



## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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October 2010

### From the Pastor's Desk:

Psalm 23 is a beautiful expression of the kingdom of God, in which God is with us, caring and providing for us, and blessing us, even in trying circumstances. The God of Psalm 23 is generous. Because of God's gracious provision, protection and care, we lack nothing. God invites us to rest, to be refreshed and to be restored. God leads and guides us, even in our most painful situations. And because God is with us, we can live without fear. God even prepares a "table" for us in the presence of those who would harm us. God not only provides what we need, he gives us more than we need—our cup is overflowing. When we walk with God as our Shepherd, we see our entire life—even our trials and suffering—as goodness and mercy.

-James Bryan Smith  
The Good and Beautiful God



# OCTOBER CALENDAR

<b>October 3</b>	8:00 a.m.	Church Council
<b>October 3</b>		World Communion Sunday
<b>October 3</b>	4:00 p.m.	First Year Catechism
<b>October 3</b>	5:00 p.m.	Second Year Catechism
<b>October 5</b>	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
<b>October 6</b>	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>October 9</b>		Lutheran Men clean up grounds
<b>October 10</b>		Homecoming
<b>October 10</b>	6:30 p.m.	LCY Game night and meeting
<b>October 10</b>	7:00 p.m.	SIS Circle at the home of Cindy Huyck
<b>October 12</b>	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
<b>October 13</b>	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>October 19</b>	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
<b>October 20</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lunch Bunch
<b>October 20</b>	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>October 24</b>	4:00 p.m.	First Year Catechism
<b>October 24</b>	5:00 p.m.	Second Year Catechism
<b>October 25</b>	9:00 a.m.	November Newsletter deadline
<b>October 26</b>	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
<b>October 27</b>	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>October 31</b>	After church	LCY—Walking for Diabetes
<b>October 31</b>	4:00 p.m.	Heartland Conference Reformation Service at St. Paul

**The Deadline for the November Newsletter deadline is Monday, October 25, 2010.**





**HOMECOMING AT ST. PAUL  
OCTOBER 10, 2010**

We look forward to honoring all our Golden Agers on that day. The Reverend Harry Crout who served as pastor of St. Paul from 1963-1968 will be our guest this year. Following the worship service we will go to the picnic shelter for a barbeque chicken dinner. We ask that everyone attending would bring either a dessert or drink to share. Also, anyone desiring may bring a covered dish. Let's make a special effort to be here and get old friends and family back and see St. Paul full again as we celebrate our Homecoming!

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 \* **Flowers for the altar:** \*  
 \* October 3 Melodi Brooks \*  
 \* October 10 Evelyn Ricard \*  
 \* October 17 Janna Richardson \*  
 \* October 24 Carolyn Richardson \*  
 \* October 31 Linda Herndon \*  
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**LUNCH BUNCH**

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, October 20th at 12:00 noon. Mrs. Dot Cochell will give tips on quilt making. Games of Bingo will be played and everyone is asked to bring two prizes with the cost of each not to be over \$2.00. Come join us for fun and fellowship.

**UPCOMING LCY EVENTS**

**October 10th**—6:30 Game night and meeting

**October 31st**—Walking for Diabetes—Walking on Abby Stivers' team—leaving right after church.

Ski trip is scheduled for February 17 - 19th. More details to come.

**MEGAN SHEALY** (secretary) will be out of town Tuesday, October 12 through Saturday, October 16. The bulletin deadline for Sunday, October 17th will be Monday, October 11th. Please submit any bulletin announcements early.

**WELCA**

The JOY Circle will meet Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

The SIS Circle will meet Sunday October 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cindy Huyck.

**Hospitalized:**

Christine Dowd  
Clarence Hazel

**WEIGHT WATCHERS**

This past May the Weight Watchers group which met at Mt. Tabor was closed by Weight Watchers. The given reason was that there were too few people involved. We still have some members here who are interested in getting started again with a Weight Watchers program. If enough people to sign up, we will be looking at meeting again on Saturday mornings.

We need to have a minimum of 30 people (not including any life members) to sign up for this program in order to get it going again. Anyone who is interested can contact the Mt. Tabor church office or contact Linda Frick at 803-945-7362.

Thanks for your consideration

John Stoudemayer, Pastor

On Sunday, November 14th, Pomaria Lutheran Church is sponsoring a program on Crime Prevention, at 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Major Todd Johnson will be the guest speaker for the afternoon. Light refreshments will be served.

Pomaria Lutheran Church has invited our congregation to attend this program. Please call the Pomaria Lutheran church office at 276-4165 no later than Monday, November 1st to let them know how many will be attending the program.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRIS HUYCK AND BRIANA PICKENS** who were joined in Holy Matrimony on September 25, 2010 at College Place United Methodist Church, Columbia.

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**AS WE CONTINUE TO SWELTER UNDER 90° HEAT, IT IS HARD TO THINK THAT CHRISTMAS IS LESS THAN THREE MONTHS AWAY.** Our Choir is beginning to practice for a special musical Christmas presentation. As always, we need more voices. Male or female, we need your help! Come to choir practice Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. as we begin to prepare for the celebration of our Lord's birth!  
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St. Pau. Lutheran Congregational Council Minutes  
Sunday, June 7, 2010

14 Members present plus Pastor Nichols  
Absent: Wayne Ellisor and Chris Roberts  
Devotions: Barbara Dowd

Devotions in August: Lori Ricard

Minutes from May 2 were read and approved.  
Chad Boland presented the Treasurer's Report

**Committee Reports:**

Worship and Music: No progress so far in organist search.

**Old Business:**

- Pastor Nichols will be out the second Sunday in September. He will preach Homecoming at his home church.
- Nicene Creed is being printed from the new red book. A request was made to go back to older version.
- A request was made that Property Committee look into cleaning up around fence of softball field.

**New Business:**

- Barry Werts will set out more mouse traps and call Terminex to have the basement sprayed.
- The Anniversary Committee has gotten information and cost gathered for Historical Marker for our church at a cost of \$1850. This cost will go up \$300 more after July 1. The Anniversary Committee requests that we go ahead and purchase the sign with money coming from Memorial Fund.
  - A motion was made and passed to order the sign before new increase with money out of Memorial Fund.

-Pastor Nichols thanked Toby Smith, Carolyn Richardson, and David Nichols for attending Synod Convention.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Ricard  
Church Council Secretary

## 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
October 15	Sherie Jordan Brandy Bocelli
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



## October Helpers

**Councilperson:** Alison White

**Ushers:** Kaye Chandler  
Robin Chandler  
Randall Koon  
Jimmy Richardson

**Counting Committee:** Chris Roberts  
Alison White

**Acolyte:** Hannah Brooks

**Crucifer:** Joseph Tarallo

**Torchbearers:** Jacob Wicker  
Austin Wheeler

**Bannerbearer:** Holly Richardson

**Greeter:** Donna Dowd

**Communion Bread:**  
October 3 (World Communion) Jackie Perry  
October 24 Jackie Perry

**Altar Guild:**  
October 3 (World Communion) Alice Boozer  
October 24 Charlotte Werts

**Grass Cutting:**  
Oct. 2 John Wheeler and Wayne Boozer  
Oct. 9 Michael and Steffanie Shinn  
Oct. 16 Chris Roberts and Jimmy Scott  
Oct. 23 Wayne Ellisor and Bud Dowd

Please join us for the  
*50th Wedding Anniversary*  
drop-in honoring  
*Jerry & Carolyn Richardson*  
Sunday, October 17, 2010  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Trinity Life Center  
AT HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
531 CHURCH STREET  
LITTLE MOUNTAIN, SC 29075  
\*PLEASE DO NOT BRING GIFTS.

The following note was sent from Mrs. Roxianne Brunner:

*Your kind expression  
of sympathy  
is deeply appreciated  
and  
gratefully acknowledged  
by the family of  
Mattie Mae Wicker*  
..

*Thank You!*  
*St. Paul Lutheran Church*  
*Congregation*  
*All of your thoughts and prayers for*  
*Granny was greatly appreciated.*  
*The phone calls cards notes - all*  
*were read to her and she found great*  
*comfort in them!*  
*Thank you!*

# Chattin'

with *Kevin*



***“Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.” Amen. The Serenity Prayer***

In 2006 I wrote a *Chattin' with Kevin* column about The Serenity Prayer and how it helped me cope with multiple chronic illnesses. We had no idea where life would lead during those days of trial and struggle. Prayers have been answered and I have achieved many goals I thought to be impossible in 2006. Migraines broke. I'm driving, in college (83 days 'til graduation), and have a part time writing job. We are so blessed. This summer it was like a brand new life as I was out writing for the newspaper and on the go a lot. It was nearly like a normal person's life and I loved it. I got used to it.

But during the past month some symptoms have flared up again. Even though I am so much better than I was even a year ago and I know I've been through the ups and downs before, the process is hard to go through. Now that we're back battling the illness again I am quite limited much of the time. But, even though things have flared up, I still am in school and I can do a lot of my schoolwork on the computer thanks to my professor emailing me Power Point Presentations. This week I even took an exam on computer. Folks from Whitmire have called with news to put in the paper, and a few times they emailed story information with photographs. I set up and did a phone interview with Clemson basketball player Devin Booker even though my voice was really hoarse the day we spoke. The other day I drove to school and last week I even drove with Mom to one of my doctor's appointments. In ways doctors do not fully understand, swimming continues to “undo” the symptoms for hours and sometimes a day or more, so I am prescribed to swim as many days as possible.

All sorts of things go through my mind as I swim. One evening I was wondering why the illness had to flare up again. It was not completely unexpected, but still... why? I didn't understand how that could fit into God's plan after all the things that happened over the summer. What about the works of ministry that were just beginning to take place: the articles about Salkehatchie and the speech to the folks there, the speech I gave to teenagers with chronic illness and disabilities? Why now when we were so close to these goals of graduation and even bigger ones?

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I thought about that as I swam. There were other missed opportunities over the years, such as the chance to do a keynote speech at the 2008 LCY Convention that had gone by even though they seemed like they were just perfect for me to help with. What was the theme for that year? I wasn't sure, but as I swam the passage from Romans 5 came to mind. It was the theme for that year. I didn't remember all of it, but I knew the gist of it, and I looked it up when I got home.

*“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to his grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance, produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our heart through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us (Romans 5:1-5).*

I still pray the Serenity Prayer, but now there's Romans 5 I read and think of, too.

We all are on life journey's that contain suffering sometimes. We need endurance, character, and hope. We also need reminding, as I did that day while I swam. And the reminder came from the memory of a missed opportunity—something the Lord used to reach me when I needed him. I don't know if I'll be limping around and hoarse or driving and walking around when you read this newsletter, but I know that I will be thankful for the variety of ways God blesses each of us as he reaches each of us through his Word and I share the hope that you will, too.

Dear Family & Friends,

It's hard to believe it has already been a year since we participated in our first Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk. We are still in awe at the outpouring of donations, and the number of walkers that participated for Abby's team. We had a total of 65 registered walkers with 58 actually participating and we collected over \$2000.00! Abby's team t-shirts also won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the t-shirt competition of family teams! Needless to say, last year really set the bar for this year. Since the 2009 walk, Abby & I have become mentors for newly diagnosed diabetic children in the Columbia area. This has brought to our attention how prevalent this disease is, especially to young children. In June 2010, we attended Camp Adam Fisher, the largest camp in the Southeast for children with diabetes. Abby went as a camper and I went as a volunteer nurse. It was staggering to be with approximately 250 campers, 95% of them being diabetics. Abby met lifelong friends, all of whom live their lives much in the way Abby lives hers from day to day.

Since being diagnosed with diabetes in November 2007, Abby has gone from sticking her finger for blood sugar checks 4-8 times daily to 4 times daily. She has also gone from giving herself 7 insulin injections daily to an insulin pump that delivers insulin to her on a constant basis. This insulin replaces insulin that her pancreas is unable to produce. Insulin is NOT a cure, but a treatment that keeps Abby alive. Abby continues to participate in activities that other 12 year olds participate in, but she is always monitoring her body and treating high and low blood sugars as necessary. There is not much down time! Abby is a strong, independent young lady that takes care of most of her diabetes on her own.

Once again, we are asking for your help. JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) is dedicated to finding a cure for this disease. All monies pledged to this walk goes directly to research funds to help find a cure. Many research advances have been made, but there is still no cure. Our goal is to continue to work toward raising money to help find a cure before Abby enters college.

We will be walking in the "Say Boo to Diabetes" walk on Sunday, October 31, 2010. Please join Abby's team, "Struttin For Abby" and prayerfully consider giving a donation to our team. The event will begin at 12pm at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia, with the walk beginning at 2pm. There will be food, music, and lots of activities for children of all ages.

Please go to the website [www.jdrf.org/walk](http://www.jdrf.org/walk); click the green sneaker to register for the walk; Find Abby's team "Struttin For Abby" and register to walk or give a donation. You may also mail your tax deductible donation to our home address, 158 Alewine Land, Pomaria, SC 29126 and we will deliver all money to the JDRF office. Make all checks payable to JDRF.

Thanks for all your continued love & support!  
Abby, Brian, & Kim Stiver (803)-260-1261





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 God's work. Our hands.

### Stepping out (of the office) in faith...

*When is the "bottom line" not the bottom line?*

Our synod's Mission Share receipts (undesignated benevolence dollars received from congregations) have not met anticipated goals to date, so the "bottom line" in the treasurer's office is a budget shortfall. But for the South Carolina Synod, the "bottom line" is mission, not money.

This bottom line calls for a faith decision, not a business decision – what can be done to cut expenses in a way that allows better funding of synodical ministries? When Bishop Yoos posed the question, some staff persons volunteered to reduce their weekly hours —and as a result, their pay — up to 20%. Others, who were not able to take this step, volunteered to take several unpaid leave days. By the end of December, combined staff unpaid days will total 209, starting with the 5-day furlough that was taken in July.

To a person, the ten-member synod staff is saying, "We believe God's mission in the South Carolina Synod is important enough for us to make personal sacrifices so that more dollars may flow to the ministries that we support together."

This decision will be re-evaluated at the end of the fiscal year (January 2011). It is our hope and prayer that when we begin a new budget year, we will be able to restore these staff salaries.

To ask a good Lutheran question, "What does this mean?" Significantly, this faith decision will save what amounts to a **full-time staff equivalent** for the rest of this year. Those dollars saved will be spent instead in mission and ministry. It also means that some staff may not be in the office when you call or come by, nor will they be able to offer the same level of service. Most clearly, it means that your synod staff is committed to serving you and your ministries for the sake of sharing the Gospel and making disciples.

*And that's the bottom line.*

Grace and peace,

*The Rev. Herman R. Yoos, Bishop*

*The Rev. Virginia S. Aebischer, Assistant to the Bishop*

*The Rev. Melvin E. Amundson, Assistant to the Bishop*

*Stephanie M. Stoudemayer, Associate in Ministry, SC Synod Youth Coordinator*

*Celie M. Addy, Director of Communications*

*Lynn J. Helton, Resource Director and Assistant to DEM*

*Gloria D. Rast, Secretary to Assistant Amundson*

*Jenny A. Spearen, Secretary to Assistant Aebischer*

*Willene D. Stack, Executive Secretary to the Bishop*

*Linda F. Albert, Administrative Assistant to the Treasurer*

September 8, 2010

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*Return Service Requested*

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