



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

2496 S. C. HIGHWAY 773
POMARIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29126

November 2010

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Did God call us to preach without ceasing? Or teach without ceasing? Or have committee meetings without ceasing? Or sing without ceasing? No, but he did call us to ‘pray without ceasing’ (I Thessalonians 5:17).

“Did Jesus declare: My house shall be called a home of study? Fellowship? Music? A house of exposition? A house of activities? No, but he did say, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer’ (Mark 11:17). No other spiritual activity is guaranteed such results...He is moved by the humble, prayerful heart.”

Outlive Your Life
Max Lucado



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

October 31	11:00 a.m.	LCY Sunday
October 31		LCY—Walk to Cure Diabetes
October 31	3:00 p.m.	Heartland Conference Reformation Service at St. Paul
November 3	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
November 7	4:00 p.m.	First Year Catechism
November 7	5:00 p.m.	Second Year Catechism
November 7	5:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Program Practice (speaking parts)
November 7	6:30 p.m.	LCY Meeting and working on a service project
November 10	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
November 14		Congregational Meeting
November 14	5:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Program Practice (speaking parts)
November 14	7:00 p.m.	SIS Circle
November 17	12:00 p.m.	Lunch Bunch Thanksgiving Dinner
November 17	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
November 18	7:00 p.m.	LMM Ladies Night—Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
November 21		Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are due
November 21	4:00 p.m.	First Year Catechism
November 21	4:00 p.m.	PALS—Adventure in Advent
November 21	5:00 p.m.	Second Year Catechism
November 21	5:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Program Practice (speaking parts)
November 21	6:30 p.m.	LCY Meeting and working on a service project
November 24	7:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Service
November 28	11:00 a.m.	First Sunday in Advent
November 28	5:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Program Practice (everyone)
November 30	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle Meeting at the church



THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE sincerely thanks everyone who participated in the September blood drive. We had a very successful drive and collected 31 pints of blood for the Red Cross. I would like to extend a very special thanks to Carolyn Richardson for all of her hard work in helping me organize the Blood Drive. Respectfully, Barbara Dowd

The Heartland Conference Reformation Service will be at **3:00 p.m.** on Sunday, October 31st at St. Paul. We encourage you to attend as we celebrate our Lutheran Heritage. **Please note the change in time.**

WELCA

The SIS Circle will meet Sunday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m.

The JOY Circle will Tuesday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Hospitalized:
Shelia Bannister
Billy Boland
Dudley Griffin
Clarence Hazel
Jerry Richardson
Merrill Richardson
Walter Koon, Sr.



LUNCH BUNCH

The St. Paul Lunch Bunch will meet on November 17 at 12:00 noon. We will be feasting on a delicious Thanksgiving meal with turkey and all the trimmings. Let us all give thanks and each one bring 5 pieces of fruit to be used in preparing baskets to share with our shut-in members. Come join us and give thanks for our many blessings.



Annual Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting to approve a budget for 2011, elect council members, and conduct any other business will be November 14th following our worship service. Please plan to be present for this meeting.

Operation Christmas Child

Again this year, we are taking part in Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse. Christmas is about sharing the gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ, with the world. Shoeboxes must be brought to the St. Paul Ladies Bible Class by Sunday, November 21st. Please see the weekly bulletins for additional details.

The Deadline for the December Newsletter is Monday, November 29th at 9:00 a.m.

Calling all PALS!

WOW...what a wonderful group we had for Pumpkin Painting in October! Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 21, at 4:00.** We will have an "Adventure in Advent." Since we will have Christmas program practice afterwards, we will serve heavy snacks to "tide you over" until you get home for supper. Hope to see everyone there!



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.

Faith Alive—Bible Track—Lutheridge is adding a Bible Track to the popular Faith Alive series, November 12-14. The weekend will focus on how Lutherans read the Bible as the Word of God. It will be taught by Tim Canniff-Kuhn. The Faith Alive series provides catechetical study (Lord's Prayer, Apostles Creed, Baptism, Communion, Ten Commandments, Reformation) has been used in a variety of ways included as a supplement to a congregation's catechism program, by congregations without pastoral leadership, etc. Contact Pastor Nichols if you are interested in attending.

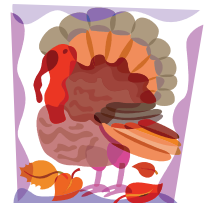
UPCOMING LCY EVENTS

- **November 7th**—LCY will be meeting and working on a service project.
- **November 21st** —LCY will be meeting and working on a service project.
- Ski trip is scheduled for February 17 - 19th. More details to come.

Little Mountain Elementary School is Celebrating its Centennial on Sunday, November 21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium. All former students, graduates and members of the community are welcome!

Beginning November 7th through Thanksgiving, we will be receiving items for the St. James Food Pantry. Items needed are canned goods, other non-perishable foods, paper products, etc. In these difficult economic times, may we who have enough share with those who do not.

The Sixth Annual Holy Trinity Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be a white elephant sale, crafts, and homemade goods for sale. Homemade soups, sandwiches, and desserts will be available for purchase. All proceeds will go to the Trinity Life Center Building Fund.



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
November 23	Brian Stiver
November 28	Billy Boland Nicholas Hentz
November 30	Wendy Mills Ronnie Koon



November Helpers

Councilperson: Rick Caston

Ushers: Nica Dowd
Chris Caston
Lynn Graham
Janna Richardson

Counting Committee: Rick Caston
Wayne Boozer

Acolyte: Landon Dowd

Crucifer: Wesley Blackburn

Torchbearers: Zach Hentz
Tyler Ulch

Bannerbearer: Austin Wicker

Greeter: Janna Richardson

Communion

Bread:
Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving) Danny Ricard
Nov. 28 Dana/Donna Werts

Altar Guild:
Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving) Donna Werts
Nov. 28 Cindy Huyck

Flowers for the Altar:
November 7 Debra Taylor
November 14 Gina Roberts
November 21 &
November 24 (Thanksgiving) Charlotte Werts
November 28 Lurleen Seybt

St. Paul Lutheran Congregational Council Minutes
Sunday, August 29, 2010

13 Members present plus Pastor Nichols

Absent: Wayne Ellisor, Toby Smith and Andrew Boozer

Devotions: Lori Ricard

Devotions in October: Rick Caston

Minutes from June 7 were read and approved.

Chad Boland presented the Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports:

Worship and Music: Requests that the Council hire Hannah Aurand as our organist.

- A motion was made and passed to hire Hannah Aurand as our organist.

Sunday School: We had a total of 71 people attend the breakfast for our Sunday School Kickoff. 25 people attended the pool party.

Bible School: Went well. Attendance was down a little this year probably due to it being a little later in June. Several other churches had their Bible School the same week.

Homecoming: Pastor Harry Crout will deliver our sermon on Homecoming.

Property Committee: A busted pipe between church and tractor shed was repaired.

New Business:

-Lindy Richardson would like to donate painting, carpeting, and replacing the windows of the Pastor's office in honor of Pastor Ricard.

- A motion was made and passed to move by request Phyllis Livingston Sander's membership to Trinity Methodist.

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

Called Meeting on Sunday, September 19

- A motion was made and passed to allow Abby Stiver speak to congregation on behalf of Juvenile Diabetes Annual Walk for a Cure.
- A motion was made and passed to have lamp posts purchased and installed in front of church with money coming from the John Richardson Memorial Fund.
- A motion was made and passed to continue purchasing the rights to use the online access to print bulletins.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Ricard

St. Paul Lutheran Church Budget			
Category	Proposed		Change
	2010	2011	
Budget	Budget		
ELCA and Synodical	20,305.00	14,523.00	(5,682.00)
SC Mission Support	1,000.00	500.00	(500.00)
Local Outreach	800.00	400.00	(400.00)
Pastor's Base Salary	38,399.00	38,399.00	
Mileage	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Home Equity Allowance	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Pension	7,778.00	7,778.00	
Social Security Allowance for Pastor	8,710.00	8,710.00	
Health, Death and Dental Benefits for Pastor	19,965.00	19,965.00	
Bulletins	600.00	600.00	
Communion and Alter Supplies	600.00	500.00	(100.00)
Organist	5,200.00	5,200.00	
Supply Organist	300.00	300.00	
Youth Activities	450.00	450.00	
Devotional Guides	500.00	500.00	
Continuing Education for Pastor	500.00	250.00	(250.00)
Campfirmation	1,400.00	1,100.00	(300.00)
Secretary	4,718.00	4,718.00	
Offering Envelopes and Financial Records	900.00	900.00	
Delegates Expenses	100.00	500.00	400.00
Social Security Taxes for employees	2,774.00	2,774.00	
Office Supplies and Postage	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Supply Pastor	650.00	650.00	
Homecoming	400.00	400.00	
Seminary Student Mileage Allowance	500.00	500.00	
Sexton's Salary	6,933.00	6,933.00	
Church Utilities	12,500.00	12,500.00	
Repairs and Maintenance	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Insurance on Church, Parsonage, Organ, Bus	6,500.00	6,500.00	
Pals	300.00	300.00	
Bible School	1,500.00	1,000.00	(500.00)
Yearbook	850.00	850.00	
Anniversary Committee	250.00	250.00	
Miscellaneous/Contingency	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Totals	\$162,882.00	\$155,450.00	(\$7,732.00)

Chattin'

with *Kevin*



In a few weeks we'll have our congregational meeting where we vote on the church budget. Just as with any organization, the church has expenses and receives money to pay those expenses. We have money for our church to function because of our church offering. We give our offering to honor and glorify God. We give to say "thank you" for all that God has graced our lives with.

Money that the church receives goes to St. Paul operating expenses, to salary for its employees, and to the South Carolina Synod among other places. Some helps support Newberry College and other Lutheran institutions of learning such as Southern Seminary. There is funding for Lutheran World Relief and for the Lutheran World Hunger Organization (that provides services more efficiently than the Red Cross). So, there is global reach to the money we place in the offering plate.

Recently I thought of something else I wanted to share with you. It's something I'd never realized before—that when we give money to the church, we really are giving to one another. Pennies spent on cotton balls and paper plates for LCY skit props in 2004 helped nurture two of our young men's' faith that years later carry them across the world to do mission work. Dollars directed toward the social ministry committee may be the reason your family member who is shut in has a new visitor this year. Dollars spent on Sunday school music materials are teaching our children Bible songs they will remember for a lifetime. There are so many more ways our shared gifts, in this case our shared monetary gifts, are used to minister to others. As we budget our money (I have a part time job now so this applies to me, too!) and as we prepare for the upcoming congregational meeting, let's keep in mind how when we give money to the church we are giving to one another. The church, after all, is the people.



Suggestions Are Welcomed!

We are constantly looking for ways to improve the school. If you have any ideas or suggestions for programs that would be of interest for next year's school, please list them below and turn in with your registration. Also, list any contact persons and phone numbers for the suggested programs.

Suggested Programs

Title _____

Presenter _____

Telephone _____

Title _____

Presenter _____

Telephone _____

Title _____

Presenter _____

Telephone _____

School of Religion

Each session of the School of Religion will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, Prosperity, SC, on Tuesdays, January 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2011. The sessions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. with a break for refreshments and fellowship.

What is the School of Religion?

The School of Religion is designed to help laypersons and rostered leaders apply biblical and theological foundations to their congregational ministries and personal life in the world. The school in 2011 will focus on Bible Study, discerning God's will, witnessing, and other life issues.

Why Have a School of Religion?

The school provides outstanding resource people to address the interests of congregations and individuals in our Heartland Conference. In this setting, we can enhance our learning and deepen our understanding of God's work in the world.

How is the School Financed?

The cost of the school will be funded from individual registration fees, congregational contributions, and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Other donations are also welcomed.

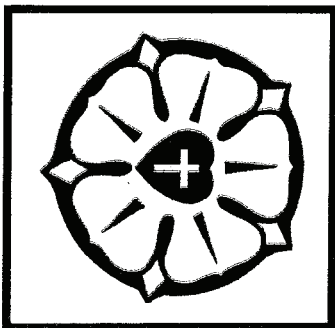
Registration Materials

Registration materials are available in Heartland Conference Churches. If you have any questions, please call Charlsie Doolittle at 803 276-6402.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL

**HEARTLAND
CONFERENCE**

**SCHOOL OF
RELIGION**



**Tuesday Evenings
January 4, 11, 18, 25
Grace Lutheran Church
Prosperity, SC**

Course Descriptions

(A) THE SACRAMENTS

Rev. Dr. Charles P. Sigel
Professor Emeritus of New Testament,
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

Have you ever wondered about the Sacraments: How they began; how they developed; what they mean; right and wrong ways of "doing them?" If you have, this course is for you—a historical, biblical and theological exploration of the Sacraments.

(B) UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS IN CHURCH HISTORY—People and Events that Changed our Church Forever

Dr. Susan McArver
Professor of Church History and Educational Ministry
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

From the days of the New Testament itself to the modern era, the history of the church is filled with extraordinary events and unforgettable individuals. Over the course of the last 2,000 years, a few of these events have changed the entire course of history and shaped everything that came after them. Join us as we consider some of these pivotal moments and remarkable people, both saints and sinners, who changed the church forever and paved the way for the church we know today.

(C) HOW DO WE KNOW JESUS?

Dr. David S. Yeago
Michael C. Peeler Professor of Systematic Theology

(D) A YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Mrs. Stephanie Stoudemayer
Coordinator of Youth Ministry, SC Synod

This youth Bible Study is designed to answer questions and relate issues that young people must face today. Come with your questions and don't forget your Bible. This class is geared toward youth in grades 7 and above.

The Youth Bible Study is free of charge. All youth are encouraged to come and bring a friend.

Registration

Register by Mail before
December 16, 2010
(One person per registration form)
Registration also available at the door

Fee: \$10.00

Students Admitted Free

Return to:
Mr. Ted Arnold
2976 Wheeland Road
Little Mountain, SC 29075

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ ZIP _____
Telephone _____
Email _____
Congregation _____

Circle the title of the course you are selecting.

- A. The Sacraments
- B. Unforgettable Moments in Church History
- C. How Do We Know Jesus?
- D. Youth Bible Study (for Youth only)

Amount Enclosed : \$ _____

The fee for all four nights is only \$10.00 total with youth admitted free.

Make check payable to:
Hearland School of Religion

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 each plant you order. The information and money must be given to Carolyn Richardson **no later than** Sunday, November 21, 2010. Please make checks payable to St. Paul WELCA. The information will be published in the bulletin at Christmas.

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

BY: _____

TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY: _____

MEMORIALS TO THE BUILDING FUND

For those who would prefer to give a memorial to the building fund instead of a poinsettia for Christmas a donation in any amount may be given. Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church Building Fund and give the information and money to Carolyn Richardson **no later than Sunday, December 12, 2010.** The information will be published in the bulletin at Christmas.

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

BY: _____

AMOUNT GIVEN: \$ _____ ENVELOPE NO. _____

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