



The Lamplighter

of St. Luke's Lutheran Church

February 2012

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:8

If there ever is a chance to taste and see that the Lord is good at Saint Luke's, February will be the month. As we begin the month, we will celebrate the Souper Bowl of Caring (www.souperbowl.org). Saint Luke's has been active in this ministry for many years and each year we donate several hundred dollars to the Manna House to be used for local outreach. On February 5, you are invited to eat soup and share in fellowship after church while giving to a good cause.

On February 12, the next Sunday, we will be celebrating the retirement of the debt on our Fellowship Hall. The sacrifice of this congregation to pay off this debt so quickly is a blessing that will strengthen the ministry of this congregation for generations to come. Pastor Art Hallman, Retired Bishop David Dongees, and myself will lead worship and celebrate together. Then after worship, we will gather together to eat and have fellowship. It will be a wonderful time of celebration together.

Before the month is over, we will gather for Shrove Tuesday celebrations and weekly Lenten meals. This discipline of eating together and taking time each week to worship is a worthwhile challenge to accept for the five weeks of Lent. Together, as we eat and learn, we will see God at work during this holy time in the church year. If you have not come in the past, I invite you to begin.

When we gather each month at the communion table to share the body and blood of Christ, we are given a physical reminder of the great love that God has shown to us. It is here with the power of God in, with, and under the sacrament that we can taste and see that God is good!

I am excited about our ministry together. I am looking forward to the meals we will be sharing this month.

God's Peace,
Pastor Jason

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FEBRUARY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

<u>Acolytes</u>			<u>Crucifer</u>	
Anabel Barnett	Feb 05	Jared Ballantyne &	Feb 05	Rachel Buzhardt
Turner	Feb 12	Carter Mays & Rachel	Feb 12	Ashley Lake
Craven	Feb 19	Anna Craven & Patrick	Feb 19	Justin Hawkins
	Feb 26	Dillon Morris & Grant Mays	Feb 26	Adam Lester

	<u>Nursery Attendants</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	
Feb 05	Tracy Fulmer & Dana Green	Feb 05	Pam Day
Feb 12	Sara Eargle & Christie Gardner	Feb 12	Patricia Langford
Feb 19	Deann McManus & Michelle Long	Feb 19	Johnny & LaShea Kunkle
Feb 26	Kelly Hawkins & Susan Lake	Feb 26	Lynn & Emily Cousins

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	
Feb 05	Betty Dominick & Rose Brandt	Feb 05	Deann McManus
Feb 12	Doliene Bedenbaugh & Joe Boozer	Feb 12	Ingrid Carr
Feb 19	Ruthie & Nicole Boozer	Feb 19	John W. Pugh
Feb 26	Linda Kunkle & Enoch Boozer	Feb 26	Maria Millsaps

Closing the Church

Feb 05 Enoch Boozer
Feb 12 Russell Hendrix
Feb 19 Bobby Morris
Feb 26 Jeffery Pugh

***SERVING GOD THROUGH
SERVING OTHERS***

Ushers

Feb 05 Tim Connelly, Chesley Minick, Bert Lucas, & Evan Pitts
Feb 12 Henry Kunkle Jr., Russell Hendrix & Enoch Boozer
Feb 19 Steven Lake, Matthew Kunkle, Lee Livingston, & Mickey Fulmer
Feb 26 Joe Boozer, Jody Green, Reggie Beckham & Joey Long

Altar Guild

Feb 05 Joe Kunkle & Brenda Smith
Feb 12 Faye Shealy & Junior Shealy & Deann McManus
Feb 19 Neal Lester & Laura & Adam Lester
Feb 26 Randy & Judy Nobles



Jake Boozer*
Patty Boozer*
MaryAnn Buzhardt*
Andy Cantrell*
Maggie Connelly
Zach Dehill*
Dianne Dennis*
Rosemarie Dickert*
Lisa Everson*
Steve Frick*

Jarad Fulmer*
Pastor John Griffith*
Chase Hamm*
James McCandless*
Kerri McConnell*
Earle Merchant
John R. Miller*
Randall Minick
Dianne Morris
James Earl Morris
Floyd Morris
Ray Morse*
Brady Nussman*
Sammy Rawls*

Margaret Ross*
Tina Senn*
Devon Shaw*
Callie Smith*
Pastor Ronald Smith*
Stephanie
Susan C. Suber*
Essie Suit
Kim Sullivan*
Juanita Thomasson*
Robert Turner*
Pastor John Weaver*
Steve Williams*
Jimmy Zobel
**Family/Friends*

Nursing Home

Mary Edith Bedenbaugh (Generations)	Hattie Boozer (Springfield Place)
Carol Brandt (Saluda Nursing Center)	Jacob Bundrick (Lowman Home)
Martha Ann Cook (Lowman Home)	Ozie Krell (White Oak Manor)
Ossian Higgins (White Oak Manor)	Dezaree Morris (White Oak Manor)

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

- Our Prayers are with you all



- 2 Karen Kunkle
James Enlow**
- 3 Marshall Horne
Michael Connelly**
- 8 James Kesler**
- 13 Allen Michael Bickley**
- 15 Adam Bedenbaugh**
- 17 Susan Connelly**
- 21 Cathryn Kunkle**
- 25 Chad Hawkins
Patrick Livingston**
- 26 Mike Horne
Braylen Long**
- 27 Alvin Connelly**
- 28 Linda Kunkle
Ben Lake**



- 12 Wayne and Delores Nichols**
- 23 Joe & Linda Kunkle
Dennis & Michelle Long**

Happy Birthday and Anniversary Everyone!

For the Special Way You Remembered . . .



*For the care, concern and comfort
For each precious petal of every beautiful flower
For the lovingly prepared nourishment for our bodies
For the graciously given sustenance for our souls
For every hand that helped and for every heart that prayed
For every special way that you remembered our beloved*



*We the family of Jerry L. Koon
Will always thank and remember you.*



In Christ's love,



Dear St. Luke's friends,

I certainly appreciate all of the acts of kindness shown to me during December as I celebrated my 95th birthday on December 1st and as I enjoyed the Christmas holidays.

It was wonderful to see how many young folks came to my home to sing Christmas carols. Their beautiful voices and smiling faces were a joy.

I appreciate Faye and George Hawkins taking time to visit and deliver the many useful gifts from the WELCA members.

To those who sent me cards, thank you! They were so pretty and your thoughts meant so much.

The video tapes of the church services are a blessing for me and I commend the participants of the Christmas program for sharing their talents with everyone.

To all of you, may 2012 bring you good health and happiness!

Sincerely, Mary Nell Boozer

To my Church Pastors and Congregation,

Thanks for your thoughtfulness. I really appreciate all of the prayers, cards, gifts and visits to help me celebrate Christmas.

May God abundantly bless each of you in the new year! Thank you!

Love, Hattie S. Boozer

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the cards, visits and gifts. They have meant so much during the Christmas holidays and throughout the year. I am so blessed to have such a caring church family and pastor.

May God bless you all, Carol Brandt.

Dear Members of St. Luke's,

The goodness of our Lord Jesus was shone in several different ways during the recent special Christmas season. Our youth, along with chaperones, took their time to come and sing songs for us. This made our evening brighter. We received so many cards from our church family and appreciated each one as we opened and read the messages. WELCA was so generous with the bag of useful goodies they sent to us. And we can't forget Dolene Bedenbaugh and Faye Shealy for visiting and giving us communion. Everything was greatly appreciated and we give thanks for each and every one of you.

With Christian Love,

Randall and Kathy Minick



Thanks to all who contributed to the B-Shoc Youth Concert: giving a donation, preparing or buying baked goods, planning, set-up and clean-up. It was a success. Enough funds were raised to cover the expenses so that the overage of **\$123.84** is going to the **Heifer Ark Project**. Thank you all!

A special thanks to those who contributed to the bake sale. It raised a total of \$589.60!

Aluminium Cans Sale



Thanks to all who donated their aluminum cans to the church during 2011. We sold 549 pounds of cans and realized \$345.51 which was applied to the church maintenance fund.

Thus far this year, we have raised \$45.00 for 90 lbs of aluminum cans. Keep sharing your aluminum trash with the church. It does help!



FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><i>Cub Scouts meet Mondays at 6:30 pm at Stoney Hill Center Stoney Hill Center 7:30 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>Boy Scouts meet Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at Stoney Hill Center</i></p>	<p><i>1 G.A.L.S. 10:00 a.m. Brown Bag Bible Study 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. WELCA work at Manna House 1:00-2:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>2 Bulletin Info due by 10 a.m. WELCA work at Manna House 1:00-2:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>3 WELCA work at Manna House 1:00-2:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p>
<p><i>Communion Sunday Scout Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Souper Bowl of Caring after service Musical @ Newberry Elem. 8:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7 Pastor Jason 's Prayer at the Pole Rickard Elem. School Essie Hawkins Circle 10 a.m. Stoney Hill Center 7:30 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>8 Brown Bag Bible Study 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. All Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>9 Bulletin Info due by 10 a.m.</i></p>	<p><i>10.</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p>
<p><i>12 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Debt Retirement Celebration Pot Luck after service Blood Drive 1:30-5:30 p.m. Congregational Council 6:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>13 LMM 7:30 p.m. Thomas Suber Circle 7:30 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p>	<p><i>15 Brown Bag Bible Study 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Barbara Richardson Circle 7:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>16 Bulletin Info due by 10 a.m. LMM Heartland Conf. Mtg. 7 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18 New Horizons 2:30 p.m. Meet in the Assembly Room before loading on the bus</i></p>
<p><i>19 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.</i></p>	<p><i>20 School Holiday</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p>	<p><i>22 Worship Service at noon and at 7:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>23 Bulletin Info due by 10 a.m. March Newsletter information is due</i></p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i></p>
<p><i>26 Bold Women's Sunday Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.</i></p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p>	<p><i>29 Brown Bag Bible Study 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lenten Meal and Service 6:00 pm-8:00 pm</i></p>			



G.A.L.S will meet on Wednesday, February 1, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room. All are welcomed. If interest, please join us for this meeting.

Brown Bag Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 11:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Come and join the discussions as we study the book of Revelations.

St. Luke's Souper Bowl of Caring will be **after worship service on February 5th in the Fellowship Hall.** Last year, we raised \$641 for Manna House. Please sign up to bring a pot of soup. Sign up sheets are outside of Pastor Jason's office.

More than 20 years ago, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

***“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,
help us to be mindful of those without
even a bowl of soup to eat.”***

Since that day, more than \$71 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every dollar donated goes to Manna House, our 2012 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

Essie Hawkins Circle will meet February 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room. All ladies are welcomed.

Mark your calendar! Our Debt Retirement Party will be February 12! Let's celebrate our accomplishment of paying off the debt for our New Fellowship Hall. What a wonderful gift of service and contributions from our church family and community! Worship service will include guest speakers and special arrangements. **A pot luck will follow after worship service. Please join us in our celebration!**

St. Luke's Blood Collection Drive will be Sunday, Feb 12 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. Blood collection wouldn't be possible without the willing support of generous people like we have here at St. Luke's. Your support in helping fellow citizens is much appreciated! **Please see Fran Merchant today to set up an appointment for Feb. 12.**

Relay for Life!

Our team at St. Luke's continues an endless effort to raise money for cancer research. Our projects are:

- 1. DVD's of Womanless Wedding- \$10.00 each**
- 2. Shirts (Your choice of 4 new shirts)**
- 3. Sponsoring a gospel singing night in the sanctuary at St. Luke's March 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with light refreshments to follow in the Fellowship Hall. All donations will go to Relay for Life.**

The survivors banquet will be held Friday, April 13, 2012 at Lutheran Church of Redeemer. If you are a cancer survivor, please sign up with Cheryl or Helen.

And finally-- the Relay for Life will be held April 27-28, 2012 at Newberry High School.

Thanks again and please join the team! Deadline for sign-up is February 2, 2012.

Be part of **2012 Synod Assembly** to uplift and celebrate ministries and address the issues facing members within our synod. This year's **Synod Assembly will be held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center from May 31-June 2.** We need **four delegates to volunteer.** Please contact a council member if interested in attending 2012 Synod Assembly!

New Horizons will meet on Saturday, February 18 at 2:30 p.m. (note change in hour) in the Assembly Room. At this time, we will board our church bus and travel to Prosperity.

Mr. Mike Bedenbaugh, Executive Director of Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, will meet us at the Prosperity Depot. A tour of the depot will follow. Mr. Bedenbaugh will also share some history of the Prosperity area. Then we'll return to the bus for a riding tour of Prosperity, accompanied by Mr. Bedenbaugh.

Following this tour, the group will return to the church for a short business meeting, followed by soup and cornbread meal. We invite others, interested in Prosperity's history to join us for the afternoon activities

Strove Tuesday Pancake Supper Please join us on **Tuesday, February 21 at 7 PM** for pancakes and sausage prepared by the LMM.

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion two services are scheduled for **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 12 noon and 7 PM.**

Sunday, February 26 is Bold Women's Sunday, a day in which we celebrate all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Women, **break out your hats** again for this celebration!

Lenten Services will begin Wednesday, February 29. Meal will be at 6:00 p.m. and service at 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations!

Andrew Green, Braedon Connelly, Brittany Moore, Makayla Nichols, and Sophia Boozer are Life Skills Leaders at Prosperity-Rickard Elementary School.

Ben Hawkins, Eliza McManus, Gracen Green, Kirsten Bickley and Mackenzie Crotwell are Awesome Authors at Prosperity-Rickard Elementary School.



Honor
Students

The following students from Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School made honor roll or principal's honor roll for the second nine weeks:

Honor Roll: Halle Koon, Julia Eargle, Alana Eargle, Ben Hawkins and Kirsten Bickley.

Principal's Honor Roll: Sophia Boozer, Calen McManus, Dantzler Long, Ella Grace Schafer, Andrew Green, Eliza McManus, Reagan Peel, Carson Cockrell, Taylor Cumbie, Sam Hawkins, Brittany Moore, Jackie Stroud, Riley Peel, Mackenzie Crotwell and Jaden Turner.

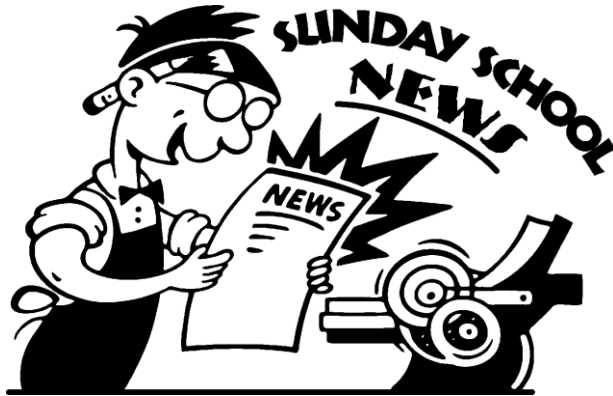
Blair Moore and Drew Moore are on the first nine weeks honor roll at Newberry Academy.

Baylee Kinard and Payton Gardner are on the second six weeks honor roll at Newberry Academy.

Chansel Minick is on Newberry Middle School's Honor Roll.

Mid-Carolina Middle School's Honor Roll includes Mason Hawkins, Jared Bal-lantyne, Jonathon Bickley, Ivey Horne, Ashley Turner, Carter Mays, Aubrey Richardson, Grant Mays, Justin Lever, Anabel Barnette, Jayden Peel, Rachel Turner, Ingrid Trotter and Ryan Koon.

Kaitlin Kunkle has been named the Sough Carolina Association of Women's Sport Class AA Swimming Player of the Year.



Where were you on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.?

The following people were attending Sunday School at St. Luke's during the September, October, and November quarter.

Those who had perfect attendance were: Amber Worthy, Joe Boozer, Enoch Boozer, Ronald Boozer, Doliene Bedenbaugh, Catherine Boozer, Virginia Cannon, Bernice Connelly, Joe Kunkle, Linda Kunkle, Sandra Lominack and Faye Shealy.

Braylen Long, Gracen Green, Micah Schafer, Betty Connelly, Cheryl Lucas, Michelle Long, Pastor Jason, Peggy Boozer, Carolyn Shealy, George Hawkins, Beck Pugh, John Pugh, Stanley Lominack, Dale Pugh, Martha Pugh, Charles Shealy, Shelvie Shealy, and Janette Vaughn missed only one Sunday School Class.

Missing only two classes were Andrew Green, Eliza McManus, Penny Ballantyne, Grant Mays, Barry McManus, Rudy Boozer, Faye Hawkins, Belton Dennis, Miriam Dennis and Edna Stuck.

Congratulations to all of you!
Keep up the good attendance.

Others please challenge yourself to attend Sunday School regularly.
You'll be glad you did.

**Financial Report
General Funds
December 2011**

Budget Needed to Date (if 1/12 of budget spent each month)	\$ 244,339.00	
Budget Received to Date	\$ 202,404.24	Doesn't include YTD OEO receipts of \$29,658.00
Disbursed	\$ 192,971.70	Doesn't include YTD OEO disbursements of \$29,658.00
Balance General Fund 12/31/2010	\$ 35,844.88	
Balance General Fund 12/31/2011	\$ 45,277.42	
Fellowship Hall Loan of 1/5/2012	Balance as \$ 0	

Worship Trends

<u>Expense Only</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund Operating</u>	<u>Operating</u>
Dec 04:	294	\$ 4,385.00	\$ 585.00
Dec 11:	205	\$ 6,131.00	\$ 627.00
Dec 18:	230	\$ 4,880.00	\$ 440.00
Dec 24: 85(4pm) 112(10pm)		*	
Dec 25: 186		\$ 2,424.00	\$ 480.00

**Jan 1st Sunday Offering
\$1,839.00**

Memorials received on first Sunday **\$315.00**

***General offering received at the Christmas Eve services of \$709.10 was designated by council to go to the Heifer Ark Project.**

For simplicity for our volunteer counters and our treasurer, please do not combine donations to multiple funds (I.e. General Fund and Fellowship Hall) on the same check. Write a separate check for each fund and remember to include your offering number on each check as they get separated in processing. We are grateful for your ongoing support!