



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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February 2011

From the Pastor's Desk:

I believe that life in Christ is a reality already given to us. It is ours to claim if we have the courage to enter it. And it really is new. Life in Christ is different from the patterns of the world we know so well. In place of degradation and abuse, it means reverence and respect for all of life. Instead of the politics of power, it embodies humble and joyful service. In place of retribution and revenge, it offers forgiveness and reconciliation. Beyond the forces of disease and death, it holds out healing and life. Instead of fear and anxiety, it offers trust in God. Life in the Spirit means release from idols and freedom from addictions. Christ provides realistic hope for a realistic life. He is the wellspring for our thirst, the bread for every hunger of the human heart. "O, taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Ps.34:8). Once we have tasted living bread and drunk living water, we will be able to lead others who hunger and thirst to our common vital Source.

—Marjorie J. Thompson
Soul Feast

FEbruary CALENDAR

February 6	8:00 a.m.	Church Council
February 6	12:00 p.m.	Souper Bowl Lunch
February 9	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
February 13	4:00 p.m.	First Year Catechism
February 13	5:00 p.m.	Second Year Catechism
February 16	12:00 p.m.	Lunch Bunch
February 16	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
February 17-18		LCY Ski Trip
February 23	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
February 24	9:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline
February 27	4:00—5:00 p.m.	PALS
February 27	4:00 p.m.	First Year Catechism
February 27	5:00 p.m.	Second Year Catechism



THE SOUPER BOWL WILL BE HERE SOON!



FEbruary 6th is Souper Bowl Sunday. Again this year, our youth will be collecting donations of at least \$1.00 per person to be given to local food pantries. To help emphasize the importance of Souper Bowl Sunday, the LCY will be providing a soup and sandwich lunch for the congregation following the worship service. Plan to stay and enjoy lunch and fellowship.

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

Several people have asked for a copy of the 225th Logs to Granite DVD that we watched at the January 16th Anniversary Kick-off. If you would like a copy, please sign the list on the bulletin board. The cost is \$3.00 for the DVD.

This fall, our church will perform a 250th Anniversary Play. Most parts are non-speaking. If you are interested in being in the play, please sign up on the bulletin board. We need lots of people to make this a success.

CARE PACKAGE

Jeff Brooks, son of Henry & Mina Brooks, is currently serving with the military forces in Afghanistan. The Social Ministry Committee would like to show our support & appreciation by sending him a "care package." If you would like to make a donation towards these items, put it in a brown envelope marked for the "Jeff Brooks Care Package" with your name & envelope number. Make checks payable to St. Paul. Notes & cards are also appreciated. Please give these items to Donna K. Dowd or Carolyn Richardson by February 6, 2011.

**SWEETHEART
DINNER**

Mission Team 2011 is sponsoring a Sweetheart Dinner on Saturday, February 5, 2011, at Mt. Tabor. Tickets and reservations may be obtained through Kevin or Sandra Wessinger (513-7442 or 422-7565 or 945-9280), or by calling Mt. Tabor Church at 945-7933, for a donation of \$25.00 per couple. This promises to be a very special night! Bring your sweetheart, or someone who is dear to you, and enjoy a luxurious four-course meal and atmosphere! Free babysitting is available if needed. All proceeds will go to the Mission Trip Fund.

PALS

PALS will meet on Sunday, February 27, from 4:00 - 5:00. We need a volunteer for refreshments. If you are willing, please contact "Miss Lisa." Thanks!

Hospitalized:

Luke Dowd
Jean Koon
Brittany Paul

ADOPT A SHUT IN MEMBER

The Social Ministry Committee is again sponsoring an "ADOPT A SHUT-IN MEMBER" program. We would like to invite and encourage the members of the congregation to participate. We have compiled a list of names and others will be added to the list as they are identified. Please contact Carolyn Richardson for additional information and the name of a member you would like to adopt.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

St. Paul will be hosting World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Theme: How many loaves have you?

Country: Chile

SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER

The Shrove Tuesday pancake and sausage supper will be held March 8, 2011 from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The cost will be \$1.00 for ages 5 through 11 and \$3.00 for ages 12 and over. Children under age 5 are free.

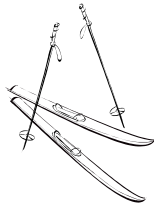
MEALS PRIOR TO LENTEN SERVICES

Meals will be served prior to the Lenten Services beginning at 6:00 PM. Groups serving meals are as follows:

March 13	Group 1
March 20	Group 2
March 27	Group 3
April 3	Group 4
April 10	WELCA
April 17	PALS
Easter Breakfast	LMM

LCY

All remaining money for the LCY ski trip is due January 31st.



JOY Circle

The JOY Circle will meet Tuesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet Wednesday, February 16th at 12:00 p.m.



Mark your calendar for April 30th. Watch the bulletin and newsletters for details!



February Birthdays

- 1 Dorothy Cochell
- 3 Lee Boozer
- 4 Betty Livingston
- 5 Toby Smith
Grant Smith
- 6 Ashley Lathrop
- 7 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: Danny Ricard
- Ushers: Joey Brooks
Tommy Herndon
Lindy Richardson
Chad Boland
- Counting Committee: Danny Ricard
Dana Werts
- Acolyte: Zach Hentz
- Crucifer: Elizabeth Nichols
- Torchbearers: Hannah Brooks
Taylor Richardson
- Bannerbearer: Drew Ricard
- Greeter:
- Communion Bread: Donna Werts
- Altar Guild: Donna Werts
- Flowers for the Altar:
 - February 6 Mary Pat Richardson
 - February 13 Janna Richardson
 - February 20 Cindy Huyck
 - February 27 Betsy Brooks
 - March 6 Reba Werts

St. Paul Lutheran Congregational Council Minutes
Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010

14 Members present plus Pastor Nichols
Absent: Wayne Ellisor and Rick Caston
Devotions: Lowell Dowd

Devotions in January: Pastor Nichols

Minutes from Oct. 3 and Oct. 24 were read and approved.

Chad Boland presented the Treasurer's Report.

- A motion was made and approved to give Christmas Bonuses of \$100 to church employees and \$300 to Pastor Nichols.

Chris Roberts presented the Cemetery Report.

Committee Reports:

Pastor Nichols reported on the Anniversary Committee Meeting. A viewing of the 225th Anniversary Play will be played for church viewing on Sunday, January 16.

Property: Added drainage to the parsonage to help keep water from backing up.
Barry is taking the light from Church Sign to be fixed.

Old Business:

- A motion was made and passed to change the date of St. James AME food bank appeal to Sunday, Dec. 12.

New Business:

Mid-Carolina Chorus coming January 9.

\$200 left in Local Outreach will be rolled over to general fund.

Congregation will be given the opportunity to give to Newberry College Music Department on Dec. 12 in honor of those helping with Church Contata.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Ricard
Church Council Secretary

Agenda of Events for the 250th Anniversary of St. Paul Lutheran Church 2011

I welcome all of you to the Kick Off of our 250th Anniversary Celebration. I invite you to join in a journey with me to retrace our steps as a congregation and as a community for this momentous occasion. St. Paul was the first and oldest Lutheran Church in Newberry County. It was organized before the American Revolution. Each month we will bring a little of this celebration into our lives and with everyone's help and support make this a successful year. We are putting the monthly agenda in the newsletter for February and copies of the flyers will be available in the front of the church. We are looking forward to having many visitors and return of old members to enjoy the many events planed for the coming months.

Many Anniversary items will be available for purchase so look to your newsletters and bulletins for availability and cost of each. We will display samples for all to see as they come available. There will be a printing of a 250th Anniversary History Book. We are taking orders now.

I would like to be able to offer a 250th Anniversary Memory Book. This is your collection of family memories placed on pages to represent your family. Pictures placed on a page can be wedding photos, baby pictures, anniversary, and any home pictures you would like to include and share. Make sure you put names and dates on the pictures so we may include this information if possible. There will be a sample at the front of the church in February for all to see how I am doing my family if we have enough participation to do the photo album.

As a congregation we will be presenting a church play in September. We have many parts and a sign up list will be available at the front of the church for speaking and non speaking parts. We are asking all church members to see if you have costumes you are willing to allow others to use for the play or if you would help make a costume for the play. Everyone I have talked with has been excited about being a part of the play whether behind the scenes or in the play itself. My phone is always on and I look forward to hearing from all of you.

Debbie Werts, Anniversary and History Chairman

St. Paul Lutheran Church -250th Anniversary Agenda

January - Spotlight – Pastor Ricard and family

- ◆ Show a tape of “Logs to Granite”. 3rd Sunday in January.
- ◆ Children’s Sunday School Project: Indian Vest and Singing This Little Light of Mine

February – Spotlight on Carold Wicker and Judy Wicker and First Fulltime Pastor of St. Paul Joachim Bulow.

- ◆ Log Cabin Banner of Kibler’s Church carried into the Sanctuary.
- ◆ 1-2 min. skit by Carold Wicker about the banner
- ◆ Children Sunday School Project - make Log Cabins using foam blocks.

March – Spotlight – on a member of the church and Rev. Keisler - He dedicated the granite church on March 20, 1938. Note – Granite church first service was held on March 19, 1937.

- ◆ Short skit of St. Paul during the Revolutionary War.
- ◆ Children Sunday School Project – Clay candle holders

April – Spotlight on a member

- ◆ No skits during Easter
- ◆ Time Capsule Displayed ready to be filled

May – Spotlight - Paul Shealy and family and other members (Graduations)

- ◆ Memorial Day - Honor any armed serviceman with pin or poppy
- ◆ Memorial Day Weekend – Special handout on all men or women who served in the armed forces belonging to the church or church families.
- ◆ Children Sunday School Project - paper flowers or poppies
- ◆ Third Sunday in May - Covered dish picnic luncheon

June -Spotlight – Frederick Wallern and Mr. John Coltrane

- ◆ Old Timey Sunday – Members dress in period costumes from 1750-1990’s men sit on the left and the women on the right side of the church.
- ◆ Children Sunday School Project - bead crosses or other activities
- ◆ Mr. Coltrain play his music

July – Spotlight - Pastor Dowd – will also preach

- ◆ Barbershop quartet of American and early church music
- ◆ Barbeque picnic – Carold Wicker and Paul Werts

August – Spotlight -Reverend Jefferson A. Sligh and church member

- ◆ Skit by Rev. Sligh and special music
- ◆ Practices for the church play

September – Spotlight Member Yost Metts and member of congregation

- ◆ St Paul Historical Play by the congregation
- ◆ (Practices for Play)

October – Spotlight Bishop Yoost –Preaching Homecoming Service.

- ◆ Parade of daughter churches displaying their banners.
- ◆ Homecoming Meal

November – Spotlight - Pastor Crout – will also preach

- ◆ 10-15 min Slide Presentation
- ◆ Committal of the Time Capsule
- ◆ Thanksgiving

December – Spotlight - Pastor Nichols and family

- ◆ Christmas and the Celebration of the Birth of Jesus



Chattin'

with *Kevin*



How is your new year going so far? 2011 already has included a big surprise for me. When my contribution to *Christ in Our Home* devotions ran the first two weeks of January, the themes meant a lot to me when I was at Mayo Clinic. It was amazing because when those weeks were assigned a year before, and when I wrote them last spring, we had no idea I would be in Jacksonville, FL during that first week and that I'd be coping with testing and uncertainty.

That first week of January and the week after I stopped sometimes to think about one particular reader at a particular place in the country who would be reading the devotions and what they might mean to him or her. Early one morning while I was in Jacksonville I imagined an elderly lady in the Midwest who would be reading those devotions that day. I wondered what they were meaning to her. Little did I know that I would find out.

That very day, a woman called the church and left a message for me. She was so moved by my writing that she just had to call us. It seems Earlene, a 72-year-old woman from Ohio, had written it all but could not figure out how to write the final chapter. She wanted to hire me as a fresh voice to help her write the final chapter of her manuscript. This was a big leap of faith for her. She said she had never picked up the phone and called someone like that before, but she just felt called to do it. I am thankful that she did.

I am not sure when Earlene's book will be completed. She has quite a story to tell as a stage four colon cancer survivor who beat cancer again when it returned three years later. Earlene has been an accomplished businesswoman who has been known throughout the world for her ownership of shoe stores and consignment shops. Hers is a miraculous life upheld by a strong faith. We are going back through her entire manuscript now and she is working on a great deal of the chapters she already has written. I am doing my best to assist her so that she reaches her goal.

Chattin' with Kevin

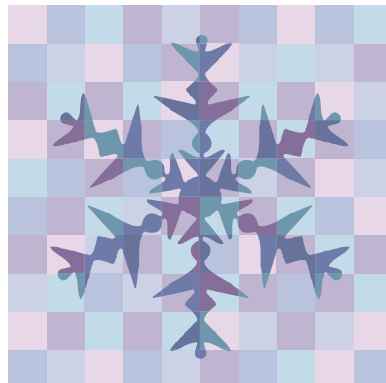


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For years I thought that if I let people know about my health problems and my story that it could hurt my chances to get a job. Part of my story connected to her life story and in God's time that opportunity led to some work. Last week, another woman who read the devotions arranged for me to come speak at a few church events. That long has been a goal of mine. We will take things slowly from here to find the proper pace to help me heal.

We are not sure yet what the future holds for me in the employment world or with my health, but we *are* sure that God is faithful and God is working in and through me. He is working in and through you, too. What are some ways you sense the Lord is doing so? If you have a story you'd like to share as a Chattin' with Kevin column this year along those lines, I'd love to share it with others. In the meantime we can rejoice in this gracious gift of devotional ministry, and in the journalism skills I developed from this very column, that God is using in so many ways.

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



Spotlight on a Pastor



R. Delano Ricard 1933 – 2008

R. Delano Ricard was born in Leesville, South Carolina to the late Roof D. and Marjorie Risinger Ricard. He grew up in Columbia, graduated from Newberry College and from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. He was ordained by the S.C. Synod of the LCA at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbia on June 8, 1958.

He became the first pastor of Prince of Peace, Chester, SC and Abiding Presence of York, SC. He also served Holy Comforter, Charleston, SC. He served St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pomaria, from August 1971 to September 1989. While serving St. Paul, he was very active in community affairs. He was a member of Newberry College Indian Club for 40+ years, a volunteer fireman with Pomaria Fire Department for 18 years and was proudly the recipient of the Newberry County “Fireman of the Year” award in 1986. In addition, he was a member of the Pomaria Ruritan Club and also did volunteer work at the Newberry Opera House.

On the Synodical level, Pastor Ricard served as a delegate to the LCA convention, the Executive Board of Synod, Synod Evangelism Outreach Coordinator as well as various committees: Worship, Newberry College Scholarship, THE LUTHERAN, Evangelism, Pastoral Support, Parish Education, and Management Committee of Camp and Conference Centers.

Following his resignation from St. Paul, Pastor Ricard spent the last years of his active ministry as the first president of Lutheran Camp and Retreat Centers, overseeing Camp Kinard at Leesville, SC and Coastal Retreat Center at Isle of Palms, SC. He retired October 31, 1998. After retirement, he served at Bethany Lutheran Church, Newberry as their stated supply and then as assisting minister at St. Luke, Prosperity for seven years, resigning in December 2007. He was always faithful in preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

When interviewed in 2007, Pastor Ricard considered the new organ and the 225th Anniversary some of his fondest memories of St. Paul, but said he had lots more. He stated that he hoped St. Paul would be ready for the growth that is coming to the area.

On August 17, 1958, he was united in marriage to Evelyn Seigler. Together, they became parents of two sons, Rhett Daniel and Benjamin Delano. He took great joy in his five grandchildren: Rhett Ricard, Drew Ricard, Emily Ricard, Taylor Buzhardt and Mitchell Buzhardt.

Pastor Ricard was a man of many talents. In addition to his passion for preaching the Gospel, he enjoyed traveling, wood working, painting (two of his paintings are presently hanging in St. Paul Church), collecting coins, case knives and snow villages. After retirement, he grew a beard and became a “real Santa.” He delighted in riding in Christmas parades, appearing at various service organizations and working with a photographer at Richland Fashion Mall as Santa.

On January 7, 2008, Pastor Ricard entered the Church Triumphant, six months short of 50 years of ordination. He is buried in the cemetery of his home church, Cedar Grove Lutheran Church, Leesville, SC. We thank God for his life and the influence he had on so many people, young and old.



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Serving Children and Families

KATHLEEN M. HAYES, PH.D.
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January 5, 2011

Rev. Brent Nichols
St. Paul Lutheran Church
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Dear Reverend Nichols and St. Paul Lutheran Church Family:

On behalf of the children and families of Newberry County, I want to thank you for your assistance during the Christmas season. Your generosity enabled the Department of Social Services to assist children and families that might not have had much of a Christmas otherwise. Newberry is a caring community that responds to genuine need in a gracious manner.

The Department of Social Services appreciates your support in the past and looks forward to partnering with you again in the future. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance to you.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year.



Larry Cannon, Director
Newberry County
Department of Social Services

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December 31, 2010

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Dear Pastor and Congregation:

Thank you very much for your recent love offering of \$177.00 to the Newberry College Department of Music. Your commitment and generosity to Newberry College is truly appreciated.

During these tough economic times, your financial support is such a blessing.

Through your contributions, Newberry College continues to challenge and nurture students for lifetimes of service and leadership in an environment that is dedicated to their individual development.

Again, on behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Newberry College, we thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Edwards", is written over a faint circular watermark or stamp.

Brad Edwards
Senior Vice-President for Institutional Advancement
& Intercollegiate Athletics

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