the ELCA.

New Horizons

On Saturday, February 21 New Horizons will meet in the Assembly Room at 3:00 pm. Ms. Susan Levine from Lutheran Hospice will tell us about hospice and who's eligible, how to apply, cost, and answer questions we might have.

Our meal will consist of vegetable soup, cornbread and desserts provided by the New Horizon Committee. Make plans now to attend. Visitors are always welcomed.

Aluminium Cans Sale



Thanks to all who have brought aluminum cans to the church during the year. Prices have gone down considerably, but it is still worth our effort to collect this metal. The following shows the poundage and price for collection in 2008:

Date	Pounds	Price/lb	Total
2-7	74	.75	\$55.50
5-12	156	.77	\$120.12
12-15	227	.35	\$79.45

Thus in the past year we have received \$255.07 to add to our Church Maintenance fund from something that we might have just thrown away.

"SPECIAL THANKS TO THE ST. LUKE'S CHURCH FAMILY"

Notes of Thanks,

I would like to express my appreciation to you for the cards, your calls, and your concerns during my time in the hospital. It meant a great deal to me to know that you remembered me at this time.

Helen D. Smith

Notes of Thanks,

Many thanks to all of you for your gifts, and cards during the Christmas season. We appreciate your willingness to remember us at this time. The joy of sharing the season of Christmas with you was great.

Pastor and Helen Smith

Dear Members of St. Luke's,

I want to express my gratitude for remembering me during the holidays, the visits from the pastor, gift baskets, prayers, food baskets, and the wonderful singing carols. Again I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

With Love,

Essie Suit

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank each and every one of you for the thoughts, cards, prayers and phone calls after Kole was born. He is so blessed to be in such a caring and loving church family.

Love,

Keitt, Beth, Audrey and Kole Kunkle

Dear Saint Luke Friends,

Thanks to you all for the many acts of kindness shown to me and my family at the loss of my dad, Joe Keith Fulmer. Your calls, cards, food, visits, and the other expressions of sympathy have meant so much. Thanks again from the bottom of my heart. We were blessed to have him for 90 years!

Sincerely,

Rosann Lester and family

"SPECIAL THANKS TO THE ST. LUKE'S CHURCH FAMILY" Continued

Dear Saint Luke's family,

I would like to thank everyone for the many beautiful and meaningful cards and gifts I recieved during the Christmas season. A special thank you to the WELCA for honoring me with a certificate and pin. I also want to thank Pastor Smith for all his visits and prayers. Thanks to all for your visits and acts of kindness here at White Oak Manor. Bless all of you. My telephone number is 405-0222.

Ethel Cook

Dear St. Luke's friends,

I have always enjoyed and deeply appreciated the up lifting visits and acts of kindness from young and old alike at St. Luke's during the holidays. This year, too, was special. The delicious Thanksgiving meal was prepared by the young children and the adult helpers, the youth singing inspiring Christmas carols, the WELCA delivering useful and fun goodies, the beautiful cards from so many good friends, and Pastor Smith visiting---- each thoughtful act and remembrance was a reflection of caring and love. Thank you and may this new year 2009 bring joy and happiness to all.

Sincerely,

Mary Nell Boozer

Dear Saint Luke's friends,

Thank you so very much for the Thanksgiving meal, the WELCA gift, all the youth carolers and chaperons, as well as the many cards I received from church friends. These were all greatly appreciated by me and my family. During these troubled times, it is a wonderful feeling to see first hand the love of God at work doing good in this world. Thanks again and continue doing the will of God.

In Christian Love,

Kathy Minick

Dear Church Family and Friends,

I want to thank all of you for your calls, cards, visits, and prayers, and other acts of kindness. Especially thanks to Pastor Smith for his visits in the hospital and home. May God Bless.

Love,

Floyd Morris

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>W</i>
1 Sunday School 10:00 am The Service 11:00 am Holy Communion Souper Bowl of Caring (Right after service)	2 Cake Decorating 7:00 pm Bible Study 10:30 am	3 Essie Hawkins Circle 10:00 am Stoney Hill Center 7:30 pm	4 Bible Study
8 Sunday School 10:00 am Scout Sunday 11:00 am Council Meeting 6:00 pm	9 Bible Study 10:30 am LMM 7:00 pm	10	11 Bible Study
15 LMM 8:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am The Service 11:00 am Blood Drive 2-5:00 pm	16 Bible Study 10:30 am	17	18 Barbara Richa Thomas Suber Bible Study
22 Sunday School 10:00 am The Service 11:00 am	23	24 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 7:00 pm	25 Ash Wednesday 12:00 (Holy Comm Imposition of A

JANUARY

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<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
10:30 am	5	6	7
7:00 pm	12	13	14
Madison Circle 7:00 pm Discle 7:30 pm 7:00 pm	19 LMM Heartland Conference, (Bethel, White Rock) 7:00 pm	20	21 State LMM Convention, (St. John, Spartanburg) 1:00 pm New Horizon 3:00 pm
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February 2009

Birthdays & Anniversaries

**2 Karen Kunkle
James Enlow**

**3 Marshall Horne
Michael Connelly**

8 James Kesler

13 Allen Michael Bickley

15 Adam Bedenbaugh

17 Susan Connelly

18 Joe & Sylvia Moore

21 Cathryn Kunkle

23 Ronald & Catherine Boozer

**25 Chad Hawkins
Patrick Livingston**

26 Mike Horne

27 Alvin Connelly

**28 Linda Kunkle
Ben Lake**

MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED THIS MONTH

Grady Bowers, Helen Smith, Helen Beebe, Keith Kunkle, Floyd Morris, and Evelyn Morris



Prayer List

Alex Brandt, The Clarence Shealy family, Grady Bowers, Pauline Owings (Beth Kunkle's grandmother), Evelyn Morris, Joel Derrick, Floyd Morris, Helen Smith, Jeanette Minick, Donnie Beck (Catherine Amick's brother-in-law), Sandra Cribari (Brenda Smith's sister-in-law), Joshua Cumalander, Martha Pugh, Keith Kunkle, Gwen Dawkins Peterson, Bailey Dinkel, Logan Feid, Kitty Milsaps, Al Armfield, Ronnie Summer, Janice Lake, Pastor Henry Brandt, Louise Duncan, Rebecca Killian, Robin Brandt, Kristal Long, Ronda Cannon, all caregivers, and all others who have experienced pain, disappointment, anger, and grief in this congregation, St. Luke's, and elsewhere.

Congregational Love and Sympathy

Congregational Love and Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mr. Horace McElroy. Mr. McElroy died Saturday January 10, 2009.

Congregational love and Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mr. Clarence Shealy. Mr. Shealy died Thursday January 15, 2009. He was the father of Peggy Boozer and brother of Charles Shealy and A.J. "Junior" Shealy.

Congregational Love and Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mrs. Elizabeth Forrest. Mrs. Forrest died Monday January 19, 2009. She was the sister of Ozie Krell and Aunt of Linda Sheppard.

Births in our Congregation

Congratulations to Danny and Brandi Rosenberg on the birth of a baby girl. She was born Saturday, January 17, 2009. The proud grandparents are Dean and Cindy Bedenbaugh.

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL

The Chase Hamm Fund will be selling pork hash. It is a \$6.00 donation per qt. and pickup will be Feb 14th at the shrine club from 10:00-1:00. For tickets please call Becky Boozer (364-2790/924-1076), Sunrise Auto Supply, Jake or Kevin Boozer, Andy Ackerman, or 8 Acres Recycling. Cut off date for selling tickets is Feb 6th.

There is an information sheet out in the narthex that we will be using to help update our yearbook. We would like everyone to please fill it out and drop it in the box by February 15.

Day Camp is June 7th-12th. Please return the registration form to Tracy Fulmer.

The Blood Connection will be here on February 15 from 2:00-5:30. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex starting today.

Saturday, March 14, 2009 the SC Lutheran Retreat Centers (SCLRC) will be offering **"Youth Leader Day at Coastal"** from **10am-4pm**. This will be a day at the beach for Youth Leaders to enrich their youth ministry with **games and activities that promote team work and communication**. Youth Leaders will also learn about opportunities available for their youth at SCLRC's Coastal Retreat and Camp Kinard.

The cost of the day is only **\$10/person**

Lunch is on your own (various restaurants nearby)

Registration is **open to all** denominations and levels of leadership

To register call Amy at **803-532-3183** or email amy@sclrc.com

Coastal Retreat Center is located at 2101 Palm Blvd, Isle of Palms, SC

Calling all children in preschool through fifth grade! We are going to start a new children's ministry at St. Luke's! We will begin by meeting during the Wednesday Lenten services during March. More information will follow for the children.

Calling all adults! We will need your help with this new children's ministry. If you are interested in helping on Wednesday evening during Lent please sign up in the narthex or call Deann McManus at 364-1990 for more information.

First Communion Class. A first communion class will begin on Feb 1 during the Sunday School hour. This class will be held for three weeks. This class is for all who are in the fifth grade and up, who have not had first communion instruction. Following the three week class, those who participate in the class will have their first communion on Ash Wednesday. The class will meet in Room 1 of the Fellowship Hall.

Day Camp

June 15th - 28th

Day Camp Registration Form

Name: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Email Address: _____

Day Camp date: June 7-12 Grade: _____

Please use this form to update your information if you haven't already done so and drop it in the box that is placed in the narthex or bring it by the secretaries' office no later than February 15, 2009.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

Birthday: _____

Anniversary: _____

WORSHIP TRENDS**ATTENDANCE****OFFERING**

Jan 4th	207	\$4,425.00
Jan 11th	202	\$4,306.00
Jan 18th	209	\$3,918.00
Jan 25th	184	\$2,933.00

Offering needed each Sunday in 2009 to meet Budget: \$ 5,047.37

Financial Report



December Financial Report Doliene Bedenbaugh, Treasurer

Budget Needed To Date	\$254,383.00
Budget Received To Date	\$220,902.75
Disbursed To Date	\$218,223.71
Balance General Fund 1/1/08	\$ 7,908.24
Balance General Fund 12/31/08	\$ 10,587.25