

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

June 2009

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

June offers many challenges to us, one of which is a summer worship schedule. I know from calls and being approached by you personally that some are not too enthused about the decision of the Congregational Council to try having one service at 10:00 A.M. I must tell you, that in my years in the ministry, I have not seen a council take any decision more seriously. The time spent on this decision was worthwhile. The council was not rushed, but spent time in discussing this decision. As I said Sunday, the most telling example of the seriousness of this matter was when one council member stated that we need to look at what's best for St. Luke's, not what's best for us individually. The decision was difficult, but you could feel the working of the Spirit in that room. (If I had my choice, we would have two services, with Holy Communion celebrated each Sunday at the early service.) The decision made was made freely, with all council members voting. It was not a split vote, but unanimous. I am thankful for the way this was handled.

So now your help is needed. We need to continue our strong worship experience and our strong Sunday school program. In these times we need for all to stand together and be a positive witness in our community of God's love and mission.

We will have completed our Synod Assembly by the time you receive this newsletter. Your Assembly voting members will be glad to share their experience with you, and experience like none other. By next month we will have a summary for you.

Pentecost Sunday will be the 41st Anniversary of my ordination into the Holy Office of Word and Sacrament. What a journey this has been. God has led me through many challenges and I am thankful for His giving me this life to lead.

On a personal note, if you know of those who would like to have the Sacrament of Holy Communion brought to their homes, please have them contact the Church Office to schedule a day and time. Also, if a family member is in the hospital, I would really appreciate knowing about it so a visit can be made. Recently I have not learned of hospitalizations until two or three days later. Of all the things I have tried to do, I have not fully mastered mind reading, but I am working on it.

Pray for the Church, pray for me, pray for your neighbors, pray for all people. What a joy it is to know that someone is praying for you.

May God's peace be with you,

Pastor Smith

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Church Office Hours:

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

Friday 8:00am-1:00 pm

Summer Worship Schedule



Sunday Summer Worship starts Sunday, June 7

Sunday School 9:00 A.M.

The Service 10:00 A.M.

Women ^{of the} ELCA

The annual Women of the ELCA state convention will be held June 26-27 at St. Stephen's in Lexington. This year's convention project is that of collecting Bingo prizes for the five SC Lutheran Homes. These facilities have requested various inexpensive items for donation. A list can be found on the WELCA Bulletin board downstairs in the main church building.

The Friday evening banquet entertainment will be Cherie Nettles, a Christian comedienne. Through laughter, she will share her story of how God has sustained her through difficult times. The keynote speaker on Saturday will be Bishop Herman Yoos.

From Wednesday, May 27, through Sunday, June 7, state President Dianne Wicker and Vice-President Donna Fulmer will travel to Japan to represent the SC Women of the ELCA at the Women of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church gathering in Kumamoto, Japan. They hope to make a presentation at convention about their trip.

Delegates for convention are Deann McManus and Michelle Long. Alternates are Harriett Kesler and Ingrid Carr. Visitors are welcome and encouraged. If you are interested in attending, please contact Michelle Long.

New Horizons

New Horizons will meet in the Assembly Room on Saturday, June 20 at 3:00 pm. Our own Heather Hawkins will tell us about her 2008 trip to Germany to visit Newberry's sister city.

After the program there will be a brief business meeting, followed by a salad dinner. Bring your favorite salad and join us for this educational program, fun and fellowship. Beverage, utensils etc. will be provided.

June 2009 Volunteers

ACOLYTES

June 7	April Cumalander & Rachel Turner
June 14	Duncan Crotwell & Patrick Craven
June 21	Jake Buzhardt & Rachel Swygert
June 28	Rachel Buzhardt & Justin Hawkins

CRUCIFER

June 7	Lesley Taylor
June 14	Alex Brandt
June 21	Mollie Connelly
June 28	Ashley Dominick

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

June 7	Mike Dubose & Daphne DuBose
June 14	Cindy Bedenbaugh & Dana Green
June 21	Janna Cockrell & April Peel
June 28	Rose Brandt & Fran Merchant

ALTAR FLOWERS

June 7	Billy and Charlene Pitts
June 14	Mike and Lynn Cousins
June 21	Beverly Bowers
June 28	Joe and Sylvia Moore

GREETERS

June 7	Bernice Connelly & Mary Beth Richardson
June 14	Betty Dominick & Rose Brandt
June 21	Doliene Bedenbaugh & Joe Boozer
June 28	Ruthie & Nicole Boozer

LECTORS

June 7	Scott Gardner
June 14	Wanda Crotwell
June 21	Becky Pugh
June 28	Harriett Connelly

CLOSING THE CHURCH

June 7	Enoch Boozer
June 14	Phil Connelly
June 21	Steven Lake
June 28	Kevin Longshore

USHERS

June 7	Tim Connelly, Evan Pitts, Bert Lucas, Chesley Minick
June 14	Henry Kunkle Jr., Jim Ballantyne, Russell Hendrix, Enoch Boozer
June 21	Steven Lake, Matthew Kunkle, Lee Livingston, John W. Pugh
June 28	Joe Boozer, Jody Green, Reggie Beckham, Joey Long

ALTAR GUILD

June 01-June 07	Junior & Faye Shealy
June 08-June 14	Neal, Laura, and Adam Lester
June 15-June 21	Randy and Judy Nobles
June 22-June 28	Mitchell and Harriett Connelly and Wanda Crotwell
June 29-July 05	Joe Kunkle and Brenda Smith

About our Members

Emma Brandt was named Drum Major for Mid-Carolina High school marching band.

Duncan Crotwell and April Cumalander were inducted into the Mid-Carolina Middle School Beta Club on May 20th.

April Peel was named Teacher of the Year at Prosperity-Rikard Elementary for the 2009-2010 school year.

On May 19, 2009 Logan Beard was inducted into the Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

For those of you that don't know already, Carol Brandt is now at Saluda Nursing Center. Here is her new address

Carol Brandt
Riley Wing Room 311
Saluda Nursing Center
P.O. Box 398
Saluda South Carolina 29138

**Congratulations
to St. Luke's Graduating
Class of 2009!**



Clemson University
Jessica Holland

College Of Charleston
Paula Brandt

Mid-Lands Tech
Crystal Glymph

Newberry College
Morgan Hallman

Mid-Carolina High School
Josh Cumalander
Megan Hawkins
Danielle Lester
Laura Lester
Evan Pitts
Ashley Rose Pugh

Newberry High School
Logan Beard

Prayer List

Members

Carol Brandt
Evelyn Morris
Essie Suit
Peggy Bedenbaugh
Mary Edith Bedenbaugh
Mike Dubosc
Robin Brandt
Rebecca Killian
Alex Brandt
Ponzell Morris
Julia Turner
Chelsey Minick
Lillie Belle Minick

Family & Friends

Matt Paxton (Deann McManus' cousin)
Dorothy Hawkins (Michael Cohen's grandmother)
Kathleen Crumpton (mother of Dianne Morris)
Ricky Jones
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
Jill Merchant
Betty Stuck
Harry Evan
Jake Amick
Joel Derrick
Jackson Shealy
Tobie Shealy (son-in-law of Hattie Boozer)

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)
Ethel Cook (White Oak Manor)
Dezaree Morris (White Oak Manor)
Bertha Nichols (White Oak Manor)
Ruby Nichols (White Oak Manor)
Martha Ann Cook (Lowman Home)
Jacob Bundrick (Lowman Home)

Hospitalized this Month:

Carol Brandt, Julia Turner, Ponzell Morris, Lillie Belle Minick, Carol Brandt, Chesley Minick, Tim Brandt

Congregational Sympathy

Congregational Love and Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mrs. Gladys Davis. Mrs. Davis passed away April 18, 2009. Mrs. Davis was the sister of Tony Turner.

Congregational Love and Sympathy is extended to Carlton and Frances Morse on the loss of a brother.

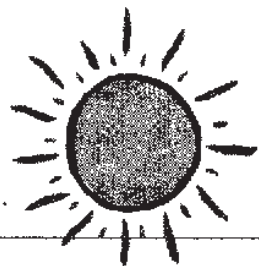
Congregational Love and Sympathy is extended to the family of friends of Pastor George Bennett Shealy. Pastor Shealy passed away May 24, 2009. Pastor Shealy was the brother of Reba Lester and Uncle of Randy Nobles.

Births

Congratulations to Joey and Leann Rauch, and big sister Laney, on the birth of a baby boy, Cade Rauch. Cade was born Friday May 15, 2009. The proud grandparents are Carroll and Joyce Lester.



Our Prayers are with you all



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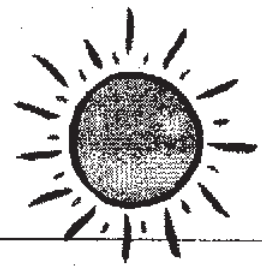
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	1	2 Stoney Hill Center St. Lukes Crafters 7:30 pm	3 MC Baccala Wightman
7 Sunday School The Service Holy Communion Day Camper Kick-off Covered Dish Luncheon 9 am 10 am	8 Day Camp 9 am-4 pm	9 Day Camp 9 am-4 pm	10 Day Camp
14 Sunday School The Service Council Meeting 9 am 10 am 7 pm	15 LMM 7:30 pm **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION DUE IN OFFICE**	16 St. Luke's Crafters	17
21 Sunday School The Service Father's Day 9 am 10 am	22	23	24 Thomas Sube
28 Sunday School The Service 9 am 10 am	29	30 St. Luke's Crafters	

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Worship Service 7:00 pm	4	5 Mid-Carolina Graduation 7:30 pm	6 NHS Graduation 7:30 pm
9 am-4 pm	11 Day Camp 9 am-4 pm	12 Day Camp 9 am-12 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	13 Cousins-Gaunt Wedding 5:00 pm
	18	19	20 New Horizons 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved
Prayer Circle 7:30 pm	25	26 WELCA Convention St. Stephens, Lexington	27 WELCA Convention St. Stephens, Lexington

News and Announcements

During the month of June there will be a love offering for Pastor Henry and Rose Brandt to help with expenses.

Guess What Everybody!!!! It's that time of the year again - time to start planning our 2nd Annual Fall Craft Bazaar. Last year's Bazaar was a HUGE, HUGE, HUGE SUCCESS raising over \$6,500.00 that went towards the debt that we owe for the fellowship hall. We hope to raise even more this year. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could raise \$10,000.00? WOW!!! So, if you were wondering if we are crazy enough to do it again - why, YES, WE ARE!!! Everyone that came to the bazaar last year commented on how great it was - all of our crafts were actually handmade items - that were made by a whole lot of folks that go to this church and folks that live right here in our community. People lined up outside the church TWO HOURS before we opened! The folks commented on how much they enjoyed browsing and we had our stuff priced right! For everyone that contributed - WE THANK YOU (again).....and we are asking for your help (again) this year. So if you haven't been busy - get busy! The yard sale part was a huge success, also. As you are cleaning out your closets, attics, sheds, etc., remember us. We want to have gently used stuff - no shoes or clothes again this year, please. We will have the BEST BAKE SALE in Newberry County, with canned goods as well as baked items! The Liver Nip Contest will also take place that morning.....You should have seen the people that lined up to buy those things by the quart after the contest was over - one lady came from out of town and wanted to buy a whole pot!!! If all this sounds exciting to you - then you won't want to miss our meetings to get all this fun stuff rolling. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 2 @ 6:30pm in the library room down the hall in the Assembly room. We will then meet every other Tuesday until we whip ourselves up into a frenzy and meet every Tuesday as the time gets closer. We are asking that you pray for us and for the success of our project.

Vacation Bible School-Crocodile Dock is looking like it's going to be a FUN place to hang out for a week. Dates will be July 12 - 17th. We are planning to begin at 6pm with a light meal every night. Classes will begin at 6:30 and will end at 8:45pm. If you haven't had a chance, please sign your child up - there are registration forms available in the Narthex or you can register your child online using our very own web address www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/stlukesprosperity. We will have classes for folks newborn up to 110 years old (if you're older than that, you need to be TEACHING - sign up). We're still looking for volunteers - if you're interested, sign up at the same web address listed above or use form in Narthex. Thanks to all that are participating - it looks like we are going to have a BLAST! Please continue to pray for leaders, teachers, volunteers, and all participants.

Please take a moment during the offering each week to pass and sign the red attendance registers in the pews. These are a helpful resource to the pastor as well as the means by which we follow up with visitors.

Look for upcoming information on summer outings for Kid's Club.

Thanks to all that have been donating to the Manna House - looks like we are going to have another successful food drive!

DAY CAMPERS-Reminder of kick-off Sunday, June 7th. We will be having a covered dish luncheon immediately following the service.

You are invited to the
Mid-Carolina High School
Class of 2009 Baccalaureate Service
On Wednesday, June 3, at 7:00 pm
Wightman United Methodist Church
302 N. Main Street
Prosperity, SC
(364-2340)
Reception to Follow Service



Friends of David "DJ" Bedenbaugh Hot Dog/Bake Sale Fundraiser

David "DJ" Bedenbaugh is 34 years YOUNG and a native of Prosperity, SC. He and his wife, Michelle, have two wonderful children, Trey and Tammie Leigh. On March 11, 2009, DJ was diagnosed with brain cancer. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Our goal is to help ease the financial burden on this family by hosting a fundraiser...hope you can help...**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

Saturday, June 13th - Colony Lutheran Church Prosperity, SC

You can pick up your plates between 11:00 am and 1:30 pm

Hot Dog Plate tickets include hot dog, chips and coleslaw

\$3 for a "one hotdog" plate

\$5 for a "two hotdog" plate

\$1.50 each baked goods (we will not sell tickets for baked goods...purchase at time of pick up)

Please contact Lori Alonso at 924-6353, Lynn Koon at 364-4259,
Tiffany Dawkins at 405-9701 or Michelle Bedenbaugh at 924-7851 for ticket info



Our you can Contact Mary Beth Richardson at 364-3133

“A Big Thanks to the Saint Luke Family”

To all our brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Luke's,
We thank you for your many prayers and support over the years and your continued love and concern for us. Some have asked for an update on where we are and how we are serving God's call at this time. It is always an adventure to follow where God leads. At this time Phillip continues to work in Columbia for the Babcock Center serving people of South Carolina with special needs. We have been blessed that he had this work to help keep us going during this time of waiting and transition of call for me. I have recently accepted a call to serve as Hospice Chaplain for Lutheran Homes of South Carolina. I expect this will be a challenging and rewarding call and I look forward to joining Lutheran Homes in serving the people of South Carolina once again. Thank you for your continued examples of faith. We will continue to pray for you as we ask you to do the same for us during this time of transition. May the Joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts to overflowing during this Easter season.

Vickie and Phillip Powell

Dear Fellow Members,

Twenty-one years ago, on June 1, 1988, I accepted what I considered a call to become Treasurer of St. Luke's. I have never regretted that decision. It has been a wonderful journey. During this time Pastor Brandt, Pastor Dooley, Pastor Sain and Pastor Hallman, and our interim pastors have led us through many changes and helped us become a strong church. Now, I have given up these responsibilities. I want to thank you for your support and encouragement. I couldn't have done this for so long without you. Please continue to support the leaders and staff of our church.

Yours in Christ,

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June 2009

Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	Nicole Stoudemire	
4	Paul Brandt	Kent & Mary Beth Richardson
5	Earle Merchant	
6	Daniel Beard	
	Ethel Cook	
8	Clay Taylor	
	Alden Turner	
10	Luke Lucas	Brian & Becky Kinard
	Dana Green	
12	Angela Hawkins	
	Tammy Kunkle	
13	Kevin Minick	Joe & Peggy Boozer
14		Henry & Amanda Kunkle
15	Mark Bailey	
17	Eliza McManus	
18	Rodger Steele	
	Scott Gardner	
20	Adam Steele	Tim & Betty Connelly
21		Kevin & Heather Kunkle
22	George Hawkins	
23	Ashlyn Kunkle	
24	John V. Pugh	Earle & Fran Merchant
	Bob Beard	
27	Marvin Morris	
	Tim Brandt	
28	Bobby F. Morris	John & Becky Pugh
		Billy & Charlene Pitts
29	Duncan Crotwell	Russell & Barbara Hendrix
	Pastor Smith	Frank & Faye Long

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

May Financial Report

Offering needed each Sunday in 2009 to meet Budget	\$5,047.37
Budget Needed To Date	\$105,993.51
Budget Received To Date	\$89,376.56
Amount short of Budget	\$16,616.95
Fellowship Hall Balance as of 04/30/09	\$241,858.81

WORSHIP TRENDS

ATTENDANCE

OFFERING

May 3rd	178	\$4,113.00
May 10th	226	\$3,711.51
May 17th	197	\$4,630.00
May 24th	217	\$3,636.00

Kid's Page

SURPRISE DAD

..... at work!

Dads work so hard to provide for their families' needs. Here's a fun way to show your appreciation to your dad this Father's Day.*

What you need:

- Paper and envelope (any color)
- Markers and crayons
- Stickers
- Pencil
- Stamp
- Your dad's work address

What you do:

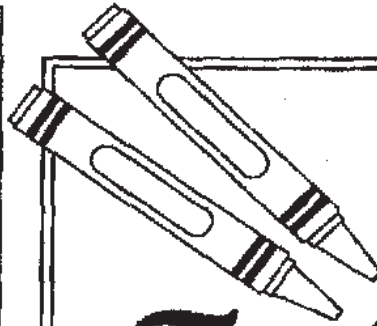
1. Decorate the paper with drawings, stickers, etc.
2. Write a message to your dad, letting him know how thankful you are for his love and hard work.
3. With an adult's help, write your dad's name and work address on the outside of the envelope and your return address in the top-left corner.
4. Place a stamp in the top-right corner and then mail your special gift.

Other ideas:

- Pack a lunch to eat with dad at or near his workplace.
- Send your letter in a box and include some homemade cookies.
- Pack your dad a special lunch. Place self-stick notes with messages of appreciation on various food items.
- Write appreciation messages on self-stick notes and, with your mom's help, place them all over the inside of your dad's car.

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*All these ideas will work also for Mom on Mother's Day or her birthday.



Just for

KIDS

Fathers of faith

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God.

Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.

Directions: Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

1 The	2 as	3 tell	1 living
2 I	3 their	1 the	2 am
3 children	1 living	2 doing	3 about
1 they	2 today	3 your	1 praise
2 fathers	3 faithfulness	1 you	

“ _____ , _____ ; _____ ”

” Isaiah 38:19, NIV

Answer: “The living, the living — they praise you, as I am doing today; fathers tell their children about your faithfulness.” Isaiah 38:19, NIV

Happy Father's Day

Fun Father's Day Facts

The idea of Father's Day was conceived in Spokane, Washington by Sonora Dodd while she listened to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Dodd (now known as "the mother of Father's Day") wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart, a widowed Civil War veteran who was left to raise his six children on a farm. The following year, June 19, 1910 was chosen for the first Father's Day celebration, proclaimed by Spokane's mayor because it was the month of William Smart's birth. Decades later, the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers was issued in 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson designated the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Father's Day has been celebrated annually since 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed the public law that made it permanent.

Father's Day by the Numbers

This is a big day for the 66.3 million fathers in America.

Nearly 95 million Father's Day cards were given last year in the United States, making Father's Day the fourth-largest card-sending occasion.

Sons and daughters send 50 percent of the Father's Day card to their dads. Nearly 20 percent of Father's Day cards are purchased by wives for their husbands. That leaves 30 percent of the cards which go to grandfathers, sons, brothers, uncles and "someone special."

While not everyone in America is a fan of Father's Day, 72 percent of Americans plan to celebrate or acknowledge Father's Day.

Gifts for Father's Day

Neckties are an old standby and lead the list of Father's Day gifts. A good place to buy dad a tie or a shirt might be one of 9,189 men's clothing stores around the country.

Other items high on the list of Father's Day gifts include those items you may find in dad's toolbox such as hammers, wrenches and screwdrivers. You could buy some of these items for dad at one of the nation's 14,864 hardware stores or 5,795 home centers.

Other traditional gifts for dad such as fishing rods and golf clubs make for a happy Father's Day for the 22,410 sporting goods stores in America.

More than 68 million Americans participated at a barbecue in the last year — it's probably safe to assume many of these barbecues took place on Father's Day.