

The Lamplighter

of Saint Luke's Lutheran Church
Prosperity, South Carolina

January 2010

Pastor's Note

Getting to know you,

Over the last month I have had the chance to begin relationships with many of you in the community. I have heard stories of faith, family and how they meet in a wonderful way here at Saint Luke's. Mitzie and I are happy to make our home here with you and I thought I would take this time to tell you a little about who we are.

Many of you have met my family. Mitzie and I have been married for 12 years. We met at Lenoir-Rhyne College (now university). We started dating in September of my senior year and were married the following May. Mitzie works for Lutheran Family Services in Columbia serving as the Advancement Associate. We have two children. Ella is 5. She is a kindergartner at Prosperity Rikard elementary in Mrs. Miller's class. She enjoys drawing and crafts as well as working with Mommy and her pottery. Micah is 3 years old and loves playing with other people, trucks, tractors, Batman, and Spider Man.

We have unpacked the last of our boxes and are making ourselves at home in the Parsonage. Thank you for all of the food and warm welcome that you have extended to us. We are really enjoying the Stoney Hill community. I look forward to sharing in the work of God's Kingdom together.

God's Peace,

Pastor Jason Schafer

December Worship Trends / Financial Reports

December 6th - 205 in attendance – offering \$6,248.00
December 13th – 178 in attendance – offering \$2,936.00
December 20th – 278 in attendance – offering \$4,452.45
December 27th – 216 in attendance – offering \$3,419.00

Offering needed each Sunday to meet Budget \$4,974.63

Budget Needed to Date

Budget Received to Date

Amount Short of Budget

Fellowship Hall Balance as of 11/30/09 \$191,724.32

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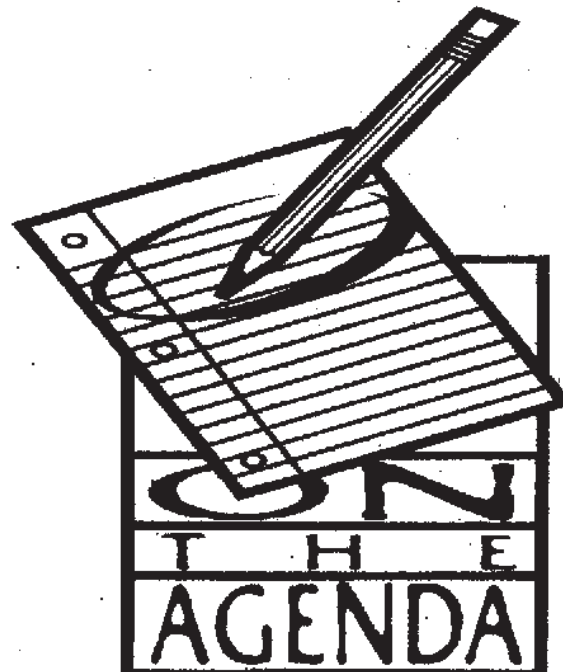
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January 2010 Service Volunteers

Acolytes:

3rd – Conrad Minick & April Cumalander
10th – Duncan Crotwell & Brianna Kinard
17th – Ingrid Trotter & Anabel Barnett
24th – Rachel Turner & Patrick Craven
31st – Jake Buzhardt & Rachel Buzhardt

Crucifer:

3rd – Nicole Boozer
10th – Ashton Floyd
17th – Emma Brandt
24th – Alex Brandt
31st – Mollie Connelly

Nursery Attendants:

3rd – Christie Gardner & Kelly Hawkins
10th – Michelle Long & Deann McManus
17th – Tina Nichols & Susan Lake
24th – Angela Hawkins & Linda Kunkle
31st – Mike Dubose & Daphne Dubose

Altar Flowers:

3rd – Wayne & Delores Nichols
10th – Margaret Koon & Family
17th – John Pugh Family
24th – Andy, Mike, Heather & Quentin Hawkins
31st – Diane Morris & Sandra Jones

Greeters:

3rd – Rose Brandt & Mary Beth Richardson
10th – Brenda Clapp & Dianne Morris
17th – Enoch Boozer & Betty Shealy
24th – Joe Boozer & Linda Sheppard
31st – Bernice Connelly & Mary Beth Richardson

Lectors:

3rd – Harriett Connelly
10th – Mary Beth Richardson
17th – Jim Caulder
24th – Deann McManus
31st – Youth Sunday

Closing the Church:

3rd – Jeffrey Turner, 10th – Kenneth Shealy, 17th – Alvin Connelly
24th – Mike Hawkins, 31st – Dean Bedenbaugh

Ushers:

3rd – Tim Connelly, Chesley Minick, Bert Lucas, Evan Pitts
10th – Henry Kunkle Jr., Jim Ballantyne, Russell Hendrix, Enoch Boozer
17th - Steven Lake, Matthew Kunkle, Lee Livingston, Paul Brandt
24th - Joe Boozer, Jody Green, Reggie Beckham, Joey Long
31st Tim Connelly, Alvin Connelly, Tim Brandt, Steven Lake

Altar Guild:

Dec 8th to Jan 3rd – Faye Shealy & Junior Shealy
Jan 4th to Jan 10th – Neal, Laura & Adam Lester
Jan 11th to Jan 17th – Randy & Judy Nobles
Jan 18th to Jan 24th – Mithcell & Harriett Connelly & Wanda Crotwell
Jan 25th to Jan 31st – Joe Kunkle & Brenda Smith



About Our Members

Prayer List

Members: Janice Lake, Edgar Jones, Tamela Cohen, Ashely Turner , Betty Connelly, Julia Turner , Ashley Glymph, Essie Suit, Mary Edith Bedenbaugh, James Kesler, Thomas Nichols, Jane Buzhardt, Christine Arehart, Larry Morris, Floyd Morris, Bobby Morris Sr.

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's 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)
Brady 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
DeAnna Mead (granddaughter of Brenda Clapp)	
Parker Brooks Moden (friend of Gordon & Carolyn Minick)	

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)

*God's
Answers
Prayers*

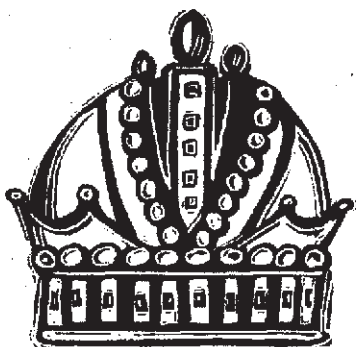
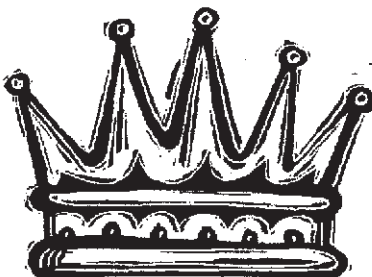
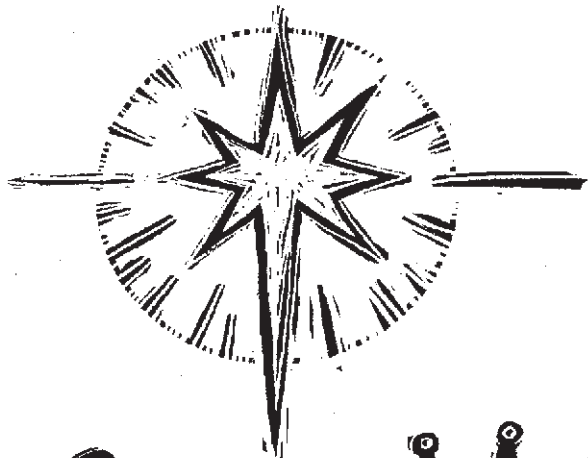
All caregivers and all others who have experienced pain, disappointment, anger, and grief in this congregation, St. Luke's, and elsewhere.

Hospitalized during the month: Jane Buzhardt, Thomas Nichols



Congregational Love and Sympathy is extended to the families and friends of:
Ruby Nichols who passed away on December 18th.
Jeff & Lisa Lever & family with the passing of Jeff's grandmother.
Evelyn Ricard with the passing of her brother.

Our prayers are with you all.



EPIPHANY

January

Sun

Mon

Tue

3

4 **Cub Scouts**
6:30
Stoney Hill Center Meeting
7:30

5 **School of Religion**
(Grace) 7 - 9
Boy Scouts
6:30
Essie Hawkins Circle
10:00

6 Epip

10 **Baptism of Our Lord**

11 **Cub Scouts** 6:30

12 **School of Religion**
(Grace) 7—9
Boy Scouts
6:30

17 **2 Epiphany**
Connelly Reception

18 **Cub Scouts** 6:30

19 **School of Religion**
(Grace) 7—9
Boy Scouts
6:30

24 **3 Epiphany**

25 **Cub Scouts** 6:30

26 **School of Religion**
(Grace) 7—9
Boy Scouts
6:30

31 **4 Epiphany**

2010

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Drop-in Reception Stoney Hill School 6 - 9

Follow Bobby Morris and students from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary this January on their daily itinerary in the Holy Land. See some of the places they are visiting at <http://lunker.faculty.ltss.edu> and even more at www.bibleplaces.com.

Wed Jan 6 & Thurs Jan 7, Days 1 and 2 Departure from USA and Arrive in Cairo **The Egyptian Museum:** Explore the wonders of biblical Egypt. Joint lecture by Prof. Morris and your Egyptian guide: "The Middle East Today." Overnight Cairo.

Fri Jan 8 Day 3 Ancient and Modern Egypt The Pyramids, the Sphinx, Sakkara, Step Pyramid, Cairo (geniza) synagogue with lecture by Prof. Morris on the relevance for biblical studies, felucca boat ride on the Nile. Overnight Cairo.

Sat Jan 9 Day 4 The Roots of Biblical Religion; Modern Bedouin Culture Sojourn to the mystical isolation of Mount Sinai. Evening interaction with local Bedouins. Overnight Mount Sinai.

Sun Jan 10 Day 5 Mount Sinai Climb Mount Sinai and tour the fourth-century Greek Orthodox monastery of St. Catherine with its library where Codex Sinaiticus was found and some of the most ancient icons in the world. Overnight Mount Sinai.

Mon Jan 11 Day 6 Enter the Holy Land Cross the border into Israel. Timnah, or Solomon's Mines, to study the interaction of ancient Egyptians and Midianites (remember Jethro) in the cradle of the birth of Mosaic Exodus Religion and the area of the wilderness wanderings. Travel to Jerusalem for overnight.

Tues Jan 12 Day 7 Jerusalem The Temple Mount, Western (Wailing) Wall, Temple Mount excavations; City of David, Warren's Shaft and walk Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Siloam. Overnight Jerusalem.

Wed Jan 13 Day 8 The Mount of Olives and the Old City Dialog with Pastor Mark Brown, head of the Lutheran World Federation, at Augusta Victoria Hospital; Bethpage, Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit, Garden of Gethsemane, Pool of Bethesda, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Overnight Jerusalem.

Thurs Jan 14 Day 9 Jews and Palestinians in the Holy Land Jewish settlement of Efrat and talk with its leader, Bob Lang; Bethlehem and talk with Palestinian Lutheran pastor Dr. Mitri Raheb; Shepherds' Field. Overnight Jerusalem.

Fri Jan 15 Day 10 Shabbat Shalom Yad Vashem, Shrine of the Book (Dead Sea Scrolls museum), Second Temple Period Model of Jerusalem, Jericho, Qumran. Overnight Kibbutz Ein Gedi Wellness Retreat in the wilderness on the shore of the Dead Sea.

Sat Jan 16 Day 11 Shabbat Free day to unwind and enjoy the Sabbath, kibbutz life, the Dead Sea and spa. Overnight Kibbutz Ein Gedi.

Sun Jan 17 Day 12 Sunday in the Judean Wilderness A day of solitude, reflection, and private prayer where David, the prophets, John the Baptist, and Jesus sought refuge and spiritual renewal. Late afternoon tour of the kibbutz by a member of the kibbutz. Overnight Kibbutz Ein Gedi.

Mon Jan 18 Day 13 Life in the Desert Arad, Masada, Nakhal (wadi) David hike, Ein Gedi synagogue. Overnight Kibbutz Ein Gedi.

Tues Jan 19 Day 14 Jesus' Ministry around the Sea of Galilee Travel north to Capernaum where Jesus began his ministry; first-century fishing boat at Ginosar, Boat ride on Sea of Galilee, Tabgha (Feeding of the 5,000 and Primacy of Peter), Holy Communion on the Mount of Beatitudes. Evening respite at Khamat Tiveria (Tiberias Hot Springs) with local Israelis, both Jewish and Arab. Overnight Tiberias.

Wed Jan 20 Day 15 Jewish Life in the Golan Heights: Then and Now Hike to the first-century Zealot stronghold of Gamla ("Masada of the North") in a modern nature reserve for birds of prey, tour the Talmudic village of ancient Katzrin and its museum, then the Golan Heights winery in modern Katzrin. Late afternoon leisure at Khamat Tiveria (Tiberias Hot Springs). Overnight Tiberias.

Thurs Jan 21 Day 16 Northern Galilee Ancient Dan, Banias Waterfall and hike to Caesarea Philippi (Confession of Peter), Druze villages, Kuncitra and UN Peace Keeping mission. Evening repose at Khamat Tiveria (Tiberias Hot Springs). Overnight Tiberias.

Fri Jan 22 Day 17 The Childhood of Jesus Tsiporti (Sepphoris); Nazareth, the Basilica of the Annunciation and museum; celebrate Erev Shabbat (the beginning of the Sabbath) with local Israelis at the hotel. Overnight Tiberias.

Sat Jan 23 Day 18 Palestinians in Galilee Visit Archbishop Elias Chacour (author of *Blood Brothers* which we read in advance) in Haifa, view Bahai Shrine, Mount Carmel, Megiddo, Caesarea Maritime, Jafa (Jaffa) on the Mediterranean Sea for spectacular closing dinner, transfer to airport for return flight to USA.

Sun Jan 24 Day 19 Arrival in USA.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL HEARTLAND CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF RELIGION



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 Kristie Metts at 803-276-9969.

Special Thanks

Dear St. Luke's Family, We would like to thank you for the many expressions of Christian love during the holidays, especially to the youth who prepared the great Thanksgiving meal, to all who sent Christmas cards and those who came out and sang Christmas carols . We wish you all well in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Bobby & Daisy Morris

Dear Church Family, Thanks so much for the fruit basket, lip balm & hand sanitizer! I appreciate my church family so much!

Manona H. Hendrix

Dear Friends and Family of St. Luke's, I just wanted to say thanks to each of you for all of the calls, cards and prayers of support during my recent accident. A broken leg and six weeks on crutches were certainly no fun, but my family and I are just thankful that my injuries were not as bad as they could have been. I've always known I was lucky to be part of such a great community and church family. Now I realize it even more. Thanks again for everything.

Duncan Crotwell

Dear St. Luke's friends, Thank you for the fruit basket, bag of goodies and the Christmas cards. Your kindness warms our hearts. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless each of you.

Mack & Joyce Zeigler

Dear Church Family, Thank you all for the gifts and cards. I enjoyed looking at the cards & I will really enjoy the nice fruit. Hope you all will have a good Christmas & a Happy New Year

Love,

Narves Lindler

Dear St. Luke's Church Family, Our family would like to extend our sincere thanks to you our church family for welcoming us to St. Lukes' and this community. We feel blessed by the outpouring of support you have shown us. Special thanks for the wonderful Christmas gifts and cards.

Happy New Year!

Jason, Mitzie, Ella & Micah

News / Info / Announcements / Notices

Essie Hawkins Circle will meet at 10:00am at the church on January 5th in the Assembly Room. You May bring your December issue of LWT for the program. All Ladies are invited. Monthly meeting on Tuesday following the 1st Sunday.

Stoney Hill Center's Meeting note change of date – January 4th @ 7:30 pm.

Fruit of the Spirit Cookbooks – have arrived . This colorful, three-ring binder collection features 1124 recipes and an index with subcategories to make finding what you are looking for a snap- even Children's Favorites! If you would be able to sell some of these at your business or place of employment, please contact Bobby Morris or Doliene Bedenbaugh. The books are \$18.00 each with all proceeds benefitting the Fellowship Hall fund.

LMM Toy Drive: Pictured below are 363 toys collected for needy children in the area. Thanks for everyone's generosity in helping the LMM make this the most successful toy drive since we began the program in 1999. Because of our caring as a church family, many local children had something special to wake up for on Christmas morning.



January 2010

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Scottie Hawkins
Daisy Morris
Colson Enlow
- 5 Susan Lake
- 8 Rachel Turner
- 9 Quentin Hawkins
Makenzie Nichols
Makayla Nichols
- 12 Christopher Justice
- 14 Crystal Glymph
- 15 Kyle Minick
- 16 Ozie Krell
Billy Pitts
- 19 Linda Sheppard
- 20 Jacob Bundrick
- 23 Rose Brandt
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

ANNIVERSARIES

Wayne & Delores Nichols

Joe & Linda Kunkle

**Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hawkins Connelly
cordially invite you to
a reception**

**celebrating the marriage of their son
Andrew Philip Connelly
to
Janine Victoria Tamaru
at**

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
4056 St. Luke's Church Road
Prosperity, SC 29127
on Sunday, January 17, 2010
from 3 pm to 5 pm**

**The wedding was beautiful in Waldenbuch, Germany
now it is time to celebrate with family and friends.**

KENDRA  **JOHN**

**You are cordially invited to the
Drop-In Reception honoring**

Kendra and John

**January 30, 2010
6pm until 9pm**

**Stoney Hill School
2984 Stoney Hill Road
Prosperity, South Carolina**

**Please RSVP by January 15, 2010
(803) 364-2813 or jvpugh@nuvox.net**