

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

**NOTES FROM THE PASTOR**

We are anticipating a great celebration, the Fourth of July, hopefully that will be a day for you to remember all the great values that have made our country wonderful. Hopefully, you will find time to give thanks to God for his wonderful blessings he has given us. Hopefully, we will pause and ask God to continue to Bless our nation.

Vacation Bible School will be the focal point for us during the month of July. I would ask you to pray for our Bible School, to join in the learning experience. The Adult class will be studying the Novel THE SHACK. This should prove to be an experience for all involved.

Thanks to all who helped with our Day Camp. It was a wonderful time during the week. Our thanks to Lutheridge/Lutherock Ministries for providing the leadership. Our thanks to all in our church who worked so hard.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have been so supportive since my wife's accident at Summer Memorial. Our thanks for the many cards, flowers, and most especially for the many calls and prayers. I am thankful to all for outgoing support in this time; All the things are in the hands of a loving and caring God.

I would encourage you to join the call of our Presiding Bishop, Mark Hanson to fifty days of Prayer. For 50 days leading up to August 17, the entire ELCA is called up to pray for wisdom in discernment for the voting members who will gather in Minneapolis for the 2009 Churchwide Assembly. To guide us in our prayers during these days ahead you are asked to study scripture lessons selected for this time. These will be printed each week in your bulletin. As you read these passages ask What do they say about God, us and our world? Then ask how do they show Christ?

Pray for St. Luke's, pray for your church leadership, pray for your Vacation Bible School staff, pray for your fellow members.

Pastor Smith

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Monday-Thursday: 8:00am-5:00pm  
Friday 8:00am-1:00 pm

## **About our Members**

Emma Brandt received a Blue Ribbon at the Art Show for her painting of the Old Bedenbaugh's Gin

Ashley Dominck was named Most Improved in volleyball at Newberry Academy's Athletic Banquet. Jake Buzhardt had the Highest GPA of the Junior Varsity.

Ben Hawkins, Kaitlin Kunkle and Matthew Kunkle are members of the Newberry YMCA Swim Team.

Allana Fulmer and Amanda Hunter Bickley graduated from Piedmont Technical College on May 21, 2009.

Carson Cockrell, Sam Hawkins, Brittany Moore and Benjamin Morris participated in the Grace Christian Pre-School 4 year old Year End Program.

Julia Eargle, Eliza McManus and Reagan Peel participated in the Kindergarten Celebration at Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Farewell Program at Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School included Anabel Barnett, Haleigh Cumbie, Marshall Horne, Ingrid Trotter, Patrick Craven, Ashlyn Kunkle, Rachel Turner and Zachary Cumbie.

Twenty-three of our children were named on Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School's 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks Honor Roll. They are Kristen Bickley, Mackenzie Crotwell, Ben Hawkins, Calen McManus, Alex Lake, Alana Eargle, Elise Mills, Ashley Turner, Carter Mays, Anabel Barnett, Rachel Turner, Jerran Long, Savannah Lever, Landon Morris, Drew Moore, Jonathan Bickley, Anna Craven, Jared Ballantyne, Ivey Horne, Grant Mays, Marshall Horne, Ingrid Trotter and Patrick Craven.

Beth Fulmer will be cheering for Mid-Carolina Middle School and also helping with the varsity squad on the competition squad.

Congratulations to all! We are so proud of you.

# July 2009

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

1. George Hawkins  
Mollie Connelly
2. Betty Connelly
3. Hannah Brandt
4. Ruthie Boozer Bobby & Daisy Morris
5. Jason Livingston David & Lydia Merchant
7. Henry Kunkle, Jr  
Peggy Boozer  
Robin Brandt  
Carter Mays  
Tony Turner
9. Julia Eargle
10. Fred Kesler  
David Brandt
11. Robyn Minick Fred & Harriett Kesler
12. Russell Kunkle
13. Joann Bedenbaugh
14. Ashely Turner  
Beth Kunkle
15. Michael & Tamela Cohen
17. David Amick
18. Alberta Dominick  
Cindy Bendenbaugh
19. Hunter Barnett Debbie Minick & Jeffery Gould
20. Alyssa Hall Steven & Susan Lake
22. Donna Turner Russell & April Peel
23. Scottie & Angela Hawkins
26. Louise "Peggy" Bedenbaugh Gordon & Carolyn Minick
28. Conrad Minick
29. Sylvia Moore  
Billy F. Morris
31. Keith Minick

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

# July 2009 Volunteers

## ACOLYTES

July 5	Hannah Floyd & Ashley Lake
July 12	Beth Fulmer & Brianna Kinard
July 19	Adam Lester & Ingrid Trotter
July 26	Conrad Minick & Anabel Barnett

## CRUCIFER

July 5	Matthew Kunkle
July 12	Philip Trotter
July 19	Catherine Beggs
July 26	Hunter Barnett

## NURSERY ATTENDANTS

July 5	Deann McManus & Christie Gardner
July 12	Sarah Eargle & Michelle Long
July 19	Kelly Hawkins & Tina Nichols
July 26	Susan Lake & Angela Hawkins

## ALTAR FLOWERS

July 5	Rosann Lester & Carolyn Shealy
July 12	Darren and Becky Mills
July 19	Joye Hawkins, Sherry Dominick and Kristy Peace
July 26	The Minick family

## GREETERS

- July 5 Linda Kunkle & Enoch Boozer  
July 12 Ronald & Catherine Boozer  
July 19 Dean & Cindy Bedenbaugh  
July 26 Rose Brandt & Mary Beth Richardson

## LECTORS

- July 5 Mary Beth Richardson  
July 12 Jim Caulder  
July 19 Deann McManus  
July 26 Ingrid Carr

## CLOSING THE CHURCH

- July 5 Joe Kunkle  
July 12 Dean Bedenbaugh  
July 19 Kenneth Shealy  
July 26 Jeffery Turner

## USHERS

- July 5 Tim Connelly, Evan Pitts, Bert Lucas, Chesley Minick  
July 12 Henry Kunkle Jr., Jim Ballantyne, Russell Hendrix, Enoch Boozer  
July 19 Steven Lake, Matthew Kunkle, Lee Livingston, John W. Pugh  
July 26 Joe Boozer, Jody Green, Reggie Beckham, Joey Long

## ALTAR GUILD

- June 29-July 05 Joe Kunkle and Brenda Smith  
July 06-July 12 Junior & Faye Shealy  
July 13-July 19 Neal, Laura, and Adam Lester  
July 20-July 26 Randy and Judy Nobles  
July 27-Aug. 2 Mitchell and Harriett Connelly and Wanda Crotwell

## *Prayer List*

### *Members*

Carol Brandt  
Evelyn Morris  
Essie Suit  
Peggy Bedenbaugh  
Mary Edith Bedenbaugh  
Mike Dubose  
Lillie Belle Minick  
Rebecca Killian  
Joe Usry  
Ponzell Morris  
Julia Turner  
Chesley Minick  
Wayne Sheppard

### *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  
Jane Tibboles  
Betty Stuck  
Harry Evan  
Mac Livingston  
Joel Derrick  
Jackson Shealy  
Helen Smith  
Nancy Pitts  
Mary Davenport

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

### *Nursing Homes*

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)

### ***Hospitalized this Month:***

Fred Kesler, Helen Smith, Evelyn Morris, and Peggy Bedenbaugh

### ***Congregational Sympathy***

Congregational Love and Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Ms. Bertha Nichols. Ms. Nichols passed away Sunday, May 31, 2009. Ms. Nichols was the sister-in-law of Mrs. Ruby Nichols, and Aunt of Wayne Nichols.

Congregational Love and Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Ethel Cook. Mrs. Cook passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2009.

### ***Congregational Marriages***

Our Congratulations to Matthew Cousins and Emily Gaunt, who were married on Saturday, June 13, 2009 here are St. Luke's. Both Matthew and Emily will be pursuing PhD degrees in the Cellular and Molecular Medicine Program at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD.

Congratulations to Andrew Connelly and Victoria (Viky) Tamaru, who were married on Saturday, June 20, 2009, in Waldenbuch, Germany. Andrew will begin his studies at University of Indiana in the fall; Viky will hopefully join him in October or November. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to complete paperwork and jump beurocratic hurdles

***Our Prayers are with you all***



# JUL

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>
			<b>1</b>
<b>5</b> Sunday School 9 am The Service 10 am Holy Communion	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Essie Hawkins going to Palms Restaurant 11:30 am Stoney Hill Center 7:30 pm St. Luke's Crafters	<b>8</b>
<b>12</b> Sunday School 9 am The Service 10 am VBS Kick-Off 6:30 pm	<b>13</b> VBS 6:30-8:30 pm Supper 6 pm	<b>14</b> VBS 6:30-8:30 pm Supper 6 pm	<b>15</b> VBS Supper
<b>19</b> Sunday School 9 am The Service 10 am Congregational Council 7 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> St. Luke's Crafters	<b>22</b> Thomas Suber Saluda Nursing
<b>26</b> Sunday School 9 am The Service 10 am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Nby County Chapter of Thrivent Financial Holy Trinity Lutheran Little Mountain 7 pm St. Luke's Crafters	<b>29</b>

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<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Pick-up Boston Butts 6-8 pm @ Stoney Hill School	<b>4</b>
	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
6:30-8:30 pm 6 pm	<b>16</b> VBS 6:30-8:30 pm Supper 6 pm **Newsletter Information Due in Office**	<b>17</b> VBS Closing Program @ 6:30 Dinner following	<b>18</b>
Circle going to ; Center 7 pm	<b>23</b> Interfaith Community Service Meeting Zion United Methodist 7:30 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Attendance

Can you believe another Sunday School Quarter has ended? Yes, the March, April and May quarter ended with fourteen having perfect attendance, fourteen missing one Sunday and seventeen missing two Sundays.

Perfect attendance recognition goes to Cheryl Lucas, Carolyn Shealy, Justin Hawkins, Alexis Sodlink, Pastor Smith, Enoch Boozer, Ronald Boozer, John V. Pugh, Shelvie Shealy, A.J. Shealy, Faye Shealy, Martha Pugh, Catherine Boozer and Virginia Cannon.

Missing only one Sunday School Class were: Julia Eargle, Betty Connelly, David Eargle, April Cumalander, Joe Boozer, Becky Pugh, Fred Kesler, Joe Kunkle, Linda Kunkle, Charles Shealy, Myra Sue Chapman, Miriam Dennis, Jeanette Vaughn, and Mary Dove Nichols.

Two Sunday absentees included: Kelly Morris, Dalton Morris, Mary Beth Richardson, Alana Eargle, Dillion Morris, Caroline Brandt, Elizabeth Bratton, Duncan Crotwell, Beth Fulmer, James Ballantyne, Doliene Bedenbaugh, Dale Pugh, Belton Dennis, Sherri Holland, Edna Stuck and Catherine Amick.

Remember if you attend Sunday School at another church, tell your teacher when you return to St. Luke's. He/She will give you credit by marking you present on that Sunday at St. Luke's. The Christian Education Committee challenges YOU to attend Sunday School regularly.

## **News and Announcements**

**The Council met on Sunday, June 28 to review the summer service schedule and they voted to continue with the worship schedule until September 1.**

**The Crafter's of St. Luke's are asking for donations of canning jars (all sizes), any crafting supplies that you'd like to donate (including wood scraps). And any monetary donations that you'd like to make would also be greatly appreciated. We are exhausting our craft making supplies (except for yarn-we still have PLENTY of that) everyone so graciously donated last year. If you knit or crochet and would be willing to make some stuff to sell, please contact Mary Beth Richardson @ 364-3133 for yarn. Also, it has been brought to our attention that there are folks that would like to make liver nips to sell that day, but don't want to be in the contest-that's GREAT! I'm telling you-those things sold LIKE CRAZY....so go ahead and make away-we'll sell them! We really appreciate the support and prayers from you all-it takes us ALL working together to make this happen. Let's hope that we have as much or more success than we had last year!!**

**Vacation Bible School will be July 12-17<sup>th</sup>. Get ready to Rock at the Dock-Crocodile Dock-that is! Supper will be served every night except Sunday, July 12. Supper will be from 6-6:30 pm. VBS will begin at 6:30. Our closing program will be on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 with dinner following the program.**

**Essie Hawkins Circle will be going to the Palms Restaurant for Lunch Tuesday, July 7. We will meet there at 11:30 AM. Call Faye (364-3460) if you plan to go.**

**For VBS this year we will once again be serving meals on Monday-Friday. We would appreciate any donations for the meals (tomatoes, cucumbers, blueberries, watermelons, cantaloupes, carrots, and any monetary donations). Please contact Kelly Hawkins (364-5031) or Becky Mills (364-0616).**

**Look for details about the 2009 SC WELCA Convention in the August newsletter**

**Making bible stories come "alive" is what Vacation Bible School is all about! To do this our VBS set designers need some help. If you can help us by donating or loaning any of these items please call Penny Ballantyne(364-3753).**

- 1 bottle grape juice
- 2 boxes 4 oz paper cups
- 2 boxes Matzo cracker
- 1 pkg/100 count paper plates
- 1 box heavy duty aluminum foil
- 1 bag Poly-fill
- 1 box wet wipes
- plastic greenery(ferns, and plants, etc)
- 1 large blue tarp
- a roll of brown wrapping or butcher paper
- a roll of black plastic sheeting
- paint brushes 1" or smaller
- brown paper grocery bags

### ***"A Big Thanks to the Saint Luke Family"***

Dear St. Luke's church family and friends,

The family of Charles Lake would like to thank you all for the acts of kindness shown to us during our loved ones illness and passing. We also thank Pastor Smith for his prayers, visits and support along with the ladies that prepared the delicious food on the day of the funeral. Your concerns and compassion has meant so much to us.

Beverly, Kenneth, Laura and families

Dear St. Luke's church family and friends,

Words cannot express the sincere appreciation our family has for all the acts of kindness shown to our family during Grady's illness and sudden passing. Your love and compassion to us will never be forgotten. A special thanks to Pastor Smith for his prayers and comforting words and to the ladies that prepared the delicious meal on the day of the funeral. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we go through the difficult times ahead.

Beverly, Gregg, Mickey and families

Dear Church Family,

I just want to thank you for the kindness that you've shown, for being there to support me, for praying, for offering hope, and for showing me you cared.

God Bless you all,

Chesley Minick

Dear Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the Wal-Mart gift card you gave me for graduation and thank you for the Graduate Banquet. The meal was delicious and the speaker was very inspirational. Please know that I am so appreciative of your gift and thoughtfulness.

Joshua Cumalander

Dear Friends at St. Luke's,

I would like to thank you for all the visits, calls, cards, gifts, flowers and prayers while I was in the hospital. I am now at Saluda Nursing Home recovering.

Sincerely,

Carol Brandt

Dear Church Friends,

We would like to thank all of you for your visits, calls, cards, food, prayers and other acts of kindness. Thank you Pastor Smith for your visits and prayers.

Thanks Again with Love,

Ponzell, Floyd and family

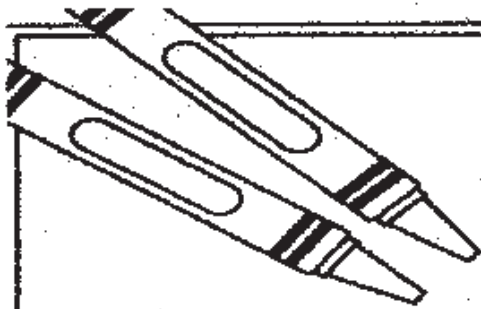
Dear Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone that helped make this years Lutheridge Day Camp a success again. I would also like to thank Mary Beth, Lydia, Jennifer Moore, Sarah Eargle, Ronda Cannon and everyone that helped out that week. We had an awesome week and again the kids had a blast. I hope next year will be an exciting time again. I can't wait to see the smiles and the kids faces again. Thanks to George & Faye Hawkins, Ronald & Catherine Boozer, Peggy & Joe Boozer for housing the counselors this year and a BIG thank you to Harriett & Mitchell Connelly for the use of their pool and Prosperity Fire Dept for the fire truck on messy day. Again... THANKS TO EVERYONE!!!!!!!

St. Luke's Lutheran Church Family,

The family of Sarah Ethel Cook would like to thank everyone for their love and support of Ethel these past few years. The flowers, food, memorial, cards, and phone calls during her times at White Oak Manor and her recent passing were very much appreciated. Pastor Smith and Pastor Evans were very loyal and encouraging to her and we appreciate all they did. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Marian, Ralph and Marie, Doris and Gerald

# Kid's Page



## Just for **KIDS**

### TRAVEL BY DAY OR NIGHT

The way people travel has changed over time, but one thing has not changed — God was with people in biblical times just as He is with you and your family as you travel during your summer vacations.

Count the number of letters for each name, and then write the name in the spaces next to the verse that matches. (Hint: Besides counting the number of letters in the name, also pay attention to whether the person is from the Old Testament or New Testament.)

#### NAMES

Paul    Moses    Joseph    The Israelites    Abram    crowds  
Samaritan    Jesus    Naaman    Angel of God

#### VERSES

"The \_\_\_\_\_ had been traveling in front of Israel's army ...." Exodus 14:19

"And \_\_\_\_\_ went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt." Genesis 41:46

"Go in peace," said Elisha. After \_\_\_\_\_ had traveled some distance ...." 2 Kings 5:19

"\_\_\_\_\_ traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem." Genesis 12:6

"\_\_\_\_\_ traveled through that area, speaking many words of encouragement to the people, and finally arrived in Greece." Acts 20:2

"\_\_\_\_\_ traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1

"Large \_\_\_\_\_ were traveling with Jesus." Luke 14:25

"\_\_\_\_\_ traveled to the plains of Moab and camped along the Jordan across from Jericho." Numbers 22:1

"\_\_\_\_\_ led Israel from the Red Sea .... For three days they traveled in the desert ...." Exodus 15:22

"But a \_\_\_\_\_, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him." Luke 10:33

Answers: Angel of God; Joseph; Naaman; Abram; Paul; Jesus; crowds; The Israelites; Moses; Samaritan

## June Financial Report

Offering needed each Sunday in 2009 to meet Budget	\$5,047.37
Budget Needed To Date	\$131,230.33
Budget Received To Date	\$108,119.76
Amount short of Budget	\$23,110.57
Fellowship Hall Balance as of 05/30/09	\$230,251.87

### WORSHIP TRENDS

### ATTENDANCE

### OFFERING

May 31 <sup>st</sup>	187	\$3,541.00
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	205	\$5,189.00
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	198	\$3,148.00
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	187	\$3,715.20
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	171	\$3,150.00