



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Scripture...must be read daily. How can we hear the voice of God if we are not familiar with it? How can we recognize the ways of God if we have never seen them? How can we discover the will of God in our own lives if we have never traced its clear but jagged paths in the lives of the chosen weak before us? “

Joan Chittister, OSB

Wisdom

Distilled from the Daily

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

September 13	3:00 p.m.	WELCA Heartland Conference Meeting
September 20	4:00 p.m.	PALS Super Sundae Get-together
September 22	7:00 p.m.	Joint WELCA Meeting
September 24	9:00 a.m.	October Newsletter deadline
September 27		LCY/Parents game night

Evangelism Quote of the Month

"FREE TICKET TO HEAVEN - ALL EXPENSES PAID"

More details given at St. Paul Lutheran Church
11:00 AM - Every Sunday

**The deadline for the October newsletter is Thursday,
September 24th at 9:00. a.m.**

WELCA Heartland Conference

WELCA Heartland Conference Fall Meeting will be held Sunday, September 13, at Silverstreet Lutheran Church at 3:00 p.m. Elizabeth Beutel, from The Heritage at Lowman Active Lifestyle and Residential Care, will be the guest speaker. The fall project (monetary donations and Lowe's gift cards) will help purchase parament sets for the Living Word Chapel (The Heritage at Lowman Home) and help with the landscap- ing. Contact Rita Boozer to carpool (276 -0641).

WELCA

St. Paul Joint WELCA Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 7:00 p.m. at the picnic shelter.

Career Crossroads

Are you or is someone you know going though a career cri- sis? Many people are unhappy in their vocation and aren't sure which steps to take to find work that fits their gifts and mission in life. Career Crossroads is a spiri- tual retreat that can help with these difficult decisions. See brochure on pages 10 & 11.

PALS

Calling all PALS in grades K-5! It's time to begin a new year of sharing God's love with others and our community. Please join us for a "Super Sundae Get-together" on Sep- tember 20 at 4:00. We will participate in some fun activities and then create our "Super Sundaes"! The meeting will con- clude at 5:00. Plan now to attend! We hope to see you there! Any questions, please call Lisa Koon.



MOPS

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meets at Mayer Memorial Lutheran Church on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month with the exception of holidays. Meeting time is 9:15 am to 11:30 am. Child care is provided. Come join us as we have devotions, crafts, commu- nity service projects as well as much needed "mommy time" with other moms! Please call Susie at 364-9171 or Missy at 924-2327 with questions.

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 * **Flowers for the altar in** *
 * **September:** *
 * Sept. 6 Cornelia Long *
 * Sept. 13 Katie Perry *
 * Sept. 20 Narvis Werts *
 * Sept. 27 Martha Jo Wicker *
 * Oct. 4 Melodi Brooks *
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On September 8th from 5:30—6:15 p.m. there will be an open forum with Bishop Yoos at Mt. Tabor, Little Mountain. This time will be used to address your questions and concerns regarding the recent actions of the ELCA Assembly.

Thank you for all of the cards, calls, visits and prayers to our family for the loss of my brother. It is comforting to know we have such good friends and church family in our time of sorrow. A special thank you to Pastor Nichols for his compassion and continued support during this difficult time.





South Carolina Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

August 22, 2009 (from the Church wide Assembly)

Dear South Carolina Lutherans:

I woke up this morning, the day after our Church wide assembly voted to approve all four ministry proposals related to the social statement on ***Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust***, with the words from Psalm 130 on my mind. *"Out of the depths do I cry unto you, oh Lord. Hear my prayer."*

It is a psalm that reflects for me my experience of this assembly. These words evoke the depths of Biblical and theological convictions that have been so passionately shared on the floor of the assembly each day. They express so well the depths of prayer that we deliberately paused for every 20 minutes, asking for God's guidance and the Spirit's wisdom for all our decisions. These words reflect the deep and painful realities of Lutheran Christians who love Jesus Christ as their Lord, who take seriously the Word of God, who love the Church and their neighbor, and who yet arrive at very different conclusions about what it means to follow faithfully Jesus in our world today.

When I first read in our social statement the phrase "bound conscience," I was somewhat ambivalent to the term. It seemed like a phrase that could easily be twisted to mean whatever someone wanted it to mean. After these days of prayerfully listening to brothers and sisters who hold very different convictions, I have now experienced the significance of this phrase "bound conscience" up close and personally. Never before have I witnessed such intense debate, and yet such a deep respect for one another, as I have heard here this week. Never before have I seen so many deeply committed Christians wrestling with such important decisions and in such a patient and loving way.

So what is God saying to us though all this? That is the question that I believe we need to keep on asking one another in the days and weeks to come. I believe that the decisions of this week challenge us to be more intentional in our study of God's Word and its meaning for our life together as baptized children of God. I also believe we are being called to a deeper engagement in prayer for this church and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all of our relationships. Finally, I believe God is calling us and teaching us to become more patient and loving, especially toward those whose faith and conscience arrives at different conclusions from our own.

I began this letter with psalm 130, "Out of the depths do I cry unto you oh Lord. Hear my prayer." But I would like to end with the Scripture that Bishop Hanson spoke to us at the conclusion of yesterday's session from Colossians 3.

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly: teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

In Christ,

Bishop Herman Yoos

History Committee

(subcommittee to Anniversary and Cemetery Committees)

Debbie Werts

I suppose you wonder what I've been up to. Well, I've been busy mapping out the Graveyard and trying to locate any old records of our church family and our community. A few have surfaced.

These goals, with your help, can be accomplished -

1. Need the following information of each family in our church. If you have this information of parents, grandparents, great grands etc.
 - Birthdates
 - Baptismal dates
 - Confirmation dates
 - Death dates
 - Armed Service information
 - Volunteer fireman, rescue squad or community service—schools, church, etc.
2. I am looking for any family history and church history information. Any information needs to be placed in an envelope with your name and the contents. We want to be able to return this to you once recorded and scanned. If you are hesitant about this just call me or Lori Ricard and we will work with you. This includes: (we will copy for you or pay to have copied if you wish to handle yourself):
 - Pictures of your family, parents, grands, great grands, old deeds, grants, home snapshots are great.
 - Pictures of any church functions, old church, old pastors, old gatherings
 - Written copies of Family Trees
 - Stories you'd like to share about people, community and church. The stories can be about anything from first date to how you and your husband met to stories about your childhood. (ex. Good old Jolly Street swimming hole, church's special events)
Note: I place a questionnaire in packet to help trigger your memories. Please take time to record your stories. Remember these are going to be a tribute to our lives and gives us a window into the past. The preservation of this seems insignificant but it will be a treasure others will want to read.

This information takes work on all our parts to make this a success. Individuals everywhere will be interested in the Books and CDs that we hope will come from the information provided by all. The stories and knowledge all of you possess will make this a treasure to behold. Perhaps we can even set a new standard that other churches will want to follow! We are proud of our church, our family and our community. God has given us an opportunity to reach others in a very unique way.

Thanks for all your help,

Debbie Werts
364-9345

**SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Doris Graham
- 2 Kathryn K. Bundrick
 Charlotte Werts
- 4 James Richardson
 Alice Boozer
 Katelyn Pearson
 Jason Koon
- 12 Dakota Perry
- 13 Morgan Werts
- 16 Marcy DeHart
- 17 Chad Boland
 Erin Werts
 Kathy Brown
 Elizabeth Nichols
- 19 John Boozer, IV
 Barry Werts
- 21 Debbie Werts
 Austin Wheeler
 Austin Wicker
- 22 Betty K. Richardson
- 27 Rhett Smith
- 28 Benjamin Richardson
 Marilyn Seybt



September Helpers

- Councilperson:** Edwin Dowd
- Ushers:** Barry Richardson
 Barry Werts
 Carold Wicker
 Andrew Boozer
- Counting
Committee:** Edwin Dowd
 Randall Koon
- Acolyte:** Tyler Ulch
- Crucifer:** Drew Ricard
- Torchbearers:** Brandy Pearson
 Whitney Roberts
- Bannerbearer:** Andrew Nichols
- Greeter:** Carolyn Richardson
- Communion
Bread:** Jan Redden
- Altar Guild:** Shannon Smith
- Grasscutting:**
- Sept. 5 Dale Epting & Robin Chandler
- Sept. 12 Paul Werts & Ludy Werts
- Sept. 19 Brian Stiver & Wayne Ellisor
- Sept. 26 Lowell Dowd & Danny Dowd
- Oct. 3 James Richardson & Louis Wicker

Chattin'

with *Kevin*



Jesus Welcomes One and All

By Kevin Boozer and Mark Boozer

1. People brought their kids to meet
Jesus and sit at his feet.
His disciples told them, "No."
That those children had to go.

Jesus told them they should please
Welcome children just like these.
Welcome children just like these.

2. A boy's face was smeared with dirt.
One girl had a foot that hurt.
Two girls ran to Jesus fast.
One shy boy reached Jesus last.

Brave or shy kids, big or small,
Jesus welcomed one and all.
Jesus welcomes one and all.

3. Every child who gathered there
Given Jesus' love to share,
laughed and played and had much fun.
Jesus held and blessed each one.

Brave or shy kids, big or small,
Jesus welcomed one and all.
Jesus welcomes one and all.

Brave or shy kids, big or small,
Jesus welcomed one and all.
Jesus welcomes one and all.

Several months ago my editor at The Little Lutheran emailed asking for a piece about Jesus welcoming all kinds of children to him, not just the cherubic-looking children we see in paintings. I emailed back a few minutes later with the article about shy children, hurt children, dirty children, brave children, etc. This was a rare instance when an article took just minutes to write and needed no editing at all. The article Jesus Welcomes One and All became the chorus for this song Mark and I wrote.

I wrote lyrics to the first verse and I could strum that much on guitar. I could hum or sing that much, so Mark had a starting place where he knew the tune. Mark suggested I write a second verse. While I did that Mark used his musical knowledge to change the key, write sheet music, and include notes that filled out the piano accompaniment to the song Jesus Welcomes One and All.

The song is fitting for our Sunday School Kickoff this year because it helps us remember that no matter who we are or where we have been, the Lord welcomes us to return to him again and again. Once more we welcome one another and friends and neighbors in the community to joins us for Sunday school and worship so that together we may share the love and joy God has given us.

Have something you'd like to chat about? Give me a call or email me at kevin.boozer@yahoo.com



Briefly describe your work situation:

State your primary reason for attending Career Crossroads:

You will be receiving preliminary work at least two weeks before the event. Please plan to spend a couple of hours completing the inventories as soon as you receive them.

Please return this form and payment of \$250 by **September 17th, 2009** to

Region 9 –ELCA
4201 North Main Street
Columbia, SC 29203
803-461-3203

There are a limited number of scholarships available for this workshop. For further information, contact the Lifelong Learning Office of Southern Seminary at 803-461-3263 or email Sandra Holland at sandrah@ltss.edu.

WHAT PAST PARTICIPANTS HAVE SAID

"I have always known that God gives each of us special talents...this weekend just allowed me to see the vast number He has gifted me with."

"It is...a help to me when a small community is formed of caring Christian individuals who take the time to listen with their own and God's ear and can give you feedback."

"I can now see clearly the path I think that the Lord wants me to take and the ministry he wants me to be involved in...I also realized that I don't have to use these gifts in a church setting."

"I received feedback on specific jobs that I had not previously thought of."

"I am very confident now what direction [God] wants me to take and I can confidently start taking steps in that direction."

"Career Crossroads was very helpful and I look forward to further discerning God's call."

"This seminar has left a sense [of] excitement within me!"



Career Crossroads

*A spiritual retreat
for finding work that fits
your gifts and mission in life*



October 16-18, 2009

**Lutheran Theological Southern
Seminary
Columbia, SC**

CAREER CROSSROADS

FOR PEOPLE OF FAITH WHO

- + want guidance in how to find work that fits their gifts and mission in life
- + want clarity about discerning God's call in their lives and work
- + lack a sense of purpose in life
- + are unsure of their God-given gifts and how to use them faithfully
- + feel "burned out" and frustrated in their careers
- + wonder about changing jobs or careers
- + need direction in considering possible calls to church occupations
- + seek a Christian community to support and encourage them in their searches

LEADERSHIP

The Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. is Region 9 Coordinator for Ministry Leadership with the ELCA Unit of Vocation and Education. He has completed post-graduate study in career counseling at Johns Hopkins University and is a graduate of the University of Chicago Divinity School. He edited *What Will I Do With My Life?*, which was written by Sue Setzer.

Ms. Sandra Holland is the Associate Director for Ministry for Region 9 of the ELCA. She is an Associate in Ministry of the ELCA and a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne University. She has participated in, designed and led vocational discernments events for young adults as well as previous Career Crossroad workshops.

Ms. Jenny Tomalka is the Director of Admissions for Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. She is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne University, B.A., and the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, M.A. In her current position she engages in vocational discernment conversations with a variety of individuals both in the office and while traveling. This includes her work with Project Connect, an initiative of the Eastern Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries that works with young adults who are discerning a call to public ministry.

Career Crossroads

- + helps people discern
 - God's call within a Christian community
 - their personal gifts
 - their life purpose
- + blends faith resources with career counseling tools
- + integrates self-understanding, the world of work, and a theology of vocation through
 - personal devotional reading
 - journaling
 - presentations
 - community discussion
 - worship
- + results in articulation of a personal mission statement that can be applied to vocational decisions
- + helps people apply personal discoveries to their current life situations
- + provides people with guidance and support as they continue the discernment process

Schedule

Check-in — 4:00 p.m., October 16th

Ending — 6:00 p.m., October 18th

A detailed schedule will be sent after you register.

Career Crossroads is offered annually. If you are interested in this event, use the form here to register or send us your name to be put on the mailing list for the next event. You may also call us at 803-461-3203.

This event is offered on behalf of the Eastern Cluster of ELCA Seminaries. Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC, is the host campus for the October 2009 workshop.

REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline: September 17th , 2009

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone(_____) _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-Mail _____

Workshop cost of **\$250** includes Friday supper through Sunday lunch, snacks, and program materials.

Plus : *(please indicate your 1st & 2nd choice for housing)*

_____ Overnight accommodations at the Seminary are **\$25** per person per night

(very limited—first come first serve basis)

OR

Hotel accommodations provided by the Clarion Hotel Downtown (Approximately 3 miles from seminary)

___ **\$108** per person per night for a single room

___ **\$54** per person per night for a double room

OR

___ I do not need housing

Special Needs (i.e. dietary, physical, etc.) _____

To register please send completed form along with your check for \$250 to Region 9 ELCA. Housing costs will be due upon arrival. (Please complete other side)

SPOTLIGHT ON A MEMBER

Jerry and Carolyn Richardson



Jerry was baptized at St. Paul over 70 years ago. He has been a member here his entire life. Carolyn became a member shortly after marrying Jerry (48 years ago). They were married at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on October 16, 1960. They have two children, Barry and Janna. Barry is an internal auditor with the Department of Motor Vehicles and Janna is a teacher at Mid-Carolina Middle School. They have two grandchildren, Mandy and Christopher Richardson.

Jerry retired from the SC Tax Commission after 30 ½ years of service. Carolyn worked at Palmetto State Life Insurance Company prior to becoming a stay-at-home mom. She then did home baking for 40 years. They were both born (at home) in Pomaria and have never left the area. Both attended Pomaria High School. Jerry graduated in 1957 from Pomaria High School and Carolyn graduated from Mid-Carolina High School in 1959.

Jerry is a member of Lutheran Men in Mission, a teacher of the Adult Sunday School Class, a member of the Social Ministry Committee and the 250th Anniversary Committee. He has served on Church Council, the Property Committee, 225th Anniversary Committee, and Evangelism Committee. Carolyn is a member of WELCA, Church Council, and Social Ministry Committee. They both have served a number of times as delegates to the SC Synod Assembly.

The hobby they enjoy most is camping with family and friends.

Jerry's favorite memories of St. Paul are attending Sunday School and Weekday Church School as a child and our 225th Anniversary Celebration. They also have fond memories of the activities shared with Lutheran Men and WELCA over the years. Carolyn especially enjoys the Christmas Eve and Easter Services. She also enjoys serving meals to the golden agers and at the time of a death in the family.

Jerry remembers the addition of the Educational Building and how badly it was needed. Many who were his mentors are no longer here and it makes him realize the importance of continually developing new leaders to assume leadership roles. He feels this is a responsibility we all share. They hope our attendance and the commitment to the work of this church in our community and the work we share around the world will improve. They feel the need for an additional facility may become more evident as that happens. They stated our calling to serve is an awesome responsibility.

Jerry has served two terms on the SC Synod Council and has been a delegate to two church-wide assemblies. He was also a delegate to the constituting convention of the church-wide Lutheran Men in Mission. He currently serves on the board of SC Lutheran Retreat Centers. Carolyn served on the synod WELCA Board. She appreciates having been recognized by the WELCA at St. Paul as a "Bold Woman."

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