



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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October 2009

From the Pastor's Desk:

“I am persuaded that religious people do not with sufficient seriousness count on God as an active factor in the affairs of the world. ‘Behold, I stand at the door and knock,’ but too many well-intentioned people are so preoccupied with the clatter of effort to do something *for* God that they don’t hear Him asking that He might do something *through* them.”

Thomas R. Kelly
A Testament of Devotion



OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 4	8:00 a.m.	Church Council
October 4	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
October 11		Homecoming
October 18	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
October 18	6:00 p.m.	Plan Halloween Carnival
October 25	7:00 p.m.	SIS Circle
October 26	9:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline
October 27	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle
November 1		Halloween Carnival

HOME COMING

HOME COMING AT ST. PAUL IS COMING UP OCTOBER 11TH!

Pastor George Moore will be with us this year as guest Pastor. Following worship, we will move to the picnic shelter for a meal of Barbeque chicken, baked beans, slaw and bread. If anyone would like to bring a covered dish, they are welcome to do so. Also, we ask that everyone please bring either a dessert or drink to share. We look forward to seeing all of you on Homecoming Sunday.



The deadline for the November newsletter is Monday, October 26th at 9:00. a.m.

Little Mountain School Photos/Stories wanted for 100th Anniversary Yearbook

With the anticipated completion of the school's construction in early 2010, Little Mountain Elementary is preparing to celebrate its 100th anniversary. In conjunction with this celebration, they are creating a special edition of the school yearbook, incorporating pictures from the past. We would appreciate photos and stories/memories from the community and former students. Please gather your school related photos or documents and bring them by the school between the hours of 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 5th to be scanned. If you prefer, call Megan Shealy at 345-9873 or the school office at 945-7721 for an appointment. The deadline for inclusion in the yearbook is October 15, 2009. For information regarding the purchase of a special edition yearbook, please call the school office.

THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE IS ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF GOOD CLEAN USED CLOTH-



ING for a Clothing Drive that will be the first two weeks in November. These donations will be given to the needy in the lower part of SC. Please bring these items to the church basement starting November 1st and no later than November 15th.

WELCA

JOY Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Emily Epting.

SIS Circle will meet on Sunday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m.

All ladies are invited to attend. Bring a friend.

SC Lutheran Retreat Centers are sponsoring the following programs:

October 27th—Senior Adult Day: Caring for Creation with the Rev. Dr. David Donges.

November 13-15—Marriage Maintenance Seminar: Gender Issues: Why Men Don't Get It and Why Women Always Need More Shoes, Dr. L. William Mitcham, Presenter

Brochures can be found in the Secretary's Box

Evangelism Thought of the Month:

The Evangelism Committee along with all members of St. Paul rejoice and gladly welcome Miss Heather Cook as a new member of our congregation. Heather is currently a sophomore at the University of South Carolina majoring in Pre-pharmacy with plans to attend Pharmacy school. Heather is the grand-daughter of Mr. J.P. Wicker and daughter of Mrs. Tammy Folk.

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 * **Flowers for the altar in** *
 * **October:** *
 * Oct. 4 Melodi Brooks *
 * Oct. 11 Evelyn Ricard *
 * Oct. 18 Jan Redden *
 * Oct. 25 Lori Ricard *
 * Nov. 1 Lorene Stuck *
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PALS

On Sunday, October 18, PALS will travel to Camp Kinard to the Fall Fun Fest. We will enjoy a hayride, a visit to the pumpkin patch, and playing on the playground. Meet in the church parking lot at 1:45. Cost is \$5.00 per child. Chaperones are free. We need at least 10 children to attend in order to participate. Mark your calendars now. Families welcome! (Drivers will be needed) Questions? Contact Lisa Koon

November—A Time for Sharing

Thanksgiving is a time when we reflect on all the wonderful blessings God has bestowed on us. During the month of November, the Social Ministry Committee would like you to find it in your heart to share some of your many blessings with those who are less fortunate. We are asking each family to donate a bag of canned goods or paper items on Sunday November 22nd or Wednesday, November 25th (Thanksgiving Eve). These items will be taken to Manna House or ST. James AME. Place your items in the box at the front of the church near the Thanksgiving display.

*Remember clothing drive during November

*The Thanksgiving Eve offering will go to World Hunger.

Social Ministry Committee



HOLY TRINITY'S BAZAAR IS COMING!!

November 7th is going to be a big day at Little Mountain's Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and YOU ARE INVITED!! We're having our 5th annual bazaar! There will be a white elephant sale and a craft sale that will feature a variety of works from many of our members. Homemade goods - the kind you lick your lips for--will also be offered. Come to shop, visit with neighbors and have lunch! We'll have homemade soup and sandwiches, drinks AND desserts. As you've probably noticed, we're enjoying a beautiful new fellowship hall, and all money made at the bazaar will go to our Building Fund. Come on out Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. See our new building! Share in our fun and fellowship. Holy Trinity is located right in the heart of Little Mountain. You can't miss us!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1	Clay Eaves Brett Taylor Bobby Williams Kathryn Wicker
October 2	Kristen Eaves
October 3	Bobby DeHart Stacey Hancock
October 6	Winifred Davenport Thea Dowd Julie S. Smith
October 10	Kevin Boozer Stephen Werts
October 13	Herman Nalley
October 14	Victoria Summer Brandy Bocelli
October 15	Sherie Jordan
October 16	Derrill Wicker
October 19	Cornelia Werts Robert DeHart
October 20	Tommy Herndon Drew Ricard Betsy Hentz Lorene Stuck
October 24	Janna Richardson
October 25	Lylah Brooks
October 26	Sherry Shealy Whitney Roberts
October 27	Clara Nell Bannister John Coltrane
October 28	Jolee Coltrane Johnny Counts Mandy Richardson Mary Pat Richardson
October 29	Ricky Perry Danny Ricard AnnaGrace Angely

Happy Birthday!

October Helpers

<u>Councilperson:</u>	Toby Smith
<u>Ushers:</u>	Jimmy Kinard Barry Dowd James Richardson Nathan Wicker

<u>Counting Committee:</u>	Wayne Ellisor John Boozer
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<u>Acolyte:</u>	Hannah Brooks
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<u>Crucifer:</u>	Elizabeth Nichols
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<u>Torchbearers:</u>	Austin Wicker Landon Dowd
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<u>Bannerbearer:</u>	Hunter Roberts
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<u>Greeter:</u>	Gina Roberts
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<u>Communion Bread:</u>	Jan Redden
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<u>Altar Guild:</u>	Jennifer Summer
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Grasscutting:

Oct. 3	James Richardson & Louis Wicker
Oct. 10	St. Paul Lutheran Men
Oct. 17	Michael Shinn & Fred Sebesta
Oct. 24	Barry Dowd & Larry Seybt



Last fall I learned that October is Mental Illness Awareness Month. Each year, the first Tuesday in October is set aside for a National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding. One aim of that day is to increase awareness of mental illness and the people whose lives are touched by it. Many people are.

The Lutheran Network on Mental Illness and Brain Disorders estimates that 25% of all beds in our hospitals are filled by persons with mental illness. According to the National Institute of Mental Health,

“One in four adults—approximately 57.7 million Americans—experience a mental health disorder in a given year. One in seventeen lives with a serious mental illness, such as schizophrenia, major depression or bipolar disorder, and about one in ten children have a serious mental or emotional disorder.”

Chances are good, then, that you know someone who either has a mental illness or someone who in some capacity is affected by a person who has a mental illness. Perhaps you do not realize you know someone who is ill because that person chooses to suffer in silence rather than risk the shame and stigma that all too often are associated with mental illness.

With these widespread concerns in mind, congregations are asked to choose one Sunday in October on which they will observe the All-Lutheran Candlelighting. Some churches may also choose to use worship services that might include special liturgies or services that include time for congregation members to speak about their experiences and how the Lord helps them to live alongside a serious health condition. Other churches may choose to worship by lighting a candle and saying prayers on behalf of those experiencing mental illness, of social workers, medical mental health professionals, and more.

I discussed it with Pastor Nichols, and on the third Sunday of October during our worship service, we will prayerfully support increased awareness and understanding of mental illness. Together we will gather to pray that fear, shame, stigma, and mistrust be replaced with education, empathy, and healing. We also will light a candle to symbolize hope, hope for medical advancements, hope for the suffering especially for those persons who walk through deep darkness.

Into that darkness we, by our prayers and our presence, will help share the light of the hope, the eternal hope that is in Jesus Christ our Lord. Please join us as through prayer and candle lighting we gather to support those who organized the 14th Annual All-Lutheran Candlelighting and pray for the continuation of it and like-minded events for years to come.

More information about disability ministries including the newsletter from the Lutheran Network for Mental Illness/Brain Disorders may be found at <http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Disability-Ministries/Mental-Illness/LNMIBD.aspx>

GREETINGS FROM A SEMINARIAN

The Stump family sends a sincere thank you to the entire St. Paul congregation for a very warm welcome. I, Chris Stump, will be serving as the seminararian for this academic year. My wife, Kristie, and my two Children, Karr (Kindergarten) and Anna (Preschool) will be also joining us in worship.

My wife and I grew up North of Dayton, Ohio. We spent the last decade in and around Columbus, Ohio where I was a practicing pharmacist at the Children's Hospital. Our family now lives on campus at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. In addition to seminary, I work on an as needed basis for Richland Children's Hospital.

I look forward to getting to know you better. I ask for you to please be patient with my wife and I as we learn your names. (We may have to be reminded a few times).

God is alive at St. Paul's! I thank you for sharing the love placed in your hearts with our family.

"Dear brothers and sisters, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."
Galatians 6:18

Christopher Stump
1st year seminararian



St. Paul Lutheran Church Congregational Council Minutes
Called Meeting - Sunday, June 28, 2009

13 Members present plus Pastor Nichols
Absent: Dale Epting, Paul Werts, Toby Smith
Devotions: Danny Ricard

Minutes from June 8 were read and approved.

Danny confirmed that Rita Boozer had resigned as organist effective July 31.

Council decided to form a committee that will be in charge of hiring a new organist. Danny asked for volunteers. The committee will consist of Danny Ricard, Pastor Nichols, Wayne Boozer, Stephanie Shinn, and at least one other member of the congregation. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 30 at 7:30 PM to come up with a job description for hiring the new organist. It was decided that the committee will ask other churches and Newberry College for persons who may be interested before formally advertising.

Old Business:

- Council Secretary will begin a list of potential memorials. Several ideas were mentioned for using the \$5,000 Ruth Livingston memorial. The ideas mentioned so far include:
 - Remodel and Organize Secretary's office
 - Install lights on Basketball court
 - Replace Tractor
 - Kitchen for Picnic Shelter
 - Carport Shed

New Business:

- A question was asked as to whether we have an updated copy of our Church Constitution with changes. Pastor Nichols said that we have a copy of the Constitution and we have a copy of the changes but they have not been merged into an updated copy. Secretary Megan Shealy will be asked to merge the two documents into one.
- It was requested that we hold off on ordering the Holy Evening Prayer Service until after new organist is hired.
- The Old Fashioned Hymn Signing will also be postponed until new organist is hired.

With no other business, the meeting was closed by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Ricard
Church Council Secretary

Operation Christmas Child

We are taking part in Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse. Again this year, our church is providing you with the unique opportunity to share Christ with a needy child. Christmas is about sharing the gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ, with the world. Shoeboxes must be brought to St. Paul's by **Sunday, November 15th**. You may drop off your shoebox in the Ladies Bible Class.



How to pack a shoebox:

1. **Shoe Box:** Use an empty shoe box (standard size) or a small plastic container. Small plastic containers would be nice because the child could use it to store their personal items. Please include in your shoebox a check for \$7.00 to cover shipping costs (write OCC in the memo line).
2. **Boy or Girl?:** Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Label your shoebox boy or girl and the age category and tape the label to the top of your box.
3. **Fill with Gifts: Examples include:** Toys, such as small cars, balls, dolls, yo-yo, jump ropes, small etch-a-sketch, toys that light up w/ extra batteries, slinky, etc.; School supplies, hygiene items, and other items such as hard candy, lollipops (please double bag lollipops), gum, t-shirts, socks, ball caps, hair clips, sunglasses, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (extra batteries).

In a separate envelope, you may include a personal note and photo of your family. If you include your address the child may write back.

Don't Include: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



EDDIE TAYLOR FUNDRAISER

EDDIE TAYLOR, FORMER PASTOR OF WIGHTMAN UMC
IS CURRENTLY BATTLING CANCER AND NEEDS OUR SUPPORT



SPAGHETTI DINNER AND BAKE SALE

**WIGHTMAN CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH FROM 5-7PM
EAT-IN OR TAKE-OUT
TICKETS \$7**

**FOR TICKETS - SEE ANY MEMBER OF WIGHTMAN OR
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 364-2340**

WE WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTING A LOVE OFFERING

**THIS EVENT IS HOSTED BY WIGHTMAN'S UMMEN, CLARKSON/COUNTS
CIRCLE AND THE SISTER'S OF CHRIST CIRCLE**



LUTHERAN BELL FESTIVAL SERVICE

Supporting the ELCA WORLD HUNGER FUND

Sunday, October 18, 7:00pm

St. Peter Lutheran Church,
1130 St. Peter's Church Rd.
Lexington, SC, 29072

Five area Lutheran Church Bell Choirs will band together to provide a service of Lessons, Hymns and Bell Meditations using bells as the major instrumentation. The cooperating churches are: Host church, St. Peter, Lexington; Coordinating church, Union, Leesville; St. Stephen, Lexington; Mt. Horeb, Chapin, and St. Jacob's, Chapin.

Churches, Sunday School Classes, and individuals of each congregation of our Conference are encouraged to attend the service and lend their voices to the JOY of WORSHIP in order to make a huge gift to the ELCA World Hunger Fund. Encourage groups to make an effort to send a special offering if they cannot attend this wonderful service in person.

The festival has no registration fees or tickets at the door. Each Choir is responsible for obtaining its own music. The pastors of each participating choir will read the lessons during the service. Two Thrivent Chapters are supporting the Festival. The Dutch Fork Chapter will assist with Festival expenses and contribute any remaining funds to the offering. The Lexington-Saluda Chapter will support the offering with matching funds.

Cooperating Directors: Tina McGready, Sara Coffman, Joan Marco, Amy Gunwall, Bailey Slice, Jim Lindler.

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