

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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November

From the Pastor's Desk:

Jesus' metaphor, kingdom of God, defines the world in which we live. We live in a world where Christ is King. If Christ is King, everything, quite literally, every *thing* and every *one*, has to be re-imagined, reconfigured, re-oriented to a way of life that consists in an obedient following of Jesus. This is not easy. It is not accomplished by participating in a prayer meeting or two, or by signing up for a seven-step course in discipleship at school or church, or attending an annual prayer breakfast. A total renovation of our imagination, our way of looking at things—what Jesus commanded in his no-nonsense imperative 'Repent!' - is required."

Eugene H. Peterson The Jesus Way



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 1	2:30	LCY
November 1	4:00—6:00 p.m.	Fall Festival
November 3	7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Formation Group
November 4	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
November 8		Annual Congregational Meeting
November 10	7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Formation Group
November 11	7:30 pm.	Choir Practice
November 14	5:30 p.m.	LCY to Sease's Corn Maze
November 15	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Sunday and Luncheon
November 15		Clothing Drive and Operation Christmas Child Deadline
November 15	5:00 p.m.	Catechism
November 16	7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Formation
November 17	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
November 19	7:30 p.m.	LMM Ladies Night—St. Phillips
November 20	9:00 a.m.	December Newsletter Deadline
November 22	7:00 p.m.	SIS Circle
November 25	6:30—7:15 p.m.	LCY Spaghetti Supper
November 25	7:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Service
November 29	5:00 p.m.	Catechism



- The deadline for the December newsletter is Friday, November 20th at 9:00. a.m.
- The deadline for the Sunday, November 29th bulletin will be 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 24th.

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

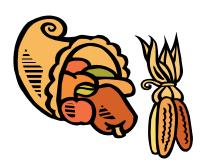
With the anticipated completion of the school's construction in early 2010, Little Mountain Elementary is preparing to celebrate its 100th anniversary. In conjunction with this celebration, they are creating a special edition of the school yearbook, incorporating pictures from the past. We would appreciate photos and stories/memories from the community and former students.

Please gather your school related photos or documents and call Megan Shealy at 345-9873 or the school office at 945-7721 for an appointment to scan or copy your items. For information regarding the purchase of a special edition year-book, please call the school office.

THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COM-MITTEE IS ASKING FOR DONA-TIONS OF GOOD CLEAN USED

CLOTHING 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

SIS Circle will meet Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lori Ricard.

Tuesday, December 8-7:00 p.m. at the home of Jerry & Carolyn Richardson LMM/WELCA Christmas Social following brief meetings

SC Lutheran Retreat Centers is sponsoring the following program:

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



St. Paul Website

Our church now has a website that gives information and updates on many facets of our church. Please go to www.stpaulpomaria.com to view the website. Some pages may also contain pictures of church events. If you do not wish to be included in any pictures, please notify Evangelism chair, Lori Ricard. A huge than you is extended to Kevin Boozer and Toby Smith for creating the website.

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 22rd or Wednesday, November 25th (Thanksgiving Eve). These items will be taken to Manna House or St. James AME. Place your items in the box a 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





OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING to approve a budget for 2010 and elect members to the church council will follow the worship service November 8th.

Proposed budget can be found on page 10.

FALL FESTIVAL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009

Sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee and the LCY. The festival this year will be at the church from 4-6 with

the Haunted Hayride on a trail at Carold Wicker's beginning from the church at 6:00. Come join the fun with games, bingo and hot dogs.



Evangelism Thought of the Month:

Evangelism is just one beggar telling another beggar where to find BREAD.

-D.T. Niles

LCY SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The South Carolina Synod has asked each youth group to sponsor a spaghetti meal to raise money for the Lutheran retreats. We will sponsor our Spaghetti supper before the Thanksgiving service on November 25th. The meal will be from 6:30-7:15.



LCY SKI TRIP FEBRUARY 11 –13, 2010

We will leave at 2:00 from St. Paul and night ski that evening. Then, ski all day on Friday and return Saturday morning. The 11th is an early release day from school and the kids are out on the 12th. The total cost of the trip is \$150.00 a person which includes ski lifts, ski rental, lodging and meals (except the first night). A \$65.00 deposit is due November 25th. Parents and friends are welcome. If you do not plan to ski, it is a discounted price.

CORN MAZE

The LCY will go to Sease's Corn Maze in Lexington, Saturday, November 14th. We will leave the church at 5:30. The cost is \$8.00 to go through the maze. We will stop for fast food after we finish going through the maze, so bring money for food. You will also need to bring a flashlight.



2010 Flower Calendar

The 2010 Altar Flower calendar is posted for volunteer sign-up.

December 13 – Golden Age Christmas Dinner following worship



A special thanks to Todd Johnson with the Newberry County Sherriff's Dept. for his very informative talk about abusing cell phones. 52 people attended.

Christmas CDs

If anyone is interested in purchasing the **Christmas CD** produced by our very own members last Christmas Season we still have a few for sale. The cost is only \$10 and all proceeds go to the Building Fund. What a great way to get into the Christmas Season! We also have a very few pieces of RADA left. If you are interested in either please see Becky Boland or call her at 924.4052.

Come to the Waters
WELCA Sunday
November 15, 2009
Speaker: Peggy Chapman Bedenbaugh

WELCA Sunday will be observed with the women of St. Paul leading the worship service on November 15. We are excited to welcome Peggy Bedenbaugh as our speaker. Peggy grew up at St. Paul, the daughter of Ruth and the late Rufus Chapman.

The loose offering on November 15 will go to St. Paul WELCA to support its ongoing ministry. Members of St. Paul, please use an envelope with your name and "for WELCA" if you wish this offering to be included on your annual giving report.

Following the WELCA Sunday worship service, WELCA members will gather with Peggy and Roscoe at Mid-Carolina Country Club for the Sunday buffet lunch. The lunch is open to anyone who would like to come; however, we need to give the Club a count on November 8. If you would like to join us at the M-C Club, please sign up on the bulletin boards or contact Rita Boozer by 12:30 p.m. November 8. The cost of the meal is \$12.

Pomaria Gives Thanks

We are nearing that special time of year when we actually take the time to contemplate the blessings God has so graciously bestowed upon us. As part of this year's season of Thanksgiving, let us join once again for Pomaria Gives Thanks.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 22 at 5:00 at Pomaria-Garmany Elementary School.

As usual, we will share responsibilities for food and serving as well as pre—and post -meal duties. Members of St. Paul who attend are asked to bring a dessert to share (placed on individual plates and covered with plastic wrap).

This year we encourage church members to bring toiletry items in addition to non-perishable food items for the Pomaria Food Bank at St. James AME Church.

We are looking forward to a gathering filled with faith, food, and fellowship. Thanks for your support and involvement in our community.



The Food Pantry at St. James A.M.E. Church in Pomaria is currently housed in a small concrete block structure on the grounds. They would like to increase the storage space in order to serve more people.

Earlier this year they had a trailer donated to them by a local school district. They need our help to get this trailer from Columbia to Pomaria. In addition, they have been in discussion with the School District of Newberry County regarding a trailer. Money is needed getting the structure moved from either site to the grounds of St. James A.M.E. Church.

On November 22nd, we at St. Paul will be designating all loose offering to help accomplish this goal. Please give generously.

Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 13th at 6:00 pm. Please mark your calendar so you can join in this special time!

Children's Christmas Program Sign Up Sheet will be on the bulletin board this Sunday. Please sign up if you are interested in having a part for this year's program! It is imperative to sign the sheet or email Becky at bekboland4@aol.com if your child wants a part. We will be dividing out parts next week and need all names!

Program Practices will begin on Sunday, November 8th at 5:00 and will be every Sunday thereafter until Sunday, December 6th.



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!

RALLY AROUND ELCA WORLD HUNGER AND ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE GOD'S WORK****OUR HANDS

ELCA World Hunger works with partners around the world and close to home to develop effective, sustainable strategies to alleviate hunger by combating the root causes of poverty. Using anti-poverty methods that are appropriate for the communities experiencing hunger increases the effectiveness of these efforts. With a low cost of administration (about 7%), ELCA World Hunger Appeal maximizes the funds dedicated for hunger ministry with neighbors around the world and around the corner. Given predictions that food prices will continue to rise, we are particularly concerned about those who are the most vulnerable, including those who live on a dollar or less each day.

In addition to the ongoing work of fighting chronic hunger and poverty, part of the World Hunger and Disaster Appeal's function is to raise funds for the ELCA's Disaster Response program. These specially designated offerings and donations, separate from World Hunger funds, enable the ELCA to respond to both domestic and international disasters. The ELCA responds to many major disasters each year, both natural and human-caused. When flood, fire, or storm wreaks havoc on a community, the ELCA is there to empower, provide relief, and educate for future preparedness. Even after the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay—providing ongoing assistance to those in need.

Will you give a gift today to help this church respond faithfully?

Our Thanksgiving Offering has been designated for the World Hunger Appeal.

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

10/26/2009

St. Paul Lutheran Church 2010 Budget

Proposed Description 2009 2010 Change **ELCA and Synod Support** \$ \$ 20,305.00 \$ 20,305.00 SC Mission Supndport 1,000.00 1,000.00 \$ \$ Local Outreach 800.00 800.00 \$ Pastor's Base Salary 38,399.00 38,399.00 Mileage 4,500.00 5,000.00 \$ 500.00 Home Equity Allowance \$ 3.000.00 3,000.00 \$ Pension 7,709.00 7,778.00 69.00 \$ Social Security Allowance for Pastor 8,710.00 8,710.00 Health, Death and Dental Benefits for Pastor 18,816.00 19,965.00 1149.00 **Bulletins** 600.00 \$ 900.00 (300.00)Communion and Altar Supplies 600.00 600.00 \$ \$ Music for Choir (Change to special offering) 400.00 (400.00)\$ Organist 4,635.00 5,200.00 565.00 \$ Supply Organist 300.00 300.00 Evangelism Program 300.00 300.00 \$ \$ Youth Activities 450.00 450.00 **Devotional Guides** 500.00 500.00 \$ Continuing Education for Pastor \$ 500.00 500.00 Social Ministry (Congregational Events) Collect an offering at each event (as applicable) 300.00 \$ (300.00)Campfirmation 1400.00 \$ 1100.00 300.00 Secretary 4.718.00 4,718.00 \$ Offering Envelopes and Financial Records 900.00 900.00 \$ \$ **Delegates Expenses** 100.00 100.00 \$ Social Security Taxes for Employees 2.681.00 2.774.00 93.00 \$ Office Supplies and Postage 4,000.00 4,000.00 Supply Pastor \$ 150.00 500.00 650.00 \$ Homecoming 400.00 400.00 \$ Seminary Student Mileage Allowance 500.00 500.00 \$ Sextons' Salary 6,933.00 6,933.00 Church Utilities 12,500.00 \$ 12,500.00 Repairs and Maintenance 4,500.00 4,000.00 \$ (500.00)Insurance: Church, Parsonage, Organ and Bus \$ 6.500.00 6,500.00 \$ Pals 300.00 300.00 Bible School \$ 1.700.00 1,500.00 (200.00)Yearbook \$ 850.00 850.00 \$ Anniversary Committee 250.00 250.00 Miscellaneous/Contingency 1.600.00 1,500.00 (100.00)**TOTAL** \$161,356.00 \$163,182.00 \$ 1826.00 \$ 35.12 Needs per Week \$ 3,103.00 3,138.12 Increase 1.13%

november Birthdays

November 3 **Brittany Paul** November 4 Tommy Herndon Kristin Ruff November 5 Alana Angely November 6 Brittany Measamer Narvis Werts **Evelyn Ricard** Tyler Pearson November 9 David Blackburn November 11 Doris E. Richardson November 15 Chris Caston November 16 Carrie Sexton Jamie Hall November 17 Lisa Caston Ashley Ellisor Stanley Shealy November 19 John Shealy Klara Boland November 20 John Boozer, III Kendal Boland November 21 Jan Redden Lurleen Seybt Noah Blackburn November 22 Danny Dowd Emily McGlohorn Brian Stiver November 28 Billy Boland Nicholas Hentz November 30 Wendy Mills



Ronnie Koon

November Helpers

Councilperson: Carolyn Richardson

Ushers: Nica Dowd

Betsy Brooks Charlotte Werts Gina Roberts

Counting

Committee: Carolyn Richardson

Dale Epting

Acolyte: Elizabeth Nichols

Crucifer: Tanner Werts

Torchbearers: Jordan Shinn

Austin Wheeler

Bannerbearer: Joseph Tarallo

Greeter: Lynn Nichols

Communion

Bread:

November 22 Rick Caston
November 25 Donna Werts

Altar Guild:

November 22 Betsy Brooks November 25 Gladys Shealy

SPOTLIGHT ON A MEMBER

Ernest and Reba Werts



Ernest was born in Newberry County. He graduated from Newberry High School in 1956. He retired from Winn Dixie Stores in 1992. He retired with 36 years of service. He has been a member of St. Paul Church for all his life.

Reba was born in Whitmire. She graduated from Whitmire High School in 1959. They were married in Whitmire in 1960 by Rev. David Gridgeman. She joined St. Paul Church in 1961. She retired from Monsanto in 1996 with 36 years of service.

They have one son, Bobby Werts (deceased). One daughter Jeanette, who is married to John Gary. Ernest and Reba have three grandsons: Will Gary is a senior at Lander University. Stephen Gary is a sophomore at Furman, where he plays on the baseball team. Dillon Gary is a senior at Emerald High School where he plays defensive end on the football team.

Ernest and Reba moved to Greenwood in 1972. This has prevented them from participating in many of the activities of the church. Ernest's fondest memories are when he attended Sunday School in the cabin behind the church. Reba's fondest memories are the baptisms of their children and grandchildren.

Ernest's hobbies are playing golf and working in the garden. Reba enjoys reading and shopping. They both enjoy spending time with family and friends. They also enjoy traveling when possible.



Have you ever read the *Christ in Our Home* daily devotions resource that we make available to members of St. Paul? These devotions follow along with scripture readings we hear each Sunday. Entries include a Bible verse, a referral to a longer Bible passage, a prayer, and a suggested prayer concern. One day as I read the summer issue, I saw an evening prayer that is attributed to Martin Luther.

"Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake." **Amen.** *

Please go back and read the prayer again. What comes to mind? A police officer, hospital chaplain, or EMS worker? A parent comforting a sick child? A nurse pulling a double shift? Someone tossing and turning unable to get stressful things off their mind? A child sleeping peacefully?

I can think of times when each of the prayer's petitions applied to me or someone near to me. In one way or another, the Lord provided answers to those prayers, often in ways that made dark nights easier to bear. That's why, as nights become longer and winter approaches, I wanted to share this evening prayer in hopes that you might receive the support and peace that I have been blessed to receive from it this fall.

Have something you'd like to chat about? Give me a call or send me an email at Kevin.boozer@yahoo.com or kevinboozer@stpaulpomaria.com

^{*} The evening prayer is found on page 74 in ELW.

St. Paul Lutheral Church Congregational Council Minutes Sunday, August 30, 2009

14 Members present plus Pastor Nichols Absent: Wayne Ellisor, John Wheeler

Devotions: Danny Ricard

Devotions in October: Carolyn Richardson

Minutes from June 28 were read and approved. Paul Werts presented the Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

Homecoming:

Edwin Dowd has contacted George Moore. He has recently had eye surgery and won't know until September whether or not he will be able to preach at Homecoming.

Sunday School:

The Sunday School kickoff is today and will be down at the picnic shelter during Sunday School hour. Breakfast will be served and hymn singing. A pool party will also be held at the YMCA late afternoon.

Evangelism:

Kevin Boozer has been working on the church website. He has it organized well. He has ministries of the church posted and is currently working on a brief summary of each ministry and needs pictures to download on the site. He has agreed to keep the website updated. Lori Ricard will keep in touch with him on current events that he can post on the website. Toby Smith will show council a presentation of website at our October meeting.

Property:

Church is still leaking around the flashing at the steeple. Dale asked for suggestions as to who we can get to work on it. Hole in wall in Adult Bible Class still needs to be fixed and room painted. Front door of Sanctuary also needs a fresh coat of red paint.

Organist:

Search committee met, a list was formed and Danny contacted numerous people. Linda Fulmer has agreed to fill in as interim organist. Newberry College Senior Ike Pitts has agreed to begin playing September 27 and serve as our organist until May. A list has been made of people that have offered to help us out with funerals. The list will be given to Pastor Nichols so that he can contact organist for funerals in the case that Ike is not available.

Tractor:

Discussed whether or not tractor is working because of grass not being cut at the church. Tractor does work, but is not easy to work. Some people use it. Others bring their own equipment. Grounds:

Stephanie Shinn will get some quotes on commercial business cutting grass for church.

New Business:

- A motion was made and passed to allow Abby Stiver to do a brief power point on Juvenile Diabetes. This is for awareness, not a fundraiser.
- Heather Cook has joined the church.
- Candice Counts requested to have her membership moved to Wightman.
- * Tara Lynn Hazel requests to have her membership moved to a church in Texas.

- A motion was made and passed to change the use of the Sunday School board in the Sanctuary to an additional hymn board.
- Danny asked Council to consider the \$5,000 Ruth Livingston memorial. Council
 will vote on how to use the money at October meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Ricard Church Council Secretary



POINSETTIAS

For the beauty of our Church at Christmas, we are ordering poinsettias at a cost of \$8.50 per plant. The price includes the foil wrap. A separate form should be filled out for <u>each</u> plant you order. The information <u>and</u> money must be given to Carolyn Richardson <u>no later than</u> Sunday, November 22, 2009. Please make checks payable to St. Paul WELCA. The information will be published in the bulletin at Christmas.

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Saturday, November 21st 7:00—8:30 p.m. Trinity Life Center at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

On Saturday, November 21st, from 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Little Mountain, will be hosting the Lutheran Youth Encounter Team, "CROSS+FIRE!" for a special program/concert in their Trinity Life Center! You are invited to be a part of this unique opportunity!

This team consists of five young adults who are traveling across the Eastern United State, Ghana, and Nigeria, to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The dynamic program that they will share will include sharing their faith stories, contemporary Christian instrumental and vocal music, puppets, and drama/skits.

Though the program has special appeal to youth, folks of all ages are welcome to come. There is no charge—a free-will love offering will be taken to help the team with their travel expenses.

For additional information, contact the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church office at 345-2841.

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, No**-



vember 15th. You may drop off your shoebox in the Ladies Bible Class.

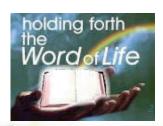
How to pack a shoebox:

- 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.





16th Annual Heartland Conference School of Religion

Sponsored by the Heartland Conference Lutheran Churches

Word of the Lord:

- (A) Scaling the Alps of Acts (Part 2) (Rev. Dr. Sigel)
- (B) Last Things in Ecumenical Perspective

(Dr. Michael Root)

(C) South Carolina Synod Outreach Ministries

(Various Synodical Leaders)

Youth Bible Study

(Mrs. Stephanie Stoudemayer)

Please plan to join your fellow friends for learning mixed with fun, fellowship and food.

Tuesday Evenings: Jan. 5, 12, 19, & 26 7—9 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church, Prosperity, SC

Registration forms may be obtained from your pastor or congregation president.

Fee: \$10.00 for 4 nights Youth admitted FREE.

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