



The Lamp lighter

of St. Luke's Lutheran Church

November 2011



-Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name (Post communion hymn LBW)

-Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34

It is already the Holiday season. The pumpkins have been carved. Christmas decorations are on the way and all over the country families are planning on gathering together. With Thanksgiving just around the corner most of the nation will take a time to pause and share the story we have all heard before:

The Pilgrims were unprepared for the land and conditions they found in the new world and were slowly starving to death. Then they were befriended by Native Americans (Known as Indians when I was in elementary school) and were able to survive the first winter. As a celebration they came together with their new friends to give thanks and share a meal together.

This story is part of the story of our own country. Each year as we gather together we are reminded of the many things we have to be thankful for. A standard television moment depicts a shattered family gathered around a table and each saying a word of thanks. By the time the meal is over long held resentments are dropped and the family can begin anew with a different understanding of each other.

I think the story of thanksgiving echoes the story of our faith lives. Each month we celebrate a family meal of thanksgiving. When we gather for Holy Communion we come together as a family to share in the promise of God, to be fed, forgiven, and reminded that we are God's children.

As Christians we have our own story of being rescued from the power of sin and death. As Christians we know that our relationship with God can be strained just like our relationship with our family members BUT God will always welcome us back into the fold. Maybe the story of a Christian is living a life of thanks for God's presence and active presence in our lives.

I pray that during the next few months we see God together as we live lives of thanksgiving.

God Bless, *Pastor Jason Schafer*

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Acolytes

Nov 06 James Ballantyne & Nicole Boozer
Nov 13 Jake Buzhardt & Rachel Buzhardt
Nov 20 Brianna Kinard & Jared Ballantyne
Nov 27 Anabel Barnett & Carter Mays

Crucifer

Nov 06 Kaitlin Kunkle
Nov 13 Ashley Lake
Nov 20 Justin Hawkins
Nov 27 Beth Fulmer

Nursery Attendants

Nov 06 Penny Ballantyne, Mary Beth & Aubrey
Nov 13 Linda Kunkle & Fran Merchant
Nov 20 Mike & Daphane DuBose
Nov 27 Janna Cockrell & April Peel

Altar Flowers

Nov 06 Lynn Riber & Seabron Le Compte
Nov 13 Peggy Boozer, Michelle Long,
Martha Turner, Sharon Turner,
Jennifer Slice
Nov 20 Alberta Dominick
Nov 27 Larry & Emily Lake

Greeters

Nov 06 Bernice Connelly &
Mary Beth Richardson
Nov 13 Betty Dominick & Rose Brandt
Nov 20 Doliene Bedenbaugh & Joe Boozer
Nov 27 Ruthie & Nicole Boozer

Lectors

Nov 06 Charlene Pitts
Nov 13 Joyce Lester
Nov 20 Caroline Brandt
Nov 27 Mike Hawkins

Closing the Church

Nov 06 Joe Boozer
Nov 13 Kevin Longshore
Nov 20 Billy Pitts
Nov 27 Carroll Lester

***SERVING GOD THROUGH
SERVING OTHERS***

Ushers

Nov 06 Tim Connelly, Chesley Minick, Bert Lucas, & Evan Pitts

Nov 13 Henry Kunkle Jr., Russell Hendrix & Enoch Boozer

Nov 20 Steven Lake, Matthew Kunkle, Lee Livingston, & Mickey Fulmer

Nov 27 Joe Boozer, Jody Green, Reggie Beckham & Joey Long

Altar Guild

Oct 31 - Nov 06 Neal Lester & Laura & Adam Lester

Nov 07 - Nov 13 Randy & Judy Nobles

Nov 14 - Nov 20 Mitchel & Harriett Connelly & Wanda Crotwell

Nov 21 - Nov 27 Joe Kunkle & Brenda Smith



David Ashworth*

Family of Raymond Dwitt Beckham, Jr.,
brother of Reggie Beckham

Jake Boozer*

Patty Boozer*

MaryAnn Bushardt*

Dianne Dennis*

Betty Dominick

Lisa Everson*

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)

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



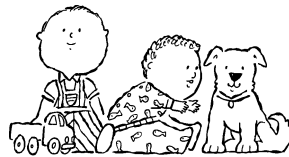
November Birthdays

- Nov 3. Levi Cumalander
- Nov 4. Bert Lucas
- Nov 6. Michael Morris
- Nov 8. Fran Merchant
- Nov 9. Sherry Dominick
- Nov 14. A.J. Shealy
- Nov 15. Jason Connelly
- Nov 16. Jamie Nalley
- Nov 18. Lynn Sheppard
- Nov 19. Mitzie Schafer
- Nov 20. Pastor Henry Brand
- Nov 21. Maria Millsaps
- Nov 25. Ronald Boozer
 - Ingrid Trotter
 - Barry McManus
 - Josh Cockrell
- Nov 26. Mark Crotwell
- Nov 28. Chesley Minick
- Nov 29. Paula Hunter



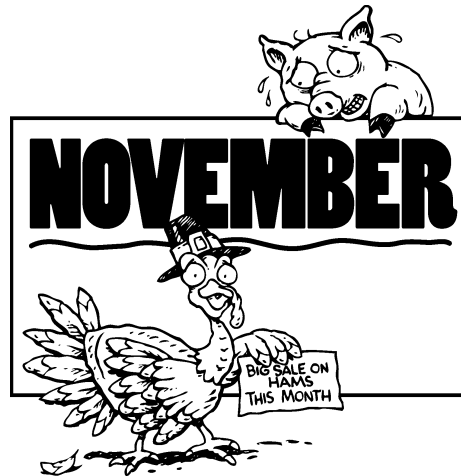
November Anniversaries

- Nov 9. Randy & Pat Arehart
- Nov 15. Robin & Tim Brandt
- Nov 26. Hazel & Leonia Hawkins
- Nov 27. Caroline & Paul Brandt
- Nov 30. Mark & Wanda Crotwell



IT'S A BOY!

Laurie and Christopher Connelly have a baby boy! James Tanner Connelly was born Monday 10/10/2011 at 4:54 pm. He weighed 6 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 19" long. Proud Grandparents are Betty and Tim Connelly. Great Grandparents are Charles and Shelvie Shealy.



Happy Birthday and Anniversary Everyone!

St. Luke's



Mr. and Mrs. David (Catherline) Amick
Mrs. Doliene Bedenbaugh
Mr. Julian Bedenbaugh
Mrs. Mary Edith Bedenbaugh
Mr. Phillip Bedenbaugh
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph (Rosemary) Bedenbaugh
Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Helen) Beebe
Mrs. Peggie Bickley
Mr. and Mrs. Boyd (Ruth) Boozer
Mr. Enoch Boozer
Mrs. Hattie Boozer
Mr. Joe Boozer
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald (Catherine) Boozer
Mrs. Mary Nell Boozer
Rev. and Mrs. Henry (Rose) Brandt
Mrs. Jane Buzhardt
Mrs. Virginia Cannon
Mr. Byron Carr
Mrs. Myra Sue Chapman
Mrs. Bernice Connelly
Mr. and Mrs. Belton (Miriam) Dennis
Mrs. Christine Dennis
Mrs. Alberta Dominick
Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred (Betty) Dominick
Mrs. Katherine Fulmer
Mr. Fred Hawkins
Mr. George Hawkins
Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Ann) Hawkins
Mr. Ray Hawkins
Mr. Ossian Higgins
Mr. and Mrs. Carlton (Edith) Hite
Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Betty) Huggin
Mr. and Mrs. John Dudley (Priscilla) Hunter
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar (Betty) Jones
Mr. Fred Kesler
Mrs. Peggy Killian
Mrs. Rebecca Killian
Mrs. Margaret Koon
Mrs. Ozie Krell
Mr. & Mrs. Henry (Amanda) Kunkle, Sr.
Mr. Louis Kunkle
Mrs. Reba Lester
Mrs. Rosann Lester
Mrs. Narves Lindler
Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Faye) Long
Mr. and Mrs. Earle (Fran) Merchant
Mr. Randall Minick
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby F. (Daisy) Morris
Mr. and Mrs. Calvin (Patsy) Morris
Mr. Floyd Morris
Mr. and Mrs. Carlton (Frances) Morse
Mrs. Mary Dove Nichols
Mr. Thomas M. Nichols
Mr. Dale Pugh
Mr. Fred Pugh
Mr. and Mrs. John (Becky) Pugh
Mr. and Mrs. A.J. "Junior" (Faye) Shealy
Mrs. Betty Shealy
Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Shelvie) Shealy
Mrs. Doris Shealy
Mrs. Brenda Smith
Mrs. Alma Staub
Mrs. Edna Stuck
Mrs. Essie Suit
Mr. Tony Turner
Mrs. Janette Vaughn

As a token of appreciation for the many years of Christian service that our Golden Agers have given to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, a monetary donation will be given to the Fellowship Hall



Golden Age and Homecoming

Thanks to Everyone who came out to our Golden Age and Homecoming Celebration which was held on October 17th. We had a huge turnout with 253 people. Pastor Earl Shafer (Pastor Jason's father) delivered the message.

WELCA Nursing Home Committee is deeply grateful for all who attended and helped with the birthday party at J.F. Hawkins Nursing Home on Tuesday, October 4. We helped 8 residents celebrate another year! Alan and Friends entertained the group. Thanks to Alan Bickley, Wilfred Dominick, Ray Hawkins, Pastor Schafer, and Bill Clamp for their music.

On Behalf of the Blood Connection, a big thank you for taking your time to be a blood donor. We were successful in meeting our goals. We collected 27 units of blood. Our next Blood Connection in February 12, 2012 and October 21, 2012.

Thanks again to all who participated, Fran Merchant

We raised \$ 1875.19 profit from Boston Butts fundraiser benefiting the Fellowship Hall debt . Thanks for all who supported this effort.

The family of Ann Bedenbaugh acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy ...

Dear St. Luke's Family,

Thank you for the gift certificate from Thelma's. This will be good to have during Christmas. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness during our time of loss.

Sincerely, Julian Bedenbaugh, Sandra Lominack and Renee Sligh



2011 Congregational Council Election Results

Congratulations to our newly elected Council members. They will assume office January 1, 2012, and will hold this position until December 31, 2014.

- ✓Randy Arehart
- ✓Dean Bedenbaugh
- ✓Doliene Bedenbaugh
- ✓Sarah Eargle
- ✓Larry Lake

The Declaration Regarding Rostered Ministry at Saint Luke's Lutheran Church passed the vote.




Andrew Green is a Life Skills Leader at Prosperity Rikard Elementary.

Gracen Green is an Awesome Author at Prosperity Rikard Elementary School.

Turkey Stew is still available. Cost is \$6.00 per quart. Contact the office at 364-4093, if interested.

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Cub Scouts meet Mondays at 6:30 pm at Stoney Hill Center	1  Stoney Hill Center Mtg 7:30 PM Boy Scouts meet Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at Stoney Hill Center	2  Brown Bag Bible Study 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	3	4 Young Adults meet for dinner at Gasthaus Zur Elli at 6:30 p.m.	5
6 Communion Sunday Lmm meeting 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.	7 Widow's Support Group G.A.L.S. 10:00 a.m.	8 Essie Hawkins Circle 10:00 a.m.	9  Brown Bag Bible Study 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	10 Bulletin Info due by 10 a.m. Thomas Suber Circle/ Fran Merchant at 7:30 pm	11	12 Adopt-A-Highway Meet at church at 9:00 a.m. New Horizons at 3:00 p.m.
13 Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Congregational Council 6:00 p.m.	14 Pastor Jason out-of-office Steak Supper Planning 6:30 p.m. LMM 7:30PM	15 Pastor Jason out-of-office Faye Hilton Roof Circle 7:00 PM	16  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. Pastor Jason out-of-office	17 Pastor Jason out-of-office Bulletin Info due by 10 a.m. Heartland Conference of LMM Ladies Night at St. Phillips at 7:00 p.m.	18 Pastor Jason out-of-office	19  St. Luke's Steak Supper 5-7:00 p.m.
20 Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.	21	22 Bulletin Info due 10:00 a.m.	23 Pastor Jason Schafer at Colony Lutheran for Thanksgiving Eve service	24 Office Closed 	25 Office Closed 	26
27 Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.	28 December Newsletter information is due	29	30  Brown Bag Bible Study 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.			 "The best thing I remember is Thanksgiving dinner. I asked for wings." CAMPBELL



Attention Young Adults!

We invite all **St. Luke's Young Adults** to join us for dinner at *Gasthaus Zur Elli restaurant* on Friday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP by calling the office at 364-4093. Hope to see you there.



Please note: We honor saints that have passed during **All Saints' Day** worship service on **November 6**. To memorialize those loved ones who were called to be with the Lord this past year, we ask that a member of the family or friend **add the loved one's name** to the list of names on the **stole located in the Assembly Room before November 6**. Thank you.

The Widow's Support group has a new name. We know that **God's Abundant Love Sustains** us, so we have adopted G.A.L.S. as our new name.

On Monday, November 7, the G.A.L.S. Group will be going to **Camp Kinard** to tour the camp and then to **Shealy's for lunch**. We will **leave the church at 9:30 a.m.** If you are interested in being a part of our G.A.L.S. Group, please join us for this or any of our meetings.

Essie Hawkins Circle will meet **November 8 at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Assembly Room**. Please **bring an offering for the Christmas gifts for shut-ins** and your **Joy offering**. All ladies are welcome.

On Saturday, November 19th St. Luke's LMM and Stoney Hill Center will



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY sponsor the final Adopt-A-Highway for 2011. Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. All needed supplies will be provided. The roadsides along Stoney Hill Road will be cleaned. Come out and help with this community project.

The Season for Giving

Adopt a Grandparent or Friend this year for Christmas from the **White Oak Manor**, as a way of giving back to the community. **It's only for a \$15.00 (cash, check, or credit) donation or sponsorship.** Staff will provide the gift and services to the residents on everyone's behalf. It's not only a great way to give back, but it's also a tax deduction for you personally or for your business.

Please contact Vikki Hunter at (803) 940-1243 for more information. Thank you in advance for all who are willing to help.



New Horizons will meet at the church on Saturday, November 19th at 3:00 p.m. and travel to the **home of Jim and Lila Ridlen to view their collection of nativities.** They have several hundred on display. These come from 49 countries. (many are represented more than once) and 18 United States. On return to the church, we will enjoy an activity time and a meal of finger foods. Bring your favorite finger food and join us for a festive afternoon. **Notify Rose or Catherine if you plan to attend.**



Country Fried Steak



St. Luke's will be having a Country Fried Steak supper on Saturday, November 19. It will be an eat-in or take-out. Your help is needed to purchase tickets, to sell ticket, to help cook, to help serve, and to help clean-up. Goal is to sell 1,000 tickets. Tickets will be available you mid-October.

In conjunction with the supper there will also be a Bake Sale. Plan to bake cakes, pies, cookies, candies and/or make jams, jellies, preserves, relishes, etc. If you have item left in your garden, these also will sell.

There will also be a display of Craft Bazaar items for sale. Please place your craft items in the Fellowship Hall by November 14.

All monies realized will be applied to our debt. Let's see if we can't eradicate this debt!

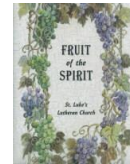
Contact Joyce (364-3646) or Cheryl (364-3442) and volunteer today.



We will be ordering Christmas Poinsettias from Wessinger's Greenhouses again this coming Christmas Season. The price will be \$9.50 per plant, which includes foil wrap, bow and delivery. If you wish to purchase a plant in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out the order blank and place it, along with your money, in the box provided in the narthex. Deadline for ordering is November 20th.

—Worship and Music Committee

Fruit of the Spirit Cookbooks are still available in the church office during regular office hours. These would make wonderful Christmas Gifts!



Shut in list is available in the office for those interested in sending Christmas cards.



The Lutheran Men in Mission are extremely happy to announce that again this year they **will sponsor a Christmas Clothes and Toy Drive for foster children here in Newberry County**. This is being coordinated with the Newberry Department of Social Services. Only new clothes and toys can be accepted.

Thanks to our caring church family, as well as other generous people from the community, last year was the largest since this project began in 1999. There are many children who awake on Christmas morning only to receive nothing, so please join with us in bringing as much joy as possible to needy children here in our county.

Tables will be set up in the Assembly Room and all gifts must be received no later than Sunday, December 11th.
Thanks for your support.



Heartland Conference Fall Gathering
At Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, Little Mountain
Nov. 6th, 2011

Registration starts at 3:30 p.m.
Conference Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Theme: “*Being One with Christ and One with the World*”

Each congregation is to bring can goods. We will have a competition between congregations. All can goods will go to We Care.

** your youth group is responsible for bringing enough drink and dessert for your youth group.*

Grace Lutheran Church is sponsoring its 3rd Annual Elaine & Curtis “Hump” Shealy Growing in God’s Grace Golf Tournament on Monday, Nov. 7 at the Mid-Carolina Club (captain’s choice). For registration or hole sponsorships, please call 364-3331. All proceeds to benefit the Growing in God’s Grace building/ministry fund.

HOLY TRINITY’S BAZAAR IS COMING

November 5th is going to be a big day at Little Mountain’s Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and YOU ARE INVITED!! We’re having our annual bazaar! There will be a craft sale that will feature a variety of items made by many of our members. Homemade baked goods, canned goods, BBQ meat, vegetable soup—the kind you lick your lips for—will also be offered. We will also have a white elephant sale and Trinity’s Closet with new or almost new clothing.

Come to shop, visit with neighbors and have lunch! We’ll have homemade soup and sandwiches, drinks AND desserts.

All money made will go to our Building Fund. Come on out Saturday, November 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Share in our fun and fellowship.

Holy Trinity is located right in the heart of Little Mountain. You can’t miss us!



Whitaker Funeral Home

A Time for Remembering: "Celebrating Those We Love"

Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 4:00 P.M.

The Whitaker Family invites all the members of the community to their 21th Annual Service for Remembering. This memorial service will include a candle lighting ceremony, special music, and a video tribute of loved ones with the reading of names.

Whitaker Funeral Home Chapel

1704 College Street

Newberry, SC 29108

We are pleased to announce the
18th Annual Heartland Conference
Lay School of Religion

Sponsored by Heartland Conference Lutheran Churches

The Word of the Lord:

- (A) Last Supper/Lord's Supper (Rev. Dr. Charles P. Sigel)
- (B) Those Who Have Ears to Hear: Preaching as Ministry of the Whole Congregation (Rev. Dr. Shauna K. Hannan)
- (C) Comparative Religions (Dr. Mike Beggs)
- (D) Social Security Update (Mr. Jim Caulder)
- (E) A Youth Bible Study (Mrs. Stephanie Stoudemayer)

Tuesday Evenings: Jan 3, 10, 17, and 24
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church, Prosperity, SC

Registration forms available in the narthex

Registration Fee: \$10.00 for 4 nights
Youth Admitted FREE

**Financial Report
General Funds
September 2011**

Budget Needed to Date (if 1/12 of budget spent each month)	\$183,254.24	
Budget Received to Date	\$148,213.65	Doesn't include YTD OEO receipts of \$22,605.00
Disbursed	\$143,665.07	Doesn't include YTD OEO disbursements of \$20,899.60
Balance General Fund 12/31/2010	\$35,844.88	
Balance General Fund 09/30/2011	\$40,393.46	
Fellowship Hall Loan Balance as of 10/20/2011	\$33,554.95	

Worship Trends

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund Operating</u>	<u>Operating Expense Only</u>
Oct 02:	167	\$4,385.00	\$705.00
Oct 09:	203	\$3,197.00	\$648.00
Oct 16:	253	\$4,933.00	\$315.00
Oct 23:	182	\$2,821.75	\$555.00
Oct 30:	<i>unavailable at time of printing</i>		
Oct 1st Sunday Offering			\$1,832.00
Memorials received on first Sunday			\$705.00

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!