

# The Lamplighter

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

JANUARY 2009

## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

As we enter this new year we are filled with a lot of unknowns. We have anxieties about constant news of economic concerns, about what the future holds for us in so many areas of life. But we turn the concerns over to the Lord Jesus, there appears to be a new vision of hope for all. As we find ourselves in the afterglow of the Christmas season, we look to the time of the Epiphany season. Epiphany shows us the way that God uses to reveal Himself to us. For all of us to move with confidence we need to be made aware of the many acts of revealing the Saviour. Jesus is shown to us so many ways, in so many happenings, in so simple touches of our life. I would encourage you to follow very closely the scripture readings for Epiphany, then read them over and over again each day, meditate on these words of God, pray that God will open your ears and eyes to the wonders of his glory for you.

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Don't forget our conference School of Religion begins this month. Sessions are held at Grace Church. A great team of leaders are preparing for you. The cost of the school is \$10.00 per adult. One of the outstanding sessions will be held the last Tuesday night. Our own Jim Caulder will teach a course on Social Security updates and answer your questions. So plan on attending. You are encouraged to pray for the leadership of St. Luke's in your daily prayers. I encourage you to pray for me daily as I do you.

We express our appreciation to our retiring Congregational Council Members. To Carroll Lester, Joey Long, Bobby Morris, John V. Pugh and Sandra Pugh for their great leadership over the past three years. They have proven to be capable leaders of this Church. Special appreciation to Bobby Morris for his leadership as vice-chairman of the Council. To our newly elected council members and those who remain on the council, we offer our prayers for courage to lead as God leads them. Take time to express your appreciation to each one of your leaders.

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Special Thanks to Enoch Boozer for  
always helping with folding!

### **Church Office Hours:**

**Monday-Friday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

The Essie Hawkins Circle presented Mrs. Ethel Cook with a SC Women of the ELCA Honorary Life certificate and pin for her many years of faithfulness and service. She is a resident of White Oak Manor in Newberry.



# JANUARY 2008

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1**      **Scottie Hawkins**  
**Daisy Morris**  
**Colson Enlow**
- 5**      **Susan Lake**
- 8**      **Rachel Turner**
- 9**      **Quentin Hawkins**  
**Makenzie Nichols**  
**Makayla Nichols**
- 12**     **Christopher Justice**                      **Wayne & Delores Nichols**
- 14**     **Crystal Glymph**
- 15**     **Kyle Minick**
- 16**     **Ozie Krell**  
**Billy Pitts**
- 19**     **Linda Sheppard**
- 20**     **Jacob Bundrick**
- 23**     **Rose Brandt**                                **Joe & Linda Kunkle**  
**Erin Thomas**
- 25**     **Larry Lake**  
**Debra Beard**  
**Dillon Morris**
- 26**     **Andrew Davis Green**
- 27**     **Martha Ann Cook**
- 28**     **Calvin Morris**  
**Myra Sue Chapman**  
**Russell Hendrix**

# *Special Thanks*

Dear St. Luke's Church Family,

We would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness you have shown us during Henry's surgery and recovery. The calls, cards, food and flowers were greatly appreciated. Your prayers and all the expressions of support have shown us very blessed we are to be a part of this church.

Thank you again for everything you've done for us. We know you will continue to remember us in your prayers and that you are all here when we need you. God bless you.

We love you,  
The Brandt Family

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Dear Church Family,

I would like to take this time to thank each and every one of you for the thoughts, prayers, and cards, during my surgery and recovery. I am blessed to be part of such a wonderful congregation.

Sincerely,  
Jenni Shealy

Dear Pastor Smith,

Thank you for allowing me to worship with you and bring a Gideon presentation to the congregation of St. Luke's Church Sunday, November 9. Gideons International is appreciative of the partnership with St. Luke's in providing the Word of God to the world.

The offering of \$125.00 will print and ship 95 Scriptures to a country that cannot afford to purchase them. Only in eternity will we know the impact these Scriptures will have on the lives they come into contact with.

Newberry Gideons look forward to a continued partnership with St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

In His love,  
Billy R. Gibson

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The family of  
*Shirley Cannon*

acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy

# **FIFTEEN ACHIEVE PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

For the first quarter of the 2008-09 Sunday Church School Year we would like to recognize the following who were in attendance every Sunday:

Sarah Eargle	Kelly Hawkins
Carson Cockrell	Bernice Connelly
Carolyn Shealy	Joe Kunkle
Enoch Boozer	Linda Kunkle
Joe Boozer	Pastor Henry Brandt
Ronald Boozer	Rose Brandt
Catherine Boozer	Carol Brandt

Virginia Cannon

Carson Cockrell was the only youth to be recognized. We commend Carson, his parents and grandparents.

Let's all try very hard to have perfect attendance during the December-March quarter.

*Congratulations!*



**Thanks for the generosity of everyone.** The 2008 Toy/ Clothes Drive was the largest since we began this project in 1999. A total of 237 items were collected for needy children in the Newberry County area. It is a great feeling to know that our caring church family has given so many local children something to wake up for on Christmas morning.

**Inquiring minds want to know** - Please notify the church office of any meetings or events being held by your group, or other news items, so they can be publicized. You may call the church (please leave a message if no one is available), e-mail the office ([secretary@stlukesprosperity.com](mailto:secretary@stlukesprosperity.com)), or leave information in the box outside the secretary's door. There is also a calendar on the bulletin board between the office doors where you are encouraged to "pencil in" your information.

**Please submit bulletin announcements by noon on Thursdays.** If you are aware of anyone who would like to receive a bulletin by mail each week, please let us know.

**Just thought everyone would like to know that Horace McElroy is now in a nursing home in Greenville. He is now at "The Cottages at Brushy Creek" (101 Cottage Creek Circle, Greer SC). He is in the cottage called "LILAC" and is in room 7. There general phone number is 864-797-8800. His daughter said that his overall health is not very good and he is not eating very well. He's a little confused and still has difficulty moving his arms well. He has some severe damage to some shoulder muscle tissue and his rotator cuffs are damaged. However, due to his age and overall health; the surgeon said that he is not a good candidate for surgery. Let's all keep him and his family in our prayers.**

## **MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED THIS MONTH**



Charles Lake, Kole Kunkle, Keith Kunkle, Horace McElroy,  
Jacob Bundrick

### **Prayer list**

Donnie Beck Joshua Cumalander, Horace McElroy, Martha Pugh, Jacob Bundrick, 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, Larry Killian, 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 Joesph K. "Joe Keith" Fulmer, father of Rosann Lester. Mr. Fulmer died Saturday December 20. Our prayers are with you all.

### **Births**

Congratulations to Joey and Jennifer Long, and big brother Jerran, on the birth of a baby boy, Jacksen Bryce Long. Jacksen was born Friday December 5, 2008.

Congratulations to Keitt and Beth Kunkle, and big sister Aubrey, on the birth of a baby boy, Robert Kole Kunkle. Robert was born Wednesday December 10, 2008. The proud grandparents are Keith and Johnny Kunkle.

# JANU

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>
<b>4</b> Sunday School      10 am The Service        11 am	<b>5</b> Cub Scouts        6:30 pm	<b>6</b> School of Religion      7 pm	<b>7</b> Choir Practic
<b>11</b> Sunday School      10 am The Service        11 am Council Meeting      6 pm	<b>12</b> Cub Scouts        6:30 pm LMM                7:30 pm	<b>13</b> School of Religion      7 pm	<b>14</b>
<b>18</b> LMM                8:30 am Sunday School      10 am The Service        11 am	<b>19</b> <i>(No Cub Scouts)</i>	<b>20</b> School of Religion      7 pm	<b>21</b>
<b>25</b> Sunday School      10 am The Service        11 am	<b>26</b> Cub Scouts        6:30 pm	<b>27</b> School of Religion      7 pm	<b>28</b>

# JANUARY

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*Fri*

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**NEWSLETTER  
INFORMATION  
DUE IN OFFICE**

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## *About Our Members*

☆Megan Hawkins and Ashley Rose Pugh are members of the Mid-Carolina High School cheerleading team who won the 2-A Lower State Championship held in Lexington. They placed third in the 2-A State Finals held in Greenville.

☆Becky Pugh won the 2008 Catalyst Award at the South Carolina Science Conference held in Myrtle Beach.

☆Rachel Turner and Calen Mcmanus are Awesome Authors at Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School.

## *New Horizon*

On Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> New Horizons will meet in the New Fellowship Hall for a Memorial Service. At this time we will remember those of our membership who passed away during 2008. Those include: The Rev. Delano Ricard, Ella Callier, Ruby Chapman, Evelyn Lake, and Lenora Moore.

Family and Friends are invited to join us at this time of remembrance and thanksgiving for the lives of those who meant so much to us.

New Horizon members will provide a covered dish meal following the service. We look forward to seeing you on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

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Fifteenth Annual  
Heartland Conference

## **School of Religion**

Sponsored by the Heartland Conference



Scaling the Alps of Acts(Part 1) ( Rev. Dr. Sigel)

Congregational History Matters(Dr. McArver)

Heaven, Hell, Death and Resurrection( Rev. Dr. Bredholt)

Social Security Today( Mr. Caulder)

Youth Bible Study( Mrs. Stoudemayer)

Please plan to join your fellow friends every Tuesday night in January(7-9pm) for learning mixed with fun, fellowship and food.

# January 2009 Volunteers

## ACOLYTES

Jan 4	James Ballantyne	Nicole Boozer	Hunter Barnett
Jan 11	Ashton Floyd	April Cumalander	Emma Brandt
Jan 18	Kaitlin Kunkle	Duncan Crotwell	Adam Steele
Jan 25	Jake Buzhardt	Conrad Minick	Amber Stone

## CRUCIFER

## NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Jan 4	Christie Gardner	Kelly Hawkins
Jan 11	Michelle Long	Deann McManus
Jan 18	Tina Nichols	Susan Lake
Jan 25	Angela Hawkins	Linda Kunkle

## FLOWERS

Jan 4	Ruby, Wayne and Delores Nichols
Jan 11	Nelva Kunkle and Family
Jan 18	Margaret Koon and Family
Jan 25	Wilfred and Betty Dominick

## GREETERS

Jan 4	Bernice Connelly	Debbie Minick
Jan 11	Betty Dominick	Edith Hite
Jan 18	Doliene Bedenbaugh	Nancy Singley
Jan 25	Ruthie Boozer	Betty Shealy

## LECTORS

Jan 4	Deann McManus
Jan 11	Ingrid Carr
Jan 18	John W. Pugh
Jan 25	Jim Ballantyne

## CLOSING THE CHURCH

Jan 4	Jeffery Turner
Jan 11	Kenneth Shealy
Jan 18	Alvin Connelly
Jan 25	Mike Hawkins

## USHERS

Jan 4	Tim Connelly, Kevin Kunkle, Bert Lucas, Chesley Minick
Jan 11	Henry Kunkle Jr, Jim Ballantyne, Russell Hendrix, Enoch Boozer
Jan 18	Steven Lake, Joe Kunkle, Lee Livingston, John W. Pugh
Jan 25	Joe Boozer, Jody Green, Reggie Beckham, Joey Long

## ALTAR GUILD

Dec 29-Jan 4	Joe Kunkle and Brenda Smith
Jan 5-11	Betty Dominick and Wilfred Dominick
Jan 12-18	Fay Shealy and Junior Shealy
Jan 19-25	Neal Lester

<b>WORSHIP TRENDS</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>OFFERING</b>
<b>Dec 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>224</b>	<b>\$5,357</b>
<b>Dec 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>201</b>	<b>\$4,430</b>
<b>Dec 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>285</b>	<b>\$3,148</b>
<b>Dec 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>160</b>	<b>\$576</b>
<b>Dec 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>177</b>	<b>\$5,007</b>

**Offering needed each Sunday in 2008 to meet Budget: \$ 4,891.98**

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**November Financial Report**  
**Doliene Bedenbaugh, Treasurer**

<b>Budget Needed To Date</b>	<b>\$234,815.04</b>
<b>Budget Received To Date</b>	<b>\$201,557.49</b>
<b>Disbursed To Date</b>	<b>\$197,564.47</b>
<b>Balance General Fund 1/1/08</b>	<b>\$7,908.24</b>
<b>Balance General Fund 11/30/08</b>	<b>\$11,901.26</b>