



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

May 2011

From the Pastor's Desk:

In many respects I would find an unresurrected Jesus easier to accept. Easter makes him dangerous. Because of Easter I have to listen to his extravagant claims and can no longer pick and choose from his sayings. Moreover, Easter means he must be loose out there somewhere. Like the disciples, I never know where Jesus might turn up, how he might speak to me, what he might ask of me.

-Philip Yancey
The Jesus I Never Knew



MAY CALENDAR

May 1	8:00 a.m.	Church Council
May 4	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
May 8	8:30 a.m.	LMM
May 11	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
May 18	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
May 19—21		Synod Assembly, Greenville
May 24	9:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline
May 24	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle
May 25	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
May 26	8:00 a.m.	Lunch Bunch to Billy Graham Museum

GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL in Prosperity is now considering our faith-based **Afterschool Ministry** for 2011-2012 (Kindergarten—6th grade). If you might be interested in this special program for your child, call the Grace Lutheran office at 364-3330 no later than May 1st.

CLOTHING DRIVE

The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a clothing drive for good used, clean clothing. They can also use linens. Items should be brought to the basement of the Educational Building between April 25th and May 8th. The items will be taken to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia to be distributed to the needy in the low country of South Carolina.



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

LUNCH BUNCH

The St. Paul Lunch Bunch has been invited to join Holy Trinity, Little Mountain on a trip to the Billy Graham Museum in Charlotte, NC on Thursday, May 26th.

Their bus will leave from Holy Trinity at 8:00 a.m., returning late afternoon. Expenses will include \$5.00 for gas money and lunch fee for yourself. There is no fee for the Museum tour.

Sign up sheets will be posted in early May and the first 15 to sign up will be taken. Names will be furnished to Holy Trinity on May 15th.

There will be no Lunch Bunch meeting in May; however, this trip should be very interesting.

If there are questions about this trip, call Shirley Lester at 364-2612.



Thanks to all who helped our Relay for Life team in their fundraising efforts!

Hospitalized:

Billy Seybt
Ruth Chapman



APRIL 30TH, 2011

The Newberry College Singers Reunion and Concert will be held October 22, 2011. This reunion will be part of the homecoming festivities. If you ever participated in the Newberry College Singers and would like to join us for the event, please let us add you to our roster of singers. We are planning several regional rehearsals in the September time frame as well as one at the College. Please email Jim Ingram at jwingram@gmail.com or call (803)359-6352 with your contact information and the part you will be singing.

WELCA

The JOY Circle will meet Tuesday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TO GO TOWARD THE RELIEF EFFORT IN JAPAN, make your check payable to St. Paul, marked for Japan Disaster Relief.

THE FAMILY OF KATHRYN WICKER WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION to their friends and relatives for the cards, prayers and kindness shown during her stay at White Oak Manor and the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you. A special thanks to Pastor Nichols for his visits.

HOLY TRINITY PRESCHOOL: Holy Trinity Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year. We have a two year old (Mother's Morning Out), three year old and four year old program. If interested, contact the church office 945-7336 or 345-2841. You can leave your name and number with the secretary and the Director of Pre-School, Kim Moore will return your call. You can also email us at holytlc@bellsouth.net Mailing address: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 531 Church Street, Little Mountain, SC 29075.

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

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

Anniversary Celebration.

The month of May has a whole lot of stuff going on. Memorial Day is the last Sunday of this month. I have chosen this Sunday to recognize our soldiers during the service. There will be surprises as usual. Hope all of you are able to get your information to me about the family members who served in any of the armed services from the Revolutionary Period until 2011. It will be my honor to make sure proper recognition is given to the wives of any survivors as well. We will be having a covered dish picnic held at our picnic shelter after church. We all know how we love to show off our recipes. Tea and ice will be supplied. Just everyone bring a dish or two and a hungry appetite.

As I said hopefully there will be some surprises to enjoy for all ages at this event. Look forward to seeing you at church.

Debbie Werts

May Birthdays

- 1 Juanita Nalley
- 2 Mina Brooks
- 4 Bristol Perry
Heather Cook
- 7 Henry Brooks
- 8 Jeff Brooks
- 10 Martha Jo Wicker
- 11 Melodi Brooks
Emma Smith
- 15 Susan Jackson
Donna Werts
- 17 Kim Holland
Philip Jordan
- 18 Estelle Dominick
- 20 Missy Angely
- 21 Scott White
- 22 Chris Roberts
- 26 Pastor Nichols
- 29 Jennifer Summer
Kenny Wicker
- 31 Lisa Richardson
Jolene Wicker



May Helpers

Councilperson: Rick Caston

Ushers: Kathy Brown
Donna K. Dowd
James (Bud) Dowd
Paul Werts

Counting Committee: Rick Caston
Barbara Dowd

Acolyte: Elizabeth Nichols

Crucifer: Brandy Pearson

Torchbearers: Holly Richardson
Abby Stiver

Bannerbearer: Drew Ricard

Greeter:
May 1st & 8th Sherree Richardson
May 15th, 22nd & 29th Carolyn Richardson

Communion

Bread:
May 22nd Debbie Werts

Altar Guild:
May 22nd Debra Taylor

Grass Cutting:
May 7th Barry and Tanner Werts
May 14th John Wheeler and Jimmy Scott
May 21st Danny and Drew Ricard
May 28th Edwin Dowd and Lowell Dowd

Chattin'

with *Kevin* 

A few weeks ago I was running late on my way to Whitmire to cover a story, something that does not happen often. Area churches in the town were having a combined Wednesday noon Lenten service each week, so I went to take a few photos, worship, and meet folks. It turned out that another person was running late that day, a woman who was a pastor who also drove a bus for Whitmire Community School. Geneva and I arrived at the same time and we walked in right as the service was starting. She was glad to see me so that the two of us could walk into church together.

We sat together and visited more after the lunch that followed the service. I learned she had worked for the Newberry County School district for 18 years first as a substitute teacher and later as a bus driver. As a grandmother, she said she dispenses some grandmotherly morality lessons to the children who ride her bus since she knows she cannot talk about her faith with them due to separation of church and state. I was intrigued by her story and offered to write it up in the paper. She got teary-eyed at the thought.

Last December the church she had founded and pastored since 1988 went through the painful process of closing its doors due to economic reasons. She still lived in Whitmire, where she had been since 1978, and she would see some parishioners around town from time to time. After Shiloh Temple closed, she knew that members of her church were wondering what she was doing and if she were okay.

So much of her life's work had been tied to that church. She put notes up on Facebook but not all of the former church members were online. This article would be her way she could let them know that she was okay despite the hard times that the down economy had put her and the church through.

In fact, last December Geneva was singing in the choir at a Baptist church in Newberry and not long after, that church offered her a call to become its pastor. Her new church has 35 members and is growing. Because she and I bumped into one another, we shared her story and I wrote it up for the paper. Those kinds of "lucky" chance encounters happen when you do journalism work, sometimes.

I don't think this story had to do with luck or chance, though. I think it was part of God's plan to bring us together. The story would run the week before Easter. That Wednesday morning she had been praying and wondering what she could do to let the people know that she was okay, that God was good, and that she had found another call. On Easter Sunday I glanced at the front page of the paper and at her photograph and smiled. I was honored to be graced with the chance to help her spread the good news.

Have something you'd like to chat about? Give me a call or email me at kevin.boozer@yahoo.com or kevin-boozer@stpaulpomaria.com

**St. Paul Lutheran Congregational Council Minutes
Sunday, March 6, 2011**

Absent: All members were present

Devotions: John Wheeler

Devotions in April: Danny Ricard

Minutes were read and approved from February 6, 2011.

Treasurer's Report:

Dana Werts presented the treasurer's report. Discussion about creating an Outreach Fund for Thrivent monies

Committee Reports:

Cemetery: John Wheeler presented the cemetery report.

Social Ministry: The committee is sending care packages to Jeff Brooks who is serving in Afghanistan. A pancake supper will be served on March 8, 2011 for Shrove Tuesday. There will be a clothing drive in May.

Worship and music: The committee is discussing having an early worship service in the summertime.

Old Business:

Danny Ricard and Paul Werts are checking on a fire proof file cabinet for the church.

On March 12, 2011, Ricky Inman, a former seminarian of St. Paul Lutheran Church, will preach. A love offering will be taken up for Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary on this Sunday.

Barry Werts is working on replacements for the storm glass windows.

New Business:

Delegates are needed for Synod Convention which will be held on May 20th – May 22nd in Greenville. A water leak is outside the church. The Grounds/Property committee will have this fixed.

Respectfully submitted,

Janna Richardson

Church Council Secretary

**St. Paul Lutheran Congregational Council Minutes
for a Called Meeting on
Sunday, March 20, 2011**

Absent: Pastor Nichols, Chris Roberts and John Wheeler

A called meeting was held after the worship service on March 20, 2011.

A motion was made and passed regarding arrangements for Pastor Nichol's ordination celebration.

A motion was made and passed to buy a sign for St. Paul Lutheran Church for Relay for Life in the amount of \$100. The monies will be taken from Miscellaneous Funds.

A motion was made and passed for an announcement to be placed in the bulletin for the Pomaria Ruritan related to them selling onions.

Respectfully submitted,

Janna Richardson

Church Council Secretary



In Honor of:

Brian Kingsmore by Kathryn Bundrick

Glenda Hentz by Barry, Charlotte, Tanner, Morgan, and Erin Werts

Narvis Werts by Barry, Charlotte, Tanner, Morgan, and Erin Werts

Jennifer Hipp by Narvis Werts

Grandpa Gene by the Nichols and Susan

Mimi Ann by the Nichols and Susan

Susan Wilson by the Nichols and Wilsons

Merrill Richardson by Janna Richardson

Barbara Hare by Janna Richardson

Rick Caston by Chris Caston and children, Jennifer, Danny, and Lisa

Our "Poppy" by Amber, Kayla, Brian, CJ, Tori, Austin, Cameron, and Jackson

My "BFF" Judy Sebesta by Chris Caston

Ricky Perry by Nikki Perry

Ricky Perry by Katie and Drew Perry

James Sizemore by Katie and Drew Perry

Deanna Meade by Katie and Drew Perry

Claude Shealy by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Richardson

Merrill Richardson by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Richardson

Christine Dowd by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Richardson

Grady Leitzsey by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Richardson

Marietta Williams by Jimmy and Cheryl Kinard

Merrill Richardson by Sherree Richardson and Donna Kirkegard

"Papa" Merrill Richardson by Grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Merrill Richardson

Cloyd Chapman by Meagan Grimsley

Belva Beckby Meagan Grimsley

Deanna Meade by Meagan Grimsley

In Memory of:

Carole Clark by Dewayne Clark
Marjean Hughes by Nikki Perry
Linda Griffin by Katie and Drew Perry
Marjean Hughes by Katie and Drew Perry
Cathy Dowd by Barry, Charlotte, Tanner, Morgan, and Erin Werts
Mattie Boland by Janna Richardson
Neil Werts by Narvis Werts
Grace Evans by Narvis Werts
Neil Werts by Barry, Charlotte, Tanner, Morgan, and Erin Werts
Cathy Dowd by Nancy Singley
Cathy Dowd by Elvie Kinard
Robert Moore by Dale and Emily Epting
Donna Shelton by Dale and Emily Epting
Shirley Hipp by Dale and Emily Epting
Pat Dowd by Barry, Charlotte, Tanner, Morgan, and Erin Werts
Paul L. Stanley by Debra Jarvis
Vina Stanley by Lenora Webber
Naomi Meadows by Lois and Charles Wilbur
Eugene Meadows by Allen and Becky Rish
Pat Dowd by Edwin and Barbara Dowd
Edith Dowd by Edwin and Barbara Dowd
Cathy Dowd by Alex Dowd
Edith Dowd by Alex Dowd
Cathy Dowd by Barry Dowd
Edit Dowd by Barry Dowd
Pat Dowd by Barry Dowd
Nancy Graham by Barry Dowd
Ricky Summer by Donna Werts
Madilyn Werts by Donna Werts
Jake Fulmer by Jason, Shannon and Cal Smith
Edith Dowd by Jason, Shannon and Cal Smith
Gerald Richardson by Doris Richardson
Cathy Dowd (NaNa) by Jason, Shannon and Cal Smith
Pat Dowd by Jason, Shannon and Cal Smith
Donald Cochell by Dorothy Cochell
Cecil Berly by Dorothy Cochell
Jacqueline Justice by Merrill, Rita, Sherree Richardson and Donna Kirkegard
Reba Chapman by Meagan Grimsley
Clark Beck by Meagan Grimsley



Spotlight on Former Military Members

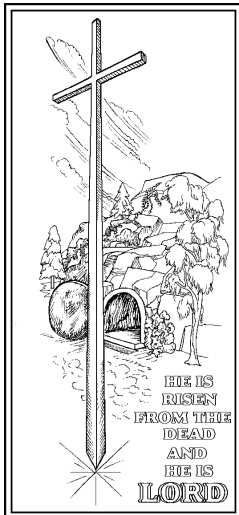


Ned Richardson

Ned Richardson joined the army in March 4, 1942 and after 33 months overseas was discharged on August 7, 1945.

He trained at Camp Cooke in the Mojave Desert in California. He later was sent to A. P. Hill, Virginia for deployment for the North African invasion. After the completion of the North African Campaign, he was assigned to the invasion of Sicily. He was on board one of the amphibious landings behind German Lines, and then shipped to England to train for the invasion of France. He landed on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944 and fought through the break through at St. Lo, Bastogne, and the Battle of the Bulge. While serving in Austria when the war ended after 419 days of actual combat he was attached to the 4th Army, 7th Corps, 19th Division. He was awarded the Purple Heart, European Middle Eastern Campaign medal with one Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and one Arrow, the Bronze Star, Army of Occupation, and Good Conduct Medal.

Ned Richardson was member of St Paul Lutheran Church for most of his life. He continues to give to the cemetery fund every year. He lives at Springfield Place, Newberry South Carolina.



 * FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR IN *
 * MAY: *
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 * **May 1 Dorothy Cochell** *
 * **May 8 Ronnie Koon** *
 * **May 15 Joyce Scott** *
 * **May 22 Paul & Debbie Werts** *
 * **May 29 Tammy Wicker** *
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Spotlight on Former Military Members



Cpl. Olin Cyril “Monk” Richardson

Cpl. Olin Cyril “Monk” Richardson is the son of Olin and Julia Werts Richardson. He was married to Winifred “Winky” and they had 2 children, Kenneth and Ronnie. His brother was Pearl Richardson. He has two sisters, Doris Richardson Graham and Sara Richardson Swygert.

Doris “Dot” Graham is the only living sibling left. She will be 90 years old in September. She loves working in her garden and keeping tabs on her family.

His father owned a country grocery store. Back in those days people traded what they had for things they needed from one another. This gave a whole new meaning to being a neighbor. He was always a prankster, but his sons and their cousins gave him something to think about. He raised rabbits. One Easter they took the babies and dipped them in dye. He was speechless when he saw all the different colors in the pen.

Cyril joined the army 1942. He was overseas for 3 years without any home visitation. He received a letter from General George S. Patton, Jr. dated May 9, 1945. General Patton commended Cyril for being involved in fighting for the liberation of Europe. He wrote that he and the other teams fought across 18 major rivers, conquered more than 31,000 square miles of territory, captured 540,000 enemy soldiers, and killed or wounded 89,000 others. It was tough fighting through trying days to gain the long-sought victory.

Cyril had motion sickness a lot. When they headed for home, he got very sick on the boat. He overheard the Lieutenant and General talking about him. They said he would be taken to the hospital when they docked, if he lived. If he didn't they would throw him overboard. He made it, but he lost some very good friends. Some of those friends being shot in the same foxhole he was wounded in. His good friend Rupert Koon was killed. He and Rupert Koon lived in the St Paul's Community and attended church all of their lives. Rupert was the brother of Eric Koon.

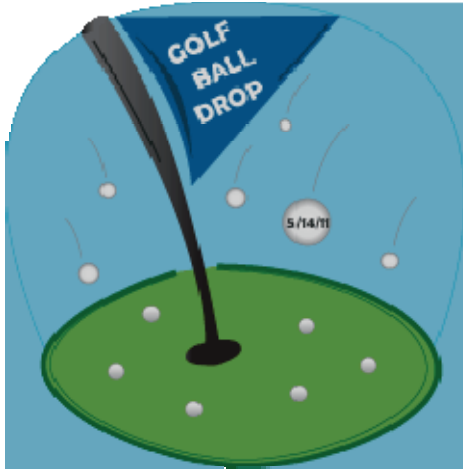
*The Members of
St. Paul Lutheran Church
request the pleasure of your company
at a reception to honor
The Reverend David Brent Nichols
in recognition of his twenty-five years
of dedicated service in the ministry
on Sunday, the fifth of June
Two thousand eleven
from three until five o'clock
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Dumaria, South Carolina*

*The Board of Trustees and Staff
of
The South Carolina
Lutheran Retreat Centers
invite you to attend the
Dedication of the
Ricard Welcome Center
in honor of
The Reverend Delano Ricard and his enduring
influence on outdoor ministry and the formation
of our retreat centers.*

*Sunday, May 15th
Dedication begins at 3pm,
Open house and refreshments to follow.*

*Please plan to enjoy your afternoon
at Camp Kinard by exploring nature trails,
fishing, swimming, and witnessing
God's beautiful creation.*

*Contact Melissa Looney with any questions.
803.532.3183 or melissa@sclrc.com*



Come Support the LFS Carolinas

Golf Ball Drop

Saturday, May 14th

T5 Martin Ball Field
1810 Germany Street
Columbia, SC 29204
11am – 2pm

Join us for a fun-filled day of food, music and the chance to win

1,000 Golf Ball Drop tickets will be sold for \$20 each. The number on each ticket matches a golf ball that will be dropped from a hot air balloon onto a huge target. Prizes will be given to winning golf balls from the closest to the bulls-eye out until we run out of gifts! One lucky person may win \$20,000!!!!

We purchase a "hole in one" insurance policy. The five closest golf balls to the bulls-eye will be compared to one number selected and insured by Interactive Promotions Group. If one of those five balls matches the number, the purchaser of the matching ticket will win \$20,000.

(LFS Carolinas is only liable for the cost of the insurance policy and not the whole \$20,000. There is no guarantee that someone will win the \$20,000)

This event will take place Rain or Shine. In case of bad weather, an alternative means of dropping golf balls will be used.

1-800-HELPING
www.lfscarolinas.org

Buy Tickets by contacting Courtney.McDuffie@LFSCarolinas.org 803-260-6351 (cell)803-461-2613 (office)

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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MEN PROMOTE FATHER’S DAY OBSERVANCE

Sunday June 19th is Father’s Day. St. Paul Lutheran Men in Mission think it is appropriate that the fathers of our congregation (living or deceased) receive the recognition they deserve.

For a free will donation (in any amount) the information will be printed on an insert in the bulletin on June 19th. Donations received will be used by Lutheran Men in Mission to support mission congregations in our synod.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THIS FORM IS JUNE 13th. We will not be able to get information received after that date in the bulletin on Father’s Day.

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