



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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POMARIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29126

February



From the Pastor's Desk:

"Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting. To the children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely, give always a happy smile. Give them not only your care, but also your heart."

A Gift For God

Mother Teresa

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February 3	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
February 4	7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Formation
February 7	8:00 a.m.	Church Council
February 7	12:00 p.m.	Souper Bowl Sunday after worship
February 7	7:00 p.m.	SIS Circle at the home of Lynn Graham
February 10	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
February 14	8:30 a.m.	LMM
February 14	5:00 p.m.	Catechism
February 16	6:00 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 17	7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
February 21	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Meal
February 21	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
February 23	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle Meeting at the church
February 24	9:00 a.m.	March Newsletter Deadline
February 24	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
February 28	5:00 p.m.	Catechism
February 28	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Meal
February 28	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service

The Deadline for the March Newsletter is Wednesday, February 24th at 9:00 a.m.



WELCA

The **SIS Circle** invites all women of the church to attend their first meeting for 2010! The meeting will be at 7 pm on Sunday, Feb 7th at the home of Lynn Graham. Plan to meet at the church at 6:40 if you would like to carpool. We hope to have new members join as we make plans to serve those in our congregation and in our community for the coming year.

The **Joy Circle** will meet Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

All ladies are welcome!

Thank you to the Pastor and the “Ladies of the Church” for the Sunshine Basket you took Barbara in the Nursing Home. She has enjoyed it!

Ludy Werts

Hospitalized:

Juanita Nalley
Keith Pearson
Bristol Perry
Charlotte Werts
John Wheeler
Mattie Mae Wicker

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 thank you is extended to Kevin Boozer and Toby Smith for creating the website.

Evangelism Thought of the Month:

A recent national statistic showed that 82% of people would attend church with a friend if asked--but only 2% of people invite friends each year. Who could you invite to church this month?



Sunday, February 7th is Souper Bowl Sunday. Following the worship service, everyone is invited downstairs to eat a lunch of soup and sandwiches provided by our LCY. We ask that each person donate \$1.00 to Manna House in Newberry.

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 * **Flowers for the altar in** *
 * **February:** *
 * February 7 Donna M. Dowd *
 * February 14 Shirley Lester *
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 * **No Flowers during Lent** *
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February Birthdays

- 1 Dorothy Cochell
- 3 Lee Boozer
- 4 Betty Livingston
- 5 Toby Smith
Grant Smith
- 6 Ashley Lathrop
- 7 Arthur Livingston
Milford D. Wicker
- 8 C. J. Caston
- 10 Jonathon Shinn
- 12 Jackie Perry
- 13 Brigitte Measamer
Barry Richardson
- 14 Lindsay Boozer
- 16 David Lathrop, Jr.
James Lester
- 20 Taylor Fulmer
- 22 Carolyn Richardson
Tanner Werts
- 23 Walter Koon
Joshua Werts
- 25 Caroline Butler
Kristina Outz
Mamie Ella Shealy
- 26 Jacob Wicker
Mark Richardson
- 27 Mary Ellisor



February Helpers

- Councilperson:** Chad Boland
- Ushers:** Joey Brooks
Tommy Herndon
Lindy Richardson
Michael Shinn
- Counting Committee:** Chad Boland
Chris Roberts
- Acolyte:** Jonathon Shinn
- Crucifer:** Drew Ricard
- Torchbearers:** Hannah Brooks
Taylor Richardson
- Bannerbearer:** Andrew Nichols
- Greeters:** Members of the LCY
- Communion Bread:**
February 17 (Ash Wednesday)
Dana/Donna Dowd

February 28
Lynn Nichols
- Altar Guild:**
February 17 (Ash Wednesday)
Carolyn Richardson

February 28
Becky Boland

SPOTLIGHT ON A MEMBER



John Euston Richardson

John Euston Richardson, 55, entered the Church Triumphant December 30, 2009.

Born on December 23, 1954 in Columbia, he was the son of the late George Harold and Margaret Jackson Richardson. He was the owner and president of Richardson's Heating & A.C., Inc. in Chapin. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, where he was a member of the Church Council. He was the pitcher on the Zion/St. Paul softball team.

Surviving are his loving wife, Sherree Richardson; a son, Benjamin John Richardson of Pomaria; daughters, Jenny Richardson (Jeff) Fellers and Lori Beth Richardson of Pomaria; and beloved and doted upon grandchildren, Elyse and Banks Fellers. He is also survived by his brother, Mark (Martha) Richardson of Pomaria; nephews Kirby Richardson, Scott Richardson, and niece Holly Richardson of Pomaria. Also surviving are his parents-in-law, Lewis Merrill and Rita Richardson of Pomaria; sister-in-law, Donna Kirkegard of Newberry; nieces, Ashley Sweatman and Mary Kirkegard of Newberry; and great-niece, Sophie Sweatman. He had two faithful canine companions, Quincy and Rasta. Mr. Richardson was predeceased by an infant sister, Judy Agnes Richardson.

WE WILL MISS YOU!!!

Chattin'

with *Kevin*



Have you ever noticed the large print *Christ in Our Home* devotionals that we have sitting out several places around St. Paul? Each contains devotions for every day of the year. The devotions follow the Revised Common Lectionary, the collection of Bible readings we read each Sunday. There are passages for weekdays, too, and some of those are used in the devotional, too.

The devotions often are written by pastors and associate ministers, but sometimes freelance writers are published in there, too. A friend shared that with me last year, and I kept the project in mind. I researched it more this fall and learned that each prospective writer had to send in two sample devotions on the same two scripture readings: Ruth 1: 6-18 and Romans 13: 1-10. I really worked on those devotions for several months, and last Friday I sent those writing samples and an application to Augsburg Fortress' *Christ in Our Home* devotionals series. The editor liked what she saw, and I have been accepted to write for them! Each writer does a segment of 15 consecutive devotions. In the middle of February I will learn my 15 day assignment, and I will keep you posted.

We are so blessed that they have chosen me to share in this ministry. That's right, "we" are. Part of the application required me to list my writing experience. Of course, I mentioned *The Little Lutheran*, *SC Wildlife* and *Reach Out Columbia* magazine. I also mentioned this column, and I went into detail about it. During the past three years I have learned a lot about selecting topics, editing, and writing sentences appropriate for our reading audience as I have written these *Chattin' with Kevin* pieces. I shared how those skills would help as I wrote the devotions which include a Bible passage, devotion content, a prayer, and prayer topic for each day. I believe that made a big difference in my being considered as one of their writers.

Together, we can celebrate the growth of my writing ministry. Thank you for doing your part through your prayers and your support for these *Chattin' with Kevin* columns, columns that began as a series of devotions.

Do you have something you'd like to chat about? Give me a call, or email me at kevin.boozar@yahoo.com or kevinboozar@stpaulpomaria.com



I have one extra thing to chat about. Last Monday, I share a *Chattin' with Kevin* column and my other writing samples with the editor of *Newberry Magazine*. After reviewing my portfolio and resume, he asked me to be a writer for the magazine! I waited five years for the chance to share my work with him, years when it was hard to have faith and remember that things we desire often happen in God's time instead of our time. During those five years I learned more about life and grew as a writer. Now, at just the right time, I am prepared to do this job, as well as writing for *Christ in Our Home* devotions. **God is so good.**



Please join us for
worship at 7:30 p.m.
on Ash Wednesday,
February 17th.

St. Paul Lutheran Congregational Council Minutes
Sunday, December 6, 2009

13 Members present plus Pastor Nichols

Absent: Dale Epting, Stephanie Shinn, and Paul Werts

Devotions: Lori Ricard

Devotions in January: Pastor Nichols

Minutes from October 25 regular meeting and called meetings on Nov.15 and Nov 29 were read and approved.

John Wheeler presented the Cemetery report.

Committee Reports:

Social Ministry:

-All twenty names were selected from the Angel Tree by members of congregation.

-A sunshine basket of items is being collected for Barbara Gardner who is in a nursing home.

-23 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse were collected.

-Birthday cards are being collected for Mrs. Ibbie Kinard's 98th birthday on December 29.

Old Business:

-Danny priced office furniture at two places and got an estimate of around \$3,000 to furnish the secretary's office with new furniture.

- A motion was made and passed to re-carpet and paint both the secretary's office and the Pastor's office.

New Business:

-Louis Wicker will move the Scout Hut when it dries up some.

-More people are needed to get CDL license to drive bus. A notice will be put in the newsletter and people who have their CDL license will be asked to let the LCY know.

-The Building Committee met and wants to remind Council about the land across the road. The Building Fund now has around \$442,000 and would also like to look into other options such as revising the plans for building that would not be as expensive.

-Toby Smith will install anti-virus software on the church computer.

-There will be a forum on February 6 at Newberry College Chapel concerning recent events in the ELCA. There is a \$20 registration and each congregation can send up to 8 people.

-Danny Ricard attended a meeting of all Council Chairpersons in the Heartland Conference concerning the same matter.

- A motion was made and passed to give Christmas Bonus to the Pastor the same as last year.

-Jennifer Koon Beck requested to have her membership moved to Bachman Chapel.

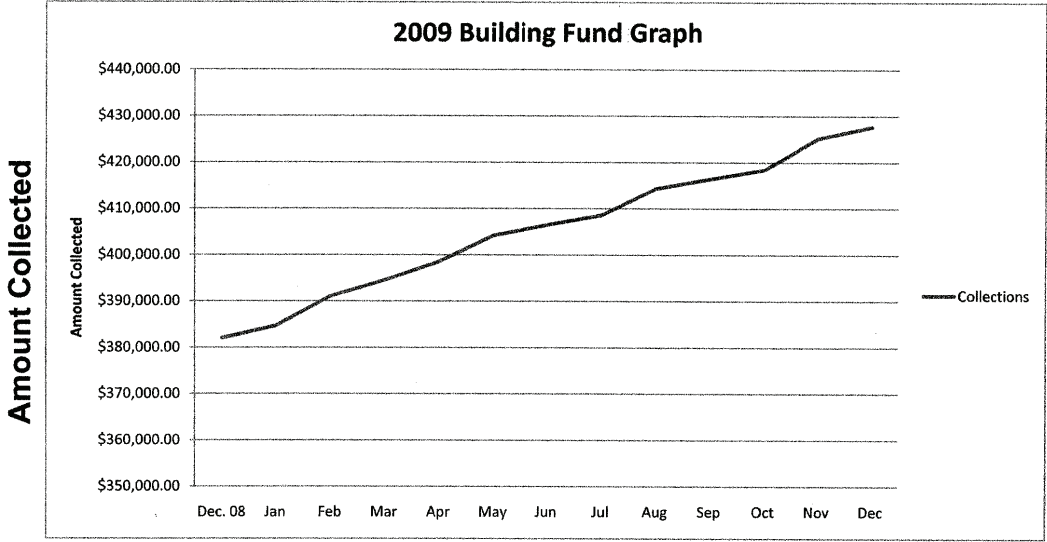
-Jim and Jan Redden have asked for their names to be removed from St. Paul's roll.

-Mrs. Doris Richardson is donating a piano that is in better condition than the one we currently have in the Adult Bible Class. We will move it from her house sometime after Christmas.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Ricard, Church Council Secretary



2009 Collections - \$29,686.19 Interest - \$15,727.55 Total - \$45,415.74

FREE CLINIC YARD AND BAKE SALE

Date: Saturday, February 6

Time: 7:00 am–11:00 am

No Presales

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clothing.***

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

JANUARY 2010

www.elca.org/disaster

On Tuesday, January 12, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake rocked the island country of Haiti, primarily impacting the capital, Port-au-Prince.

Offices, hotels, houses and shops have collapsed. The presidential palace is in ruins and many churches have been destroyed. Hospitals are overflowing and the search for survivors is intense.

The streets of Haiti are filled with people in shock and searching for loved ones among the rubble.

Your help is needed today to bring immediate relief and continued hope for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. About 3 million lives, one-third of Haiti's population, are affected by this earthquake.

Already one of the poorest countries in the world (70 percent of Haiti's population lives in extreme poverty), this catastrophe will exacerbate the suffering felt by many already living with hunger and poverty.

ELCA Disaster Response is already working through long-standing partnerships on the ground to provide emergency food, water, shelter and medical supplies.

Financial gifts are urgently needed. **Your gifts to ELCA International Disaster Response, designated for Haiti Earthquake Relief, will be used entirely—100 percent—for immediate relief and ongoing recovery in Haiti.** Your prayers and generous gifts will make a life-saving difference. Please give today.

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