



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

October 2011

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Prayer changes things,” people say. It also changes us. The latter goal is the more imperative. The primary purpose of prayer is to bring us into such a life of communion with the Father that, by the power of the Spirit, we are increasingly conformed to the image of the Son.

Richard J. Foster

Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home



OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 2	8:00 a.m.	Church Council Meeting
October 2	6:00 p.m.	Play practice
October 4	2:00 p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive
October 5	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
October 6-7	2:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.	Photographs for pictorial directory (by appointment)
October 8		Lutheran Men—Clean up church grounds
October 8	9:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.	Photographs for pictorial directory (by appointment)
October 9		Homecoming Sunday
October 11	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
October 12	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
October 18	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
October 19	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
October 23	6:00 p.m.	Anniversary Play followed by reception
October 25	9:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline
October 25	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
October 25	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle meeting in the basement
October 26	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
November 1	2:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.	Photographs for pictorial directory (by appointment)



A Red Cross blood drive is planned for **Tuesday October 4, 2011 from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM**. Please make plans to donate and give the gift of life. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex and outside the Adult Bible Class.

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will be going to tour the home of Mr. & Mrs. James Ridlen on November 10, 2011. They have a collection of manger scenes from around the world on display. We will have lunch at Hawg Heaven.

The deadline for the November Newsletter is Tuesday, October 25th at 9:00 a.m.

LMM will meet on Saturday morning October 8th to clean up the church grounds.

BIBLE STUDY



In recent years there has been much controversy over the Ten Commandments. Should they be displayed in schools and courts of law?

But what do the Ten Commandments say? Are these laws given to Moses more than 3,000 years ago still applicable to our lives?

On Tuesday nights throughout October, Pastor Nichols will be offering a Bible Study on the Ten Commandments. Just bring a Bible and we will explore the meaning of this ancient tablet of law.

HOMECOMING

Homecoming at St. Paul will be Sunday, October 9th. South Carolina Bishop Herman Yoos will be our guest this year as we continue our 250th Anniversary Celebration. Following the worship service, we will go to the picnic shelter for a barbeque chicken dinner. We ask that everyone attending bring either a desert 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 as we celebrate our 250th Anniversary.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



A church pictorial directory is being planned. Olan Mills will be photographing for the directory on Thursday, **October 6** from 2:00 PM until 9:30 PM; Friday, **October 7** from 2:00 PM until 9:30 PM; Saturday, **October 8** from 9:30 AM until 5:30 PM and Tuesday, **November 1** from 2:00 PM until 9:30 PM. Each family photographed will receive one complimentary 8 X 10 custom portrait. We hope everyone will make an appointment to be photographed for our 250th Anniversary Directory. Appointment will be made at church and by phone. Call Carolyn Richardson (276-2947) for information.

Grace Lutheran Church is sponsoring its 3rd Annual Elaine & Curtis "Hump" Shealy **Growing in God's Grace Golf Tournament on Monday, Nov. 7** at the Mid-Carolina Club, Prosperity (captain's choice foursomes, \$75 per player). Awards supper to follow at MC Club. To register, call Johnny Merck at 364-2122, by Oct. 31. For \$75 hole sponsorships, please call Julie Shealy at 364-3331. All proceeds to benefit the *Growing in God's Grace* building/ministry fund.

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 jwin-gram@gmail.com or call (803)359-6352 with your contact information and the part you will be singing.

Butterfly Saturdays are designed for arts and faith to blend in a welcoming fellowship of Christian love. Beginning Saturday, September 10, Heather Harris will lead monthly gatherings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the ministry center of Grace Lutheran Church, 133 Grace Street, Prosperity SC 29127. Office: 803-364-3331. A donation of \$5.00 each Saturday will cover supplies and snacks. Bring a sandwich for lunch, or eat in nearby restaurants. These fun times are for those interested in letting their creativity emerge from the shadows, and for those whose creative juices are already flowing. Additional Saturday dates: October 15; November 5; January 14; February 11; and March 10. You may register by contacting the church office or Heather Harris, 803-924-8827 or by email: haris1139@bellsouth.net.

Hospitalized:

Judy Boland
Kevin Boozer
Barry Dowd
Ibbie Kinard
Jean Koon
Harold Wicker



Heartland Conference LCY Fall Gathering for Sunday, November 6th at Mt. Tabor, Little Mountain. Registration will start at 3:30 and the gathering will last until around 6:30.

* **FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR IN** *
* **OCTOBER:** *
* October 2 Lindsay Boozer *
* October 9 Carolyn Richardson *
* October 16 Jenny Fellers *
* October 23 Lisa Richardson *
* October 30 Claire Huffstetler *

WELCA

The JOY Circle will meet Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the basement.

October Birthdays

October 1	Clay Eaves Brett Taylor Bobby Williams
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 11	Jessica Chapman
October 13	Herman Nalley
October 14	Victoria Summer
October 15	Sherie Jordan Brandy Bocelli
October 16	Derrill Wicker
October 17	Susan Chapman
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 31	Taryn Gallman



October Helpers

<u>Councilperson:</u>	Barry Werts
<u>Ushers:</u>	Kaye Chandler Robin Chandler Randall Koon Jimmy Richardson
<u>Counting Committee:</u>	Barry Werts Janna Richardson
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Keenan Boland
<u>Crucifer:</u>	Morgan Werts
<u>Torchbearers:</u>	Jacob Wicker Erin Werts
<u>Bannerbearer:</u>	Holly Richardson
<u>Greeter:</u>	
October 2nd, 9th, & 16th	Charlotte Werts
October 23rd & 30th	Alison White
<u>Communion Bread:</u>	
October 2	Jackie Perry
October 23	Jackie Perry
<u>Altar Guild:</u>	
October 2	Alice Boozer
October 23	Shannon Smith
<u>Grass Cutting:</u>	
October 1	Danny and Drew Ricard
October 8	Lutheran Men



Sunday night I had a great time with folks at St. Paul as we watched the movie *Soul Surfer* and had pizza as part of our Sunday school kickoff. The movie was about a teenage competitive surfer who lost her arm during a shark attack. The shark attack barely made up a minute of the film that showed Bethany Hamilton's journey of faith as she came to grips with how that loss could be part of God's plan for her life. Along the way she learned how strong love was and that it has the power to conquer any fear. That movie gets to me every time I have seen it (3 and counting) because her story in some ways is similar to mine. That "why me question conversation" that she had with her youth minister is one Pastor Nichols and I have had way too many times over the years, it seems. Or maybe not. Each time I came to that place in life and we were asking those questions, including a few weeks ago when I was at Mayo Clinic, I have grown from it and in the end somehow, somehow God has led me where he needed me to be in his time, not always in my time.

As many of you know by now, I made some remarkable progress during the three weeks in September I spent at the Mayo Clinic. It was the longest and furthest I had ever been away from home and I feel like I learned and grew a lot. There were around 30 of us in the program at any given time and strength of it was that the admission was a rolling one, meaning new patients started the program every few days and older patients finished in a staggered way, too. That was a real blessing because we could draw strength from one another as we went through the rehabilitation process. Someone may have been struggling to come off of medications or struggling with homesickness, but they could then see a third week patient who had shown up on a gurney who had recovered enough to be able to walk again with assistance.

I learned techniques to use to manage the health issues I have and we learned that there is a lot of reason for hope and expectation that I can live a more full, normal kind of life than I had ever thought possible. It took a lot of faith to embrace the strategies and get to work, and now it will require daily practice. The prognosis looks bright for the future. One big victory happened at physical therapy, when I was two weeks into the program, was hoarse and limping and so frustrated I was ready to throw the big book they gave me at the wall and quit. I had done everything they asked me to but no one could explain why the movement disorder was happening. Well, since it faired up a bit the physical therapist was able to study what was happening. She showed me exercises that could turn off the limp and restore my voice. The issue has tried to flare up several times since then and I have kept it in check each time.

Chattin' with *Kevin*



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Now my body is becoming more within my own control again. They said it will take months, or maybe upwards of a year, but with dedication and hard work we can minimize the downturns and restore me to greater health. New opportunities are opening up and it feels incredible. The other side of that coin is that I still have doubts and fears about how lasting the progress will be. Over the years we have seen improvement before for a few weeks only to have things backslide. I truly believe life will be different now. I am working hard to keep things in perspective and to shift my point of view, much like the girl in Soul Surfer had to shift hers so she could get on with her life. For 16 years decisions big and small were dictated by a fear of chronic health problems but now we are taking deliberate steps to break that cycle. It is hard work and won't be quick but it can be a lasting change in the end. I can do things now that I had quit thinking were possible at all, such as jogging, bowling, dancing, and lifting weights. My sleep is improved. I can get through the days without needing naps anymore. For three weeks I did work from 8:00-5:00 each day so that opens up the potential that I could have a full time job in the future. They encouraged me to start dating again, too. I am sitting here writing this tonight and my mind goes back to one of the first Chattin with Kevin's I wrote about the Serenity Prayer when all of those goals seemed doubtful at best and impossible at worst. Now look where we are. God is so good.

Thank you all for your prayers and support. So many of those prayers are being answered now. I don't know what the future holds but I have faith that God has a plan to use this in even more ways for good, just as he has done already.



250th Anniversary Updates

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pomaria has been busy. The third Sunday of July was dedicated to the return of one of St. Paul's past preachers. Pastor Wyman Dowd and his wife graced St. Paul again with his words of wisdom. The stories were very interesting and his humor was a refreshing breath of fresh air. We look forward to having future visits of this wonderful preacher who helped shape the destiny of this congregation.

Mr. John Coltrane played special musical on his old time accordions the last Sunday in July. Mr. Coltrane collects all types of old time music boxes. On this same Sunday, Carold Wicker and Paul Werts barbequed chickens. Debbie Werts and Carold Wicker combined their expertise in making hash for a buffet dinner. We all enjoyed the fellowship of our friends and family.

The month of August brought a blast from the past. Mary Sibella Wicker visited the congregation. Tommie Wicker, a member of the Daughters of the Revolution visited our church and shared information of the hardships of the early settlers who settled in this area. She also recognized the early women heroines in Newberry County. She was dressed in period attire and explained to the congregation the makeup and purpose of her different accessories of her costume.

Our congregation has erected a Historical Marker off HWY 773 and Scout Troop 76 landscaped the marker. This was an Eagle Scout project for Drew Ricard, the grandson of the late Reverend Delano Ricard, and Mrs. Evelyn Ricard. He is the son of Danny and Lori Ricard. The marker will be dedicated during our Homecoming Celebration on October 9, 2011. We look forward to having Bishop Yoos deliver the message. As always the fine men of our Homecoming Committee will be preparing a meal for us to enjoy. Visitors are welcomed

September is here and we will begin practicing for the **Historical Play to be performed by the congregational members on October 23, 2011 at 6:00 PM**, followed by a reception afterwards.

Our church is currently taking orders for our Anniversary Plate, Christmas Ornament, and Anniversary Book titled **"St Paul Lutheran Church the Legacy Continues."** There are a few copies of the **"Logs to Granite"** available. Please contact Debbie Werts at 803-944-0879 or DKWerts@gmail.com or Lynn Nichols at 276-6303. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board as you enter the sanctuary of the church.

I do want to remind families that I am still taking family pictures old and new for the Church Memory Book. Remember these are snap shots including anyone who has been a member of our community and church family since the beginning of St. Paul's conception. The family genealogy I am writing is on the back burner until the anniversary play and activities are completed. This book will hold information you as a congregation share with me. Stories, newspaper articles, bulletins, photos, maps, genealogy of the church families, and more. I have with great love and devotion tried to make this a book that will give our future generations an idea of the people who graced the halls of this magnificent church and give a picture and insight of those buried in our cemetery.

Debbie Wert, Anniversary Chairman/Church Historian
Pastor David Brent Nichols, Pastor



SPOTLIGHT ON TRICIA ULCH



For those of you who know me, you know that writing is not one of my strong points and it pains me to have to write anything of length. So, when Debbie asked me to write something for the “Spotlight” and the fear of having to write something subsided, I was honored to be asked. I began thinking, “What in the world could I say?”...I thought and thought...and Debbie so kindly said I could turn it in for September (when she had originally asked me in May!) to give me more time.

I thought long and hard about what I would write for the “Spot light” and then it hit me- I would share with my church family about my many blessings. I certainly can’t share them all, as it is a “newsletter,” not a “book!” Hopefully, as you read about my biggest blessings, you will get a sense of who I am.

My blessings...

My birth father who unselfishly gave me the life I have today, who carried all his regret and sadness all these years so I could have a better life.

My adoptive momma who showed me the beauty of all God’s creations—a butterfly, the night sky, the importance of loving all regardless of color of skin, economic or educational status....for teaching me the wonderful lesson of not being judgmental—how “you can learn from everyone whether he sweeps the streets or is the President” and how I was no better than anyone else and no one was better than me—we are all God’s children ---I can still hear her now...

My adoptive daddy, who showed me the importance of remaining calm- A man who has more patience than I could think possible in one human being. This, from a man, who has seen his share of pain in his lifetime-from his childhood to two tours in Vietnam.

My husband, Scott, who still looks at me with tender, loving eyes after 16 years of marriage and continues to be my “safe harbor.” A man who gives his all to me and our wonderful sons.

Our sons, Tyler (14 yrs old) and Caleb (12 years old)—I never knew I could love someone so much and how unselfish I could be. Hmmm...having my own children has helped me understand my birth father’s painful choice...

Linda and Harold, who have showed me a grandparent’s unconditional love- I did not have grandparents growing up so I am continually amazed at their relationship and so thankful the

boys get to experience it.

Shannon, my friend of 23 years, who has continually reminded me of the importance of being thankful. If we are busy being thankful for all the good things in our lives, it leaves us less time to feel bad.

My birth sister, Gina (she is 46, I'm 41) who amazes me with her genuine kindness and her love for me. We have been apart for almost 30 years and we cherish every second of our time together.

My friends, my church family who give me words of encouragement, and offer thoughts and prayers.

The ability to forgive, which has healed my heart and made me stronger... This, in addition to the blessing of God being able to forgive me.

You see, my life is not about my "accomplishments" it's about the person I am, the person I have become through all of God's blessings. It overwhelms me to think how blessed I have been -- I know that I have much, much to give back and I am ready!



St. Paul Lutheran Congregational Council Minutes

Sunday, June 5, 2011

Devotions: John Wheeler

Devotions on August 28, 2011: Rick Caston

Absent: Alison White and Andrew Boozer

Minutes were read and approved for the month of June.

Treasurer's Report:

Dana Werts presented the treasurer's report.

A motion was made and passed to roll over the Building and Property fund in Mission Select Plus into a 1 year Mission Select Fund. The Mission Select Plus for the General Fund was to be returned and deposited in the checking fund.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery Committee: John Wheeler gave a report of the cemetery committee.

Tractor/Bus Committee: The tractor has been repaired and is working again.

Social Ministry Committee: The committee is working on the Pastor's reception for today.

Old Business:

Jerry Richardson has written the Department of Transportation and the South Carolina Archives about the sign, but has heard no response yet.

Carolyn Richardson presented a report on the S.C. Synod Assembly which was held on May 19 – 21, 2011 in Greenville.

New Business:

No new business

Respectfully submitted,

Janna Richardson

Church Council Secretary





Grace Lutheran Church



3rd Annual Elaine & Curtis "Hump" Shealy
Growing in God's Grace
Memorial Golf Tournament

Monday, November 7
Mid-Carolina Club - Prosperity
(I-26, Exit #82)

Registration - 12:00; Shotgun Start - 1:00
Supper & Awards - 5:00 (Mid-Carolina Club)

REGISTER BY OCT. 31: call 803-364-3331.

Captain's Choice: \$300 foursome (\$75 individual)

*Cash Prizes. Registration includes green fees, cart, 1 mulligan,
commemorative gift, and supper. Additional mulligan available for \$5.
Tickets will be available for additional prizes.*

Proceeds to benefit Grace Ministry Center Fund / Outreach.

Registration and Hole Sponsor forms can be found in Megan Shealy's (Secretary) box.

How to Pack a Shoe Box Gift

1

SHOE BOX

Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required.

PRAY for the child who will receive your special gift.

2

BOY OR GIRL?

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Print out the appropriate boy/girl label shown below. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box.

3

FILL WITH GIFTS

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child.

Use the Gift Ideas List

4

INCLUDE YOUR DONATION

Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs.* You can give online, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.

It's easy and convenient to give online.
Go to www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ.

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DROP OFF

Place a rubber band around each shoe box and lid and drop off at the Collection Center nearest you in mid-November.

For locations and dates, call 1-800-353-5949, or visit www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ.

You can also send your shoe box gift to:
Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child,
801 Bamboo Road, Boone, NC 28607



Gift Ideas:

TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

Do Not Include:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans

*The suggested donation has increased due to higher shipping costs and expanded evangelistic outreach. This is the first increase since the project began 13 years ago.

Shoe Box Labels

Mark the correct age category:			<h1>BOY</h1>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old			

Mark the correct age category:			<h1>GIRL</h1>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old			

Frankie Sherman

Funny Lady • Speaker • Author • Bible teacher

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Frankie is a national speaker, author, and Bible teacher for women's conferences, retreats, and events. She fell in love with Jesus during Vacation Bible School and takes every opportunity to tell others about the joy of being alive in Christ.

Listening to her message, one might think she is watching a scene from Steel Magnolias as Frankie reminisces about growing up in the days of "Big Hair" and "Elvis". She is hilariously funny and "as southern as sweet tea": however, it is her love and understanding of God's word that has allowed her to become one of the South's most beloved Bible teachers and speakers. Frankie is from South Carolina, loves BIG hair, her grand girls, and Jesus.

Save the date...

Date Sunday, Oct. 2

Time 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Place Pomaria Luth Ch. Fellowship Bldg

Contact Linda - 924-6455

Trudy - 609-5521

Adults \$10.00
7+ under \$5.00

> tickets

Call your girlfriends - get ready to

experience the Joy of the Lord!

Big Hair and boo's are welcome.

Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet

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