

The Lamplighter

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

March 2009

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Lent is upon us. Our mid-week Lenten Services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 25 and will continue each Wednesday evening until April 1. During these Wednesdays together, our sermon theme will be "No wonder they call him Savior-Truths from the Cross." We will follow the paths of those at the foot of the cross, and hear from them the truth revealed from the cross. With the power of the Holy Spirit we will come to learn and relearn new and old truths from the cross.

Our services begin each Wednesday at 7:00. We will meet in the Church. Our worship will be the Service of Word and Prayer for **WITH ONE VOICE**. Prior to each Wednesday service at 6:00 you are invited to join us for a light supper meal. These meals will be prepared by members of the WELCA.

Sundays in Lent we will follow our Lord as he travels to Calvary. Our sermons will be based on the Gospel reading for each Sunday. We will walk the way to Calvary together. We will look with anticipation for the glorious day of Resurrection. Plan to join us each Wednesday and Sunday for this journey. Your presence at these services will help each one to travel with Jesus.

Your Congregational Council has renewed my contract to service as your Interim Pastor for another period of time. I am happy to agree to continue this service with you. It has been a real joy to work with you. You have helped me travel a new journey of my life. As we move through the next period of time together, we should pray for each other. We should help each other grow as God's people.

St. Luke's will be participating with a Synod wide endeavor called **OPERATION INASMUCH**. This synod wide event will be held on May 2. We will join congregations in our conference in helping with projects in our community. Watch the weekly bulletin for more information. Questions about this project please contact me.

Pastor Smith

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Monday-Thursday: 8:00am-4:00pm

Friday 8:00am-1:00 pm

About our Congregation

Morgan Holland Hallman graduated from Newberry College on December, 2008

Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School 2nd nine weeks Honor Roll includes:

Kristen Bickley, Jerran Long, Savannah Lever, Mackenzie Crotwell, Alana Eargle, Alex Lake, Ben Hawkins, Calen McManus, Elise Mills, Drew Moore, Jonathan Bickley, Anna Craven, Ashley Turner, Jared Ballantyne, Ivey Horne, Carter Mays, Grant Mays, Marshall Horne, Ingrid Trotter, Patrick Craven, Anabel Barnett, and Rachel Turner.

Newberry Elementary School 2nd nine weeks Honor Roll is Justin Clevenger

Mid-Carolina Middle School 2nd nine weeks Honor Roll includes:

Duncan Crotwell, April Cumalander, Ashely Lake, Justin Hawkins and Beth Fulmer

Mid-Carolina 2nd nine weeks Honor Roll includes:

Kaitlin Kunkle, Danielle Lester, Laura Lester, Ashley Pugh, Nicole Boozer, Hunter Barnett, and Emma Brandt

Grant Mays is an Awesome Author at Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School.

Mackenzie Crotwell and Kristen Bickley are Lifeskill leaders at Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School.

Kristen Bickley was named Princess at the Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School Valentine Dance.

March 2009 Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	Beth Fulmer	
3	Carolyn Minick	
4	Myrtie Stone	
5	Elizabeth Nalley	
8	Gina Mays	
9	John W. Pugh	
10	Elaine Long Bailey	
12	Cayden Kunkle	
13	Payton Gardner	
14	Karen Cumalander	Larry & Emily Lake
15	Barbara Hendrix	
16	Ruth Nalley	
17	Patsy Morris	Julian & Ann Bedenbaugh
	Travis Slice	
	Evan Pitts	
	Carla Livingston	
19		Luke & Cheryl Lucas
20	Tamela Cohen	
21	Dean Bedenbaugh	
22	Scott Gardner	
23	Boyd Boozer	
24	Dale Bratton	
26	Dianne C. Morris	AJ & Faye Shealy
27	Ryan Koon	
31	Kara Sheppard	
	Janna S. Cockrell	

Women ^{of the} ELCA

Thanks to the Essie Hawkins Circle for hosting the WELCA joint meeting in February. Joint meetings are a great time for all circles to come together for fellowship.

Thanks to all who supported Bold Women's Day on February 22 by donning a hat for the occasion! What do you think, ladies? Should this be a tradition?

Even through these less than ideal economic times, it is not very difficult for most of us to find those less fortunate than ourselves. Two very worthwhile ongoing projects are donations to Sistercare and Manna House. Sistercare is a program of services, including safe shelter, for battered women and their children. What does Sistercare need? Baby food, cleaning agents, diapers, hair relaxers, paper towels, pillows, sheets (twin and double), toilet paper, trash bags (extra large), and washing detergent are some of the items most frequently used. See more about Manna House in a separate article. Donations can be placed in the designated boxes in the assembly room.

Service...

Giving what you don't have to give.

Giving when you don't need to give.

Giving because you want to give.

-Damien Hess

New Horizons

On Saturday, March 21st New Horizons will meet in the Assembly Room at 3:00 pm. Jacqueline Haymond, PHD Happiness Specialist will be our guest and who doesn't need a little more happiness.

Our meal will be catered by Linda Pitts and will consist of roast beef, grilled chicken breast, green beans, cream corn, macaroni and cheese, homemade rolls, fruit salad and pound cake at a cost of \$8.00.

Call Margaret Koon (364-2796) or Catherine Boozer (364-2870) to make reservations by March 15th.

Manna House Collections

Not only will the WELCA members be making a special effort to fill _____ for Manna House on the 5th Sunday in March, but also our Kids' Club is taking this as their special project. Boxes, labeled "Manna House", have been placed at every church door for your convenience. Place any none perishable foods or monetary gifts (cash or checks made out to "Manna House"). At the end of each month these will be collected and taken to Manna House. If each person would bring one item, think how much this could help the hungry in our area.

Foods needs to fill a family's food box include: canned meats, assorted canned and dried vegetables, cooking oil, peanut butter, jelly, tomato sauce, tomatoes, canned and dried soups, rice, grits, corn meal, sugar, flour, and dried milks.

Cleaning supplies needed include: soap, dish detergent, washing powder and liquid, toilet tissue and paper towels. Also there are miscellaneous goods can be used: cereals, dried fruits, corn syrup, juices, and crackers. Give as you are able.

Thank you from the Kids' Club, the WELCA and those you help!

Dear Family and Friends,

In Sunday school, we are learning lessons about sharing. One Sunday we learned about the person that had a lot, But only shared a little. We've also learned about the Woman that only had a little, but shared all she had.

We've been hearing about all the people right here close To home that have lost their jobs and we would like to Help them. One way that we can help them, is to pray For them and their family. Another way that we can help Is to have a food drive for The Manna House - that way, There will be food for them to eat. We've been told that They could really use stuff like rice, macaroni and cheese, Canned soups, canned meat, peanut butter - but they'll Take any kind of nonperishable food items. When we Start our new Kid's Club in March, we hope to have a LOT Of food to take to The Manna House. This will be our First project. Give from your heart - it'll make Jesus smile....

Love from The Kid's @ St. Luke's Lutheran Church



MANNA HOUSE

Mid-Week Lenten Services

Meals at 6:00 pm

March 4th - Thomas Suber Circle

March 11th - Essie Hawkins Circle

March 18th - Fay and Hilton Roof Circle

March 25th - Barbara Richardson Circle

April 1st - Youth Group

Service at 7:00 pm

“SPECIAL THANKS TO THE ST. LUKE’S CHURCH FAMILY”

Dear Church Family and Friends,

We would like to thank everyone for your calls, food, flowers, cards and the many acts of kindness shown to us during my accident and surgery. We are blessed to be such a wonderful and caring congregation!

God Bless,

Dale and Martha Pugh

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Words can't express our sincere “thank you” for your prayers, calls, cards, flowers, visits and food you shared with us and our family during my Dad's illness and death.

A special thanks to Pastor Smith and Pastor Evans for their visits and prayers.

Your thoughtfulness and concern has helped ease our pain during this trying time.

May God's blessings be with you,

Peggy Boozer

To my Church Family,

We the family of Elizabeth Forrest wishes to thank you for the memorial that was given to St. Luke's in her memory. I will always remember you for the visits, calls, cards, food and other acts of sympathy. Especially, I want to thank Pastor Smith for his love and prayers.

May God bless you all,

Ozie Krell

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your wonderful acts of kindness. The basket of goodies was very useful, with the dry erase board being a necessary thing in our home now. We enjoyed each card, reading them several times. Your care and concern means so much to us, as we progress with our stroke and aphasia

Joyce and Mack

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

Dear Church Family,

I would like to tell the youth group and their leaders how much I enjoyed their visits and the Christmas carols. Thanks again, you are a great group. I also want to thank the women of the church for the beautiful Christmas filled basket with useful goodies, and thanks to Kelly Morris for delivering them

God bless you all,

Hattie Boozer

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO SAY THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Christmas program a very good one. A lot of hard work was done by all. A special thank you to Maggie Connelly who coordinated everything. All we had to do was show up and sing. Thanks "MaGee" for a job well done. We would also like to thank the children and their parents. They really added to the program. Watch the bulletin for practice time as we prepare for Palm Sunday and Easter. Remember the more voices the better the music, and lets face it, St. Luke's has a lot of talent. Last but not least, a special thank you to Andrew Connelly for his service to St. Luke's while he was home for the holidays. It was great seeing him and enjoying his music.

Thanks Again To All,

Harriett & Beth

Remember - Together We Can Make A Difference

The Newberry Opera House would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Harriet Kessler for coming to the rescue on very short notice for the Rachel Lee violin/piano concert on Friday, January 23rd. When the piano player decided at 2:30 in the afternoon that he really needed to have a page-turner for that evening's 8 o'clock performance, Harriet changed her plans for the evening and graciously accepted the responsibility. Harriet did a great job and was the un-sung hero of the evening! Thank you, Harriet!



Sun

Mon

Tue

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<p>1 Sunday School 10 am The Service Holy Communion 11 am All Committee Meeting 6 pm</p>	<p>2 Scouts 6:30 pm</p>	<p>3 Essie Hawkins Circle 10 am Stoney Hill Center 7:30 pm</p>	<p>4 Lenten S Light Supper (Thomas Suber) Service</p>
<p>8 Sunday School 10 am The Service 11 am MCHS Chorus Congregational Council 6 pm Daylight Savings Time begins</p>	<p>9 Scouts 6:30 pm LMM 7:30 pm</p>	<p>10 Faye & Hilton Roof Circle 7 pm</p>	<p>11 Lenten S Light Supper (Essie Hawkins) Service</p>
<p>15 LMM 8:30 am Sunday School 10 am The Service 11 am</p>	<p>16 Scouts 6:30 pm</p>	<p>17 Thomas Suber Circle 7:30 pm</p>	<p>18 Lenten S Light Supper (Fay and Hilton) Service</p>
<p>22 Sunday School 10 am The Service 11 am</p>	<p>23 Scouts 6:30 pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Lenten S Light Supper (Barbara Richa) Service</p>
<p>29 Sunday School 10 am The Service 11 am Kole Kunkle Baptism (Fellowship Hall Reserved) Bring non perishable goods for Manna House</p>	<p>30 Scouts 6:30 pm</p>	<p>31</p>	

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	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Service (Circle) 6 pm 7 pm	5 Bulletin info due by 10 am	6 World Day of Prayer (Mt, Pilgrim) 7:30 pm	7
Service (Circle) 6 pm 7 pm	12 Bulletin info due by 10 am	13	14 Youth Leader Day @ Coastal Retreat 1 0am-4pm
Service (Roof Circle) 6 pm 7 pm	19 Bulletin info due by 10 am	20 **NEWSLETTER IN- FORMATION DUE IN OFFICE**	21 New Horizons (Assembly Room) 3 pm
Service (dson Circle) 6 pm 7 pm	26 Bulletin info due by 10 am	27	28

March 2009 Volunteers

ACOLYTES

March 1	Jake Buzhardt	Rachel Buzhardt	Megan Hawkins
March 8	Rachel Swygert	Brianna Kinard	James Ballantyne
March 15	Hannah Floyd	Ingrid Trotter	Nicole Boozer
March 22	Ashley Lake	Annabel Barnett	Kaitlin Kunkle
March 29	Justin Hawkins	Rachel Turner	Ashton Floyd

CRUCIFER

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

March 1	Rose Brandt	Fran Merchant
March 8	Sarah Eargle	Christie Gardner
March 15	Deann McManus	Michelle Long
March 22	Kelly Hawkins	Tina Nichols
March 29	Susan Lake	Angela Hawkins

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 1	Amanda and Lucinda Kunkle and Katherine and Dottie Jean Fulmer
March 8	Kelly Morris
March 15	The Minick Family
March 22	Ozie Krell
March 28	Ann Hawkins Linda Bedenbaugh, and Patsy Morris

GREETERS

March 1	Brenda Clapp & Dianne Morris
March 8	Enoch Boozer & Betty Shealy
March 15	Joe Boozer & Linda Sheppard
March 22	Bernice Connelly & Mary Beth Richardson
March 29	Betty Dominick & Rose Brandt

LECTORS

March 1 Andy Hawkins
March 8 Russell Hendrix
March 15 Bobby Morris
March 22 Michelle Long
March 29 Youth Sunday

CLOSING THE CHURCH

Russell Hendrix
Phil Connelly
Henry Kunkle, Jr.
Byron Carr
Dean Bedenbaugh

USHERS

March 1 Tim Connelly, Evan Pitts,
Bert Lucas, Chesley Minick
March 8 Henry Kunkle, Jr, Jim Ballantyne,
Russell Hendrix, Enoch Boozer
March 15 Steven Lake, Joe Kunkle,
Lee Livingston, John W. Pugh
March 22 Joe Boozer, Jody Green,
Reggie Beckham, Joey Long
March 29 Tim Connelly, Alvin Connelly,
Tim Brandt, Steven Lake

ALTAR GUILD

Feb 23-March 1 Neal, Laura, and Adam Lester
March 2-March 8 Randy and Judy Nobles
March 9-March 15 Mitchell & Harriett Connelly and Wanda Crotwell
March 16-March 22 Joe Kunkle and Brenda Smith
March 23-March 29 Junior & Faye Shealy

**Serving God through
Serving Others**

MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED THIS MONTH



Alvin Connelly, Duncan Crotwell, Chesley Minick, Gordon Minick, Ann Bedenbaugh

Prayer List

Grady Bowers family, Gordon Minick, Chesley Minick, Mica Wilson (friend of Shelia Beckham), Jackson Shealy (Leann and Joey Rauch's nephew), Chase Hamm, Alex Brandt, Pauline Owings (Beth Kunkle's grandmother), Evelyn Morris, Joel Derrick, Floyd Morris, Jeanette Minick, Sandra Cribari (Brenda Smith's sister-in-law), Martha Pugh, Gwen Dawkins Peterson, Bailey Dinkel, Logan Feid, Kitty Milsaps, Al Armfield, Ronnie Summer, 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 Sympathy

Congregational love and Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mr. Grady Bowers. Mr. Bowers died Sunday February 15, 2009. Our prayers are with you.

Holy Baptism

On Sunday February 22, 2009, by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, we received into the fellowship of St. Luke's Jacksen Bryce Long, son of Joey and Jennifer Long and brother of Jerran Long. Jacksen was born on December 5, 2008. We welcome him and ask God's continued blessing upon this family

Members of our First Communion class participated in the communion service on Ash Wednesday. Aubrey Richardson and Elizabeth Bratton were members of our First Communion class.

A big thank you for all that participated in the blood drive on February 15th. Out of 33 donors the American Red Cross collected 26 units of blood. Mark your calendars now because the next blood drive will be October 11, 2009.

It's time again for another World Day of Prayer! This year the community World Day of Prayer service will take place on Friday March 6, 2009 at Mt. Pilgrim Lutheran Church starting at 7:00 pm.

The Kid's Club will meet during the Wednesday night Lenten services in the assembly room. Children preschools through fifth grade are welcome to join us! We will hear a story, learn some new songs, play some fun games and make some awesome crafts. Don't forget your canned goods for Manna House. We want to collect at least a truckload! After Lent the Kid's Club will meet on April 19, May 3 and May 17 from 5:00 until 6:00.

Hospice care of tri-County needs volunteers to give a few hours a month to provide companionship and support to terminally ill patients and their families. There is no cost for training and no previous medical background is required. I will provide you with the tools you need to be the best possible volunteers for our patients and caregivers. Please contact Teresa Amick, Volunteer Coordinator at (803) 321-0341 or toll free at (866)469-6334

LUTHERIDGE 2009!!! Nikki Horne is in the process of organizing a group to go to Lutheridge this summer. This group will consist of 3rd through 8th graders. If your child is interested in attending, please let Nikki know by email (hornenikki@juno.com), cell (924-2129), or home (276-4493).

The Mid-Carolina Chorus under the direction of Lynn Grimsley will be with us Sunday, March 8th during the worship service.

Wessinger's Greenhouse of Chapin will be our supplier for Easter Lilies this coming Easter Season. If you wish to purchase a flower, please fill out an order blank, place it in an envelope, and put it in the box located in the narthex. The price will be \$9.85 per lily which includes foil wrap, bow, and delivery. Deadline for ordering is March 18th. Please no add-on's!

No. of Easter Lilies @ \$9.85
each _____

Easter Lily in honor
of _____

By: _____

Easter Lily in honor
of _____

By: _____

Easter Lily in memory
of _____

By: _____

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of _____

By: _____

*Crown Him
with Praise*



An Easter Musical

Presented by

The Newberry Community Choir

Under the Direction of

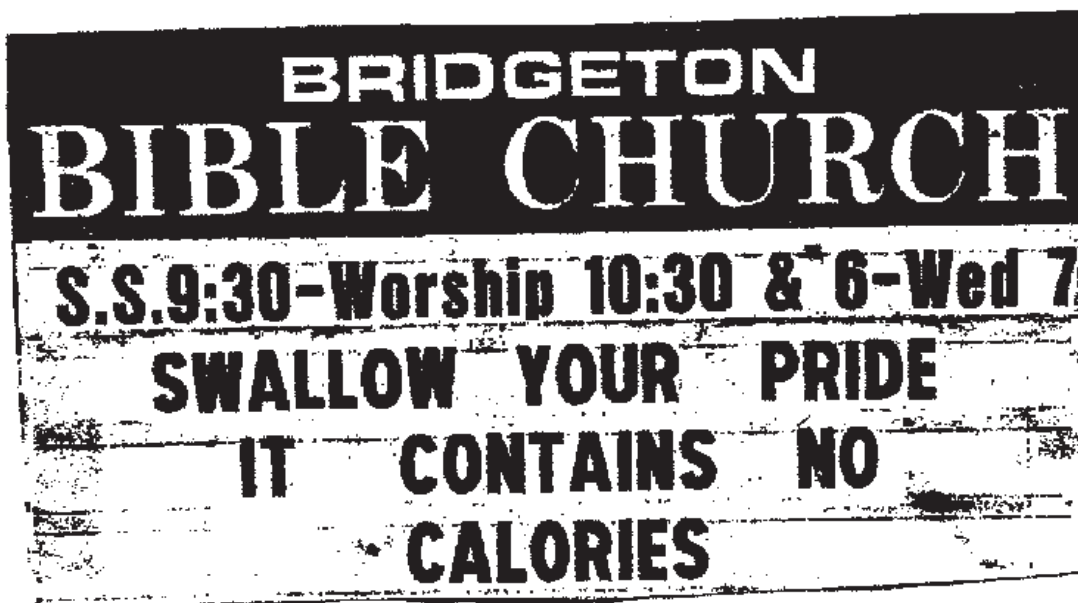
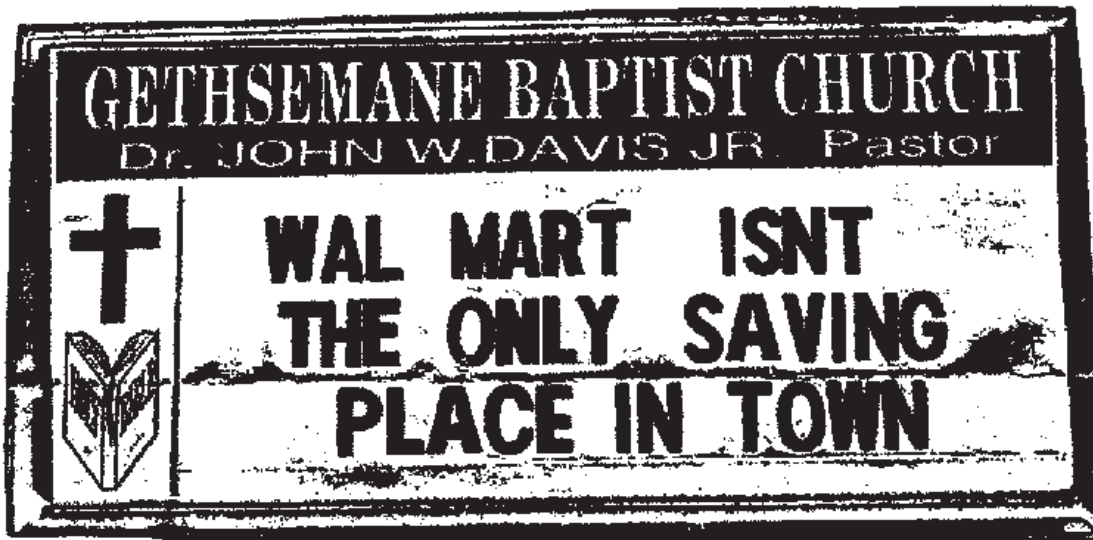
Mary Ann D. Hayes

Friday, April 3, 2009, 8:00 PM
Saturday, April 4, 2009, 8:00 PM
Sunday, April 5, 2009, 3:00 PM

Newberry Elementary School

1829 Nance St, Newberry SC
No admission charged

*Signs
From
Above*



WORSHIP TRENDS**ATTENDANCE****OFFERING**Feb 1st

220

\$6,032.00

Feb 8th

260

\$4,336.50

Feb 15th

234

\$4,009.00

Feb 22nd

189

\$3,368.00

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

Financial Report

**January Financial Report****Doliene Bedenbaugh, Treasurer****Budget Needed To Date****\$20,189.48****Budget Received To Date****\$16,191.20****Disbursed To Date****\$14,913.42****Balance General Fund 1//01/09****\$10,587.28****Balance General Fund 1/31/09****\$11,865.06**