



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

March 2011

From the Pastor's Desk:

Unfortunately, the practice of entering into the Lenten Season has been reduced to a questions: 'What are you giving up for Lent?' This is a fine question, but it can only take us so far. The real question of the Lenten Season is: How will I find ways to return to God with all my heart?"

-Ruth Haley Barton



Please join us for worship at
7:30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday,
March 9th.

MARCH CALENDAR

March 2	5:00 p.m.	LCY
March 2	6:00 p.m.	Anniversary Committee
March 2	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 4	7:00 p.m.	World Day of Prayer
March 6	8:00 a.m.	Church Council
March 8	6:00—7:00 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
March 9	7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
March 13	8:30 a.m.	LMM
March 13	8:30 a.m.	Joint WELCA Meeting
March 13	4:00 p.m.	First Year Catechism
March 13	5:00 p.m.	Second Year Catechism
March 13	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Meal
March 13	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
March 16	12:00 p.m.	Lunch Bunch
March 16	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 20	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Meal
March 20	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
March 23	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 24	9:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline
March 27	4:00 p.m.	First Year Catechism
March 27	5:00 p.m.	Second Year Catechism
March 27	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Meal
March 27	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service



Lenten Walk



80 miles is the distance from Nazareth to Jerusalem. The Lenten Walk can be completed by walking 2 miles a day 6 days a week for the 40 days of the Lenten season. Aside from the obvious health benefits, a Lenten walk can also become a prayer walk joining our hearts to Christ even as we imitate his walk to Jerusalem. If you don't have a place to walk, five laps around the church drive equals one mile.

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 nonspeaking. 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.

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

Hospitalized:

Joyce Bannister
Hannah Brooks
Henry Brooks
Dale Epting
Ronnie Koon
Claude Shealy
Stanley Shealy
Milford Wicker



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



April 15, 2011

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BUY A LUMINARY FOR RELAY FOR LIFE, a form is available on page 15. Please turn it in to Shannon Smith or any other team member.

THIS YEAR'S RELAY FOR LIFE IS APRIL 15TH at the Newberry High School football field. Come and join us for corndogs, fellowship and an inspiring ceremony.

David and Andrew Nichols will be traveling with Clemson Lutheran Campus Ministry to Washington, D.C. during spring break. They will be working in a homeless shelter and at a number of social service agencies. They will be providing items to needy individuals.

If you would like to help them with this ministry, the following items are suggested: socks, toiletries (travel size), granola bars, crackers, backpacks (the simple kind with drawstrings), wash cloths, or hand towels. These items need to be brought to the church no later than March 13th. Please place the items in the Adult Sunday School Classroom in the box labeled Clemson Campus Ministry Donations.

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



Thank you for your generous donations. LCY collected \$221 to fight hunger locally!

WELCA

There will be a joint WELCA meeting on Sunday, March 13th at 8:30 a.m.

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on March 16th. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Our speaker will be Angela Bowers, Director of Volunteer Services, at Newberry Memorial Hospital. Plan to join us for food, fun, and an informative speaker.



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

 * Flowers for the altar: *
 * March 6 Reba Werts *
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 * **No flowers during Lent** *
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Once again the holy season of Lent is upon us. Lent is a time of preparation; a time when we prepare ourselves for the coming good news of Easter morning. But before we can celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection, we need an awareness of his sufferings and our own sinfulness and need for God's gracious forgiveness. This Lenten season, we are going to turn again to the ancient theme of the seven last words of Christ from the Cross. We will explore how these seven words were a culmination of Jesus' life and ministry and how they can shape our own life of faith. Services will be held every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

- March 13 "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."
- March 20 "Today you will be with me in paradise."
- March 27 "Woman, behold your son...Behold your mother."
- April 3 "My God, my God, Why have you forsaken me?"
- April 10 "I thirst."
- April 17 "It is finished."
- April 21 (Maundy Thursday) "Father, into your hands, I commit my Spirit."

Each of our Sunday evening services will be preceded by a meal at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to attend these services.

**Come Join Us In Celebrating
Bonnelle Yarborough's 80th Birthday
with a Drop In!**

**Sunday, March 20th 2011
from 3-5pm**

**At the Boland House
5398 Hwy 34
Pomaria, SC 29126**

***NO GIFTS PLEASE! Simply your
presence is all that is desired!**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK
PASTOR NICHOLS AND THE
CONGREGATION** for all the prayers, visits, telephone calls, cards and wonderful food you have provided during the last month due to the recent death of Arthur Livingston. We have found much needed comfort through your thoughtfulness and generosity. Knowing that we have the love and support of friends and family is especially heartwarming during this time. Thank you so much. —The family of Arthur Livingston

St. Paul Lutheran Congregational Council Minutes

Sunday, January 2, 2011

Absent: Alison White and Chris Roberts

Devotions: Pastor Nichols

Devotions in February: Janna Richardson

Minutes from January 2nd were read and approved.

2011 Officers

President: Pastor Nichols

Vice President: Mr. Barry Werts

Treasurer: Mr. Dana Werts

Secretary: Ms. Janna Richardson

Financial Secretary: Mr. Andrew Boozer

Cemetery Treasurer: Mr. Carold Wicker

Committees:

Auditing: Mr. Rick Caston

Bus and Tractor: Mr. Chris Roberts

Cemetery: Mr. John Wheeler

Chrismon Tree: Mrs. Barbara Dowd

Evangelism: Mr. Paul Werts

Education/Sunday School: Mrs. Alison White

Education/Bible School: Mr. Brian Stiver

Finance: Mr. Lowell Dowd

Homecoming: Mr. Barry Dowd

Mutual Ministry: Mr. Barry Werts

Property: Mr. Scott White

Social Ministry: Mrs. Carolyn Richardson

Worship and Music: Mr. Dana Werts

Grounds: Mr. Danny Ricard

Committee Reports:

Cemetery Treasurer Report: Paul Werts presented the report.

Property: Ballast purchased for light. Receptacle is not working on the sign. Several of the storm windows on the stained glass have cracks. Barry Werts contacted the company who installed the windows. The heating unit went out at the parsonage, and Richardson Heating and Air replaced it at no cost.

Old Business:

New Business:

- A letter was read from Megan Shealy thanking the church for her bonus and the office makeover.
- A motion was made and passed to send a \$100 donation to the School of Religion.
- Andrew Boozer will purchase a new adding machine for the office.

Next meeting will be on February 6, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janna Richardson

Church Council Secretary

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
MARCH 4, 2011**



We are called as the body of Christ to fulfill His mission on earth, to partner with each other so that we can overcome suffering, exploitation, poverty, and disease. Together, sharing our gifts, we can bring about reconciliation in our families, countries and the world!

It is obvious that the world is in desperate need of "prayer." Did you see today's top news stories? Egypt, Libya, New Zealand earthquake, pirates kill 4 American hostages, and the list goes on.

If you are able, PLEASE attend an area church this Friday evening to PRAY together! The World Day of Prayer's motto "Informed prayer leads to powerful action," affirms that prayer and action are INSEPARABLE and that both have immeasurable influence.

If you cannot attend, PLEASE still PRAY with sincere and open hearts to promote world peace.

Thank you and God Bless!

**St. Paul Lutheran Church -250th Anniversary
Upcoming Events:**

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



Anniversary Celebration

Anniversary Skits will be performed on the 3rd Sunday of each Month. Our surprise in February was a special visit from Joachim Bulow our first full time preacher. The young patriots who came in and warned us of the British Troops helped to bring the realization that the threat of war was very real in our own community.

March will bring another skit a visit from Michael Kibler and many other surprises during the month. Easter comes in April and we will not have any skits.

The Sunday School children did valentines, began on their church passports, and are making log cabins. We hope to began making Easter Cards in March. Children, do not forget to bring an old shirt to paint in and a picture of yourself and a pet to put in your passport.

If you would like to be in a church skit or in the church play, costumes will be needed for the year you choose to represent. We cannot wait until the last minute to start finding some fun attire to wear. Sign up sheets are at the front and back of the sanctuary.

Please get pictures and information about military servicemen to me soon. We would like to make a pamphlet of all those who have served in our church families since the Revolutionary War. That means if your husband, you, your child, grand father, etc. served we would like to recognize them even if you may not have a picture of them.

Please take the time to begin going through your photos to put together a family page for the Church Photo Memory Album. Everyone enjoys looking at pictures.

Debbie Werts

UPCOMING EVENTS AT LUTHERIDGE/LUTHEROCK:

APRIL 1-3 AND APRIL 5-7: COME TO THE MOUNTAINS TO ENJOY LIFE IN FULL COLOR AS THE FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS BLOOMS AT THE BILTMORE ESTATE

Enjoy time at Lutheridge; we will lead singing and devotions one evening. Spend a day at the Biltmore Estate, visiting the house and the gardens dressed in thousands of colors. Biltmore's gardens, designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, are alive with color as spring arrives. Enjoy the beauty of tulips, azaleas, and countless other flowers during the Biltmore Festival of Flowers. For details and pictures, go to: <http://www.llmi.net/adult/Spring.aspx>

APRIL 1-3: MEN'S FLY FISHING RETREAT AT LUTHEROCK

This men's retreat at Lutherock offers an opportunity to be in a place where God can teach us a lot about ourselves and faith through the mountain waters. There is time for learning knots, entomology, and for casting practice before heading out together to the rivers on Saturday and Sunday morning. Through devotions and worship we will prepare for time of reflection and prayer; enhancing the fishing experience beyond just catching and releasing. A North Carolina fishing license is required and can be purchased online at www.ncwildlife.org. There will be a limited amount of basic gear available to rent. **Cost:** \$190 per person (Includes Friday dinner through Sunday lunch, housing in Moretz Cabin and Crow's Nest and program costs) Visit www.llmi.net for more information or to register online.

March Birthdays

- 4 Nikki Perry
- 5 Wayne Ellisor
- 6 Louis Wicker
- 7 Sara Price
- 8 Henry Jackson
- 9 Joyce Bannister
Billy Seybt
- 11 Richie Graham
- 12 Raegan Taylor
Jordan Shinn
- 13 James Dowd Jr.
- 15 Douglas Fulmer
- 16 Brandi Pearson
Connie Pearson
- 18 Rebecca Graham
Wilford Moates
Drew Perry
- 19 Betsy Brooks
Christopher Huyck
Rhett Ricard
- 22 Ethan Hancock
Shelli Lister
Irene Livingston
- 23 Christine Dowd
Louise Lindler
Jennifer Wicker
- 25 Wanda Long
- 27 Randall Koon
- 29 Barry Dowd
Gladys Hazel
Rita Richardson
- 30 Gina Berry
Glenn Lathrop
Wayne Shealy



March Helpers

Councilperson: Lowell Dowd

Ushers: Alice Boozer
Lindsay Boozer
Henry Brooks
Rick Perry

Counting Committee: Lowell Dowd
Paul Werts

Acolyte: Drew Ricard

Crucifer: Tyler Ulch

Torchbearers: Landon Dowd
Austin Wheeler

Bannerbearer: Tanner Werts

Greeter:
March 6th & 13 Dot Cochell
March 20th & 27th Narvis Werts

Communion

Bread:
March 9 (Ash Wednesday) Lynn Nichols
March 27 Lynn Nichols

Altar Guild:
March 9 (Ash Wednesday) Barbara Dowd
March 27 Lindsay Boozer

Grass Cutting:
March 12 Danny and Drew Ricard
March 19 Edwin Dowd and Lowell Dowd
March 26 John Wheeler and Bud Dowd

Chattin'

with *Kevin*



Lent soon will be here and with it comes a time of spiritual discipline and repentance. My prayer life and devotional time are areas I'll focus on improving. There is one way that may interest you.

One habit I am required to do by my doctors is to meditate daily. As I meditate I am to keep a single phrase in mind to help me focus throughout the day, such as "just do the thing in front of me"—a way to help me not feel overwhelmed. Over time I modified the mantra, or saying, to be "Kyrie, Eleison. Christe, Eleison. Amen. (Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Amen.) I think or say those words over and over until my ten minutes of mediation are complete.

Why the change? This kind of meditation is something I learned in a book Pastor Nichols gave me called *The Way of the Heart*. The book tells about the early church Fathers and explains ways to cultivate inner silent time where you can hear the still, small voice of God.

In the first two centuries of the early church there were many martyrs. In fact, all but one of Jesus' disciples died a violent death. By the third century, however, Christianity had become the official religion of the Roman Empire and Christians no longer were being martyred. Determined to test their faith under similarly extreme circumstances a small group of Christians withdrew into the desert wilderness. One reason for going into the wilderness was because there Jesus was tempted by the devil and his faith was tested.

These hermits, often called The Desert Fathers, lived lives of solitude devoted to fasting, prayer, and penance. St. Anthony was the first man to do so. Eventually monasticism grew out of his desert traditions.

Inside each of us is a place of spiritual wilderness where we encounter temptation and spiritual struggle. We face the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises. This troubled one young visitor to a Desert Father in the third century, and the young man was given the following advice. He was asked to meditate a simple phrase over and over in his mind, such as "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me." By meditating such a prayer, it could descend into the heart and remain there during the toils and trials of that day.

Perhaps this form of prayer from the heart will be something you'll choose to imitate this Lenten season. Maybe it won't be, but either way I wanted to share this one thing that helps the ministry of writing I do to grow by God's Grace.

Spotlight on a Member

Carold and Judy Wicker



Carold is the son of the late Mary and Cecil Wicker. He was born and raised in the Pomaria area of Newberry County. Judy is the daughter of Marine and the late Henry Kibler. She was born and raised in Newberry County.

Carold and Judy met while in school and were married September 27, 1958 at Bachman Chapel Lutheran Church. They have one son, Nathan, who is married to Tammy. Carold and Judy have two grandsons, Austin and Jacob.

Carold is an active member of St. Paul. As a teenager, he worked at the parish building site, mixing concrete for the masons. He has served as a councilman and is now the treasurer of the Cemetery fund.

At the age of 17, he joined the S.C. National Guard and served for 12 years. Later he volunteered for the S.C. State Guard for nine years. Earlier he was a member of Prosperity Rescue Squad and was their chief and an EMT. He presently serves on the Newberry County Board of Rescue.

When Carold was younger, he worked as a part-time commissioned Auxiliary Police Officer for the Town of Prosperity.

When Troop 116 was active at St. Paul, Carold was Scout Master for a while and Cub Scout leader for Pack 343. He also helped build the scout hut.

Carold belongs to Pomaria Ruritan Club and is President. He has been an active member of Pomaria Fire Department for 48 years, has been president and other committees. Carold received the Fire fighter of the year award in 1984 by the Exchange Club.

Wickers Garage has been owned and operated by Carold since 1962. At 72, he continues to work, but less than before. Carold has many hobbies, but he especially enjoys collecting Oliver tractors, helping others and reading Fox Fire Books. He really loves gardening and has been successful due in part to Mr. Junior Lindler, Mr. Pat and Mrs. Cornelia Long's knowledge of gardening.

Judy became an active member of St. Paul after she and Carold married. In the past, she was a member of the WELCA and enjoys helping in any area of the church. She attended Pomaria School and graduated from Crowns Beauty College of Cosmetology. For 30 years she owned Judy's Beauty Shop and is now retired. In the early 70s, she was Den Mother for Pack 343 at St. Paul. She also coached the young boys basketball team.

Judy is a Charter Member of Pomaria Rescue Squad. She was one of their EMTs. She was one of the first female members of Prosperity Rescue Squad and was one of their first female EMTs. She serves as their Out-of-Squad Board Member.

For hobbies Judy enjoys reading, crafting and cooking new recipes. She stays busy taking care of her mother and helping with the grandsons. Judy and Carold enjoy taking vacations with and without the family. But they both enjoy helping others.

NEWBERRY COLLEGE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

INVITES YOU TO THE SPRING LUNCHEON

In 1942 the NCVL was organized to create interest in the College and promote its welfare. Men and women are invited to share in the ongoing commitment of the League in 2011.

Please plan to attend the annual spring lunch on April 9, 2011, in Smeltzer Hall. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the lunch at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$15.00.

Donations of any amount are welcome. Life Memberships are available for \$100; memorials and honorariums are also available and will be acknowledged. Contributions and reservations for the lunch should be sent to Treasurer Gloria Nelson, 1415 Clarkson Avenue, Newberry, SC 29108. The phone number is 1-803-276-3241.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

_____ I would like to contribute \$ _____ for the work of the League.

_____ I would like to become a Life Member. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$100.00 or more.

_____ I would like to make a gift in Honor of or in Memory of _____ in the amount of \$ _____.

_____ I would like to attend the lunch. I enclose \$15 for the meal.

2011 PROJECTS

FOR

NEWBERRY COLLEGE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Each year all departments are asked to submit proposed projects for the current academic year. Responses resulted in the approval of the following 2010-2011 projects:

- Nursing Department requested help in purchasing two pieces of equipment
- Music Department requested lockable storage cabinet for equipment and new student desks
- Education Department asked for assistance with Project Learning Tree(Teacher Environmental Education Workshop).
- Flowers for graduation ceremony
- Water cooler in Wills Chapel

The League was able to accept and fund all projects that were submitted! We can do this only with your help!

For further information, contact Carol Douglass

Maria, President, at 803-364-2320 or

carolmarrs@aol.com

EASTER LILIES

For the beauty of our Church on Easter Sunday, we are ordering Easter lilies at a cost of \$6.00 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, March 27, 2011. Please make checks payable to St. Paul WELCA.

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 lily for Easter a donation in any amount may be given. Checks in any amount should be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church Building Fund. The information and money should be given to Carolyn Richardson **no later than Sunday, April 17, 2011.**

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

BY: _____

AMOUNT GIVEN: \$ _____

ENVELOPE NO. _____



Luminary Order Form
2011 American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Newberry County
Newberry High School
April 15, 2011 6pm - 6am

Please light a candle in memory of my loved one who lost their battle with cancer or in honor of my loved one who is a cancer survivor. With my minimum donation of \$10, a luminary bag, with the name I have designated below, will be placed on the track at the 2011 American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Newberry County The Luminary Ceremony will begin around 9:30 or 10pm. I understand that the proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's continued programs of research, education, advocacy, and services. (Please do not cut this form and please print):

Donor Name:		Donor Phone:		E-mail:	
Address:			City:		State:
Zip:					
"In Honor of" Name:					
"In Memory of" Name:					
Phonetic Spelling (example: "Mike-ler" for Mickler):					Contribution: \$

Donor Name:		Donor Phone:		E-mail:	
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Phonetic Spelling (example: "Mike-ler" for Mickler):					Contribution: \$

Team Name:	Team Member Name:
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Please return this form and your contribution to your team representative or mail this form and a check made out to the American Cancer Society to Chanda Crout, Attn: Luminaries, 128 Stonemark Lane, Columbia SC 29210. For more information on the Newberry County Relay For Life visit our website at www.relayforlife.org/newberry More information can also be found at the American Cancer Society website www.cancer.org or call the toll-free number 1-800-ACS-2345.

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