



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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June 2010

From the Pastor 's Desk:

“It is worthwhile making a distinction between talents and gifts. More important than our talents are our gifts. We may have only a few talents, but we have many gifts. Our gifts are the many ways in which we express our humanity. They are part of who we are: friendship, kindness, patience, joy, peace, forgiveness, gentleness, love, hope, trust and many others. These are the true gifts we have to offer to each other.”

-Henri J. M. Nouwen
Life of the Beloved

JUNE CALENDAR

June 6	8:00 a.m.	Church Council
June 13-19		Campfirmation
June 16	12:00 p.m.	Retirees program and lunch
June 20-24	6:15 p.m.	VBS Meal
June 20-24	7:00—8:45 p.m.	VBS
June 27	11:00 a.m.	VBS Closing Program
June 27	12:00 p.m.	VBS Meal



The Deadline for the July Newsletter is Thursday, June 24th at 9:00 a.m.

WELCA PROJECTS

The congregation is invited to donate gift cards from Wal-Mart for our Retreat Centers or gift cards from Wal-Mart or Lowes for our Mission Churches.

Any amount is welcome –Please mark the outside of the envelope for which project and place in the WELCA gift boxes at the church entrances.

RETIREES

All retirees are invited to our meeting on June 16 at 12:00 noon. A program will be presented and lunch served. Plans are to choose a name for our organization so come prepared with your ideas. Come and enjoy our fellowship.

The Social Committee will be putting together a box to send to Staff Sergeant Lance Hall Jr. (Bud and Donna Dowd's son-in-law). He is stationed in Kuwait. Anyone wishing to make a monetary contribution to this project can place it in the offering plate marked "Sergeant Hall Fund."

The Social Committee will purchase toothbrushes, washcloths, cookies, candies, calling cards, magazines, etc. to send to him. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance,
Barbara Dowd
Social Committee Chairperson

Hospitalized:

Dudley Griffin
Clarence Hazel
Jo Ann Richardson
Cornelia Werts

VBS

IT'S BIBLE SCHOOL TIME AGAIN!! VBS will begin Sunday, June 20th and will end Thursday, June 24th. A meal will be served each evening at 6:15 and classes will be 7:00—8:45 each night. Classes are available for all ages! Remember to invite a friend to join in on the fun! The closing program will be on Sunday, June 27th.

SIGN UP SHEETS for food donations for Vacation Bible School meals can be found on the bulletin boards.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR GRADUATES



Rion Casey Werts

Born April 21, 1992, Rion Casey Werts is an avid outdoorsman and sportsman. During his junior high and high school days, he played football, but his first love has always been the outdoors. He likes to hunt quail, dove, coons, and squirrel, including setting traps for turtle and possum, but his true love is freshwater and saltwater fishing. Rion possesses the skills of Daniel Boone for surviving in the wild, but he also likes the finer qualities of life such as power boating, water and snow skiing, and skeet shooting. At a young age of 18, he is an avid builder of tables, buildings and other items, many from wood. When Rion was fourteen, he took an old boat and rebuilt it. This was amazing, because he had never been exposed to boat construction. Rion is a hard working young man with a delightful personality, but also possesses a strong will. At times this has been challenging to his parents and teachers' patience, but now we all thank the good Lord he is graduating.

There's one incident that comes to mind about Rion when he was ten years old and in the fourth grade: his teacher Ms. Suggs said Rion refused to do his class work. When confronted in the principal's office, Rion replied, "We already done this last year and why waste his time doing it again, teach me something new." Who could argue with logic?

Rion will be attending Piedmont Technical College this Fall under the "Bridge Program." He intends to transfer to USC, Newberry College, or Coastal Carolina with a major in Business and Environmental Agriculture.

He is truly gifted and blessed in many ways.

Jamie Dowd Hall

Jamie Dowd Hall graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology in December 2009. She took a seasonal job in Alaska to work at a salmon hatchery in Prince William Sound. She finished her work on May 26th and will enjoy a week touring Alaska. She will return home to Newberry to spend some time with her family and volunteer with Camp Conservation at Lynches Wood. She will then return to Georgia to look for a job in her field and await her husband's (Lance) return from Kuwait in September. Jamie's interests include kayaking, fishing and traveling.

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Andrew Nichols

Andrew Nichols will graduate from Mid-Carolina High School and will be attending Clemson University in the School of Engineering. While attending Mid Carolina, he was a Palmetto Boys State Delegate, National Merit Scholar Commended Student, Palmetto Fellows Scholar, and Marching Band Captain. He plans to spend his summer working at Leon Fulmer's vegetable farm and doing yard work for a family in Chapin. Andrew's hobbies include reading, basketball, and working out.

Hunter Roberts

Hunter Roberts will graduate June 4, 2010 from Mid Carolina High School. He will attend University of South Carolina in Columbia. He is majoring in Criminology and Criminal Justice. He will graduate with his Beta Club Honors. Hunter works at the Mid-Carolina Country Club. He enjoys hunting and basketball.

Courtney Hentz

Courtney Hentz will graduate from Mid Carolina High School and will attend Clemson University - Education Major. Courtney was Student Body President and a cheerleader while at Mid Carolina.

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE IS GATHERING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CEMETERY FOR THE 2011 CHURCH BOOK.

A reminder about the information on the Cemetery

Please compose a small biography about any loved one that is buried in the Saint Paul's Church Yard. This is to help future generations learn and know about our family, where they grew up, if they were in service, birthdates, death dates, marriage dates, how husbands or wives worked or any little story you would like to include about their personality and funny and precious moments that need never be recorded. I need these as soon as you finish them. A box will be placed in the cry room so you can leave pictures or info for me and the group inputting the information. Please place all info in a brown envelope provided with your name on it.

Debbie Werts
364-9345 or Cell 924-0993

Chattin' with Kevin



This month I'd like to tell you about my friend and classmate, Joanie. We have had several classes together at Newberry during the past two years. Joanie, like me, is an adult student with a compelling life story.

In the 1960's, the first time she attended college, she studied pre-law and economics. Afterwards, in addition to being a full-time mom, Joanie worked as office manager for a doctor's office in Florida, doing challenging work like keeping track of emergency room doctor rotations and even helping triage some patients.

As a child, she got a bad case of the measles and developed health problems throughout her body because of it. One condition that causes her problems is kidney disease. At this point her kidneys are at 14% functioning and holding, something that amazes her doctors. They say she should have been on dialysis right now, but somehow her body is in great shape

Instead of becoming bitter at the hand life dealt her, she has moved closer to God all throughout her life. She felt that God was calling her call into the ministry about a month after her 50th birthday--a time when God reunited her with her estranged parents near the end of her father's life. She believes this was God's way of saying, "I need you this much and I want you whole because I have more things I need you to do." Joanie attended her father's funeral in Alabama and on her way back to Florida she felt the call of the Lord.

She became increasingly involved in the church, teaching Sunday school and serving on the church council. After conferring with a candidacy board and going through the discernment process, they helped her determine the next steps in her life's journey. Four years later, she realized she needed to attend Newberry College and get a degree in religion and church leadership. Her husband supported her decision even though it meant he had to remain at his job in Florida, some 500 miles away. They converse often, and though she will graduate with over \$80,000 in debt, they have faith that God will provide for them.



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Joanie wants to work as an associate in ministry in the Lutheran church with a calling as a campus minister—a choice that firmed itself up as she spent more time on the Newberry College campus. Joanie looks forward to the excitement of interacting with all sorts of college students. She is equipment manager for the College wrestling team, an officer in Lutheran Student Movement, and a participant on the Newberry College team that competes in speech and drama competitions. At age 58, she will graduate from Newberry this spring and then will learn if the Lord wants her to attend seminary to further her religious education.

Joanie is an example of how God has special plans for each of us. She listened for and heard God's still small voice and then had the courage to step out in faith and act upon it. Our college community is so blessed that she did so. So this month I wanted to share this example of faithful living with you in hopes that we all will take time to listen to God's voice and step out in faith and follow Him.

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

Marriage is a journey! A Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Visit our website at www.godlovesmarriage.org or you can contact Ed & Judy Raney, by phone at 843-707-7085 or by e-mail - raneyjl@gmail.com. The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend is September 3 – 5, 2010 in Black Mountain, NC. Space is limited and the registration deadline is August 13, 2010. Don't wait too long to register!



St. Paul Lutheran Congregational Council Minutes
Sunday, March 28, 2010

14 Members present plus Pastor Nichols

Absent: Lori Ricard and Chris Roberts

Devotions: Lowell Dowd

Devotions next time: Alison White

Minutes from March 7 were read and approved.

Chad Boland gave Treasurer's Report.

Committee Reports:

Worship & Music: Repairman came and fixed piano. This cost \$200 to be taken out of repairs and maintenance.

Sunday School: The committee cleaned out Sunday school rooms.

Old Business:

Barry Werts will look into a surge protector for the copier.

Barry Werts presented the information about the Pastor's pension. The pastor's pension shortfall is \$5,084.85.

- A motion was made to make up half the shortfall this year and half next year. The motion was tabled until next month.

New Business:

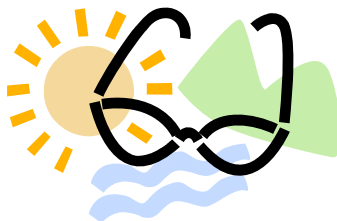
Safe keypad is not functioning properly. Toby Smith will look into it.

Springfield Place would like a Chapel area and asking congregations to contribute.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Ricard



June Birthdays

June 3	Blake Bocelli
June 4	Shirley Lester Nikki Measamer-
June 6	Jo Ann Richardson Lance Hall
June 10	Donna M. Dowd
June 11	Kelly Montgomery Crystal Lathrop Wallace Werts Keenan Boland
June 15	Bryan McGlohorn
June 17	Keith Pearson
June 20	Jameson Jackson
June 21	Caleb Ulch
June 22	Richard Eaves
June 27	Jean Koon J. P. Wicker Mike Shealy
June 28	Reagan White Maggie White Kyndal White
June 29	Lowell Dowd Tara Hazel
June 30	Lynette Koon



June Helpers

<u>Councilperson:</u>	Wayne Ellisor
<u>Ushers:</u>	David Nichols Rhett Ricard Benji Richardson Christopher Richardson
<u>Counting Committee:</u>	Wayne Ellisor Alison White
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Taylor Richardson
<u>Crucifer:</u>	C J Caston
<u>Torchbearers:</u>	Wesley Blackburn Erin Werts
<u>Bannerbearer:</u>	Tanner Werts
<u>Greeters:</u>	Robin Richardson
<u>Communion Bread:</u>	Joyce Bannister
<u>Altar Guild:</u>	Donna K. Dowd
<u>Grass Cutting:</u>	
June 5	Wayne Boozer, Wayne Ellisor
June 12	Chris Roberts, Jimmy Scott
June 19	Michael and Steffanie Shinn
June 26	Wayne Ellisor, Edwin Dowd
<u>Flowers for the altar:</u>	
June 6	Pam Shealy
June 13	Jo Ann and Betty Kay Richardson
June 20	Pam DeHart
June 27	Lynn Graham

The Anniversary Committee is now being formed. Anyone interested in chairing an activity or helping contact Debbie Werts. Several Ideas have been suggested for the up coming year. The congregation's input is needed on the projects the church is to undertake in the Anniversary Church Year. Lori Rikard is collecting pictures and scanning them for a slide presentation during the church year. If you have any pictures you want her to include in her presentation it is not too late. Debbie Werts is collecting church history, family history, and cemetery information for the 2011 Church Book.

1. During the 225th Anniversary Pastor Rikard developed a pageant that was performed by the congregation and others in the community. Do you want to participate?

Yes_____ No_____

2. If yes, what are you willing to do or help with?

3. What other ideas do you have?

4. Are you interested in having an Old Time Sunday , where our congregation dresses in period costumes for church service, and a covered dish lunch to follow?

Yes_____ No_____

5. We are collecting information on the old time and forgotten practices of our forefathers - Making syrup, tanning hides, candle making, candy making etc. We also need old stories of our community that were handed down to you over the years. Write them up on the back of this paper or call me and I will be glad to record your information.

6. If you have other ideas or suggestions please list them below.

Name of Church Member_____

Thank you for your input and ideas

Anniversary Chairman, Debbie Werts

ST. PAUL LUTHERN MEN FATHER’S DAY PROMOTION

Sunday June 20th is Father’s Day. St. Paul Lutheran Men in Mission offers this opportunity to give the fathers of our congregation (living or deceased) the recognition we owe them.

For a free will donation (in any amount), the information you provide will be printed on an insert in the bulletin on June 20th. Donations received will be used by Lutheran Men in Mission to support mission congregations in our synod.

To assure that your father is remembered or honored on Father’s Day, please complete this form, place it in an envelope and give it to Danny Ricard, or Jerry Richardson. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul LMM.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THIS FORM IS JUNE 15TH. We will not be able to get information received after that date in the bulletin on Father’s Day.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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