



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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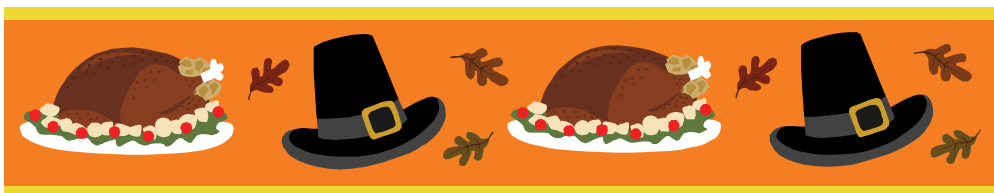
November 2011

From the Pastor's Desk:

Before we begin the sumptuous Thanksgiving feast, we must remember to offer our thanks to the Supreme Being who has showered us with blessings and fortune. In our prayers, let us remember those who have barely enough to feed or clothe themselves. Let the kindness in your heart reach out to the million starving souls who feast on dry bread and salt.

We often question the presence of God and his miracles. But we must acknowledge that every day is a miracle, and His merciful benevolence has seen us through the tough times. The Thanksgiving feast is the proof of His love and we are blessed to share the feast with our loved ones.

By Simran Khurana



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 1	2:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.	Photographs for pictorial directory (by appointment)
November 1	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
November 7	4:00 p.m.	First Year Confirmation
November 7	5:00 p.m.	LCY
November 7	6:00 p.m.	Second Year Confirmation
November 7	5:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.	Photographs for pictorial directory (by appointment)
November 8	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
November 9	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
November 10	10:00 a.m.	Lunch Bunch
November 13	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting after service
November 13		LCY—Lutheran Reformation Party—St. Stephens
November 15	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
November 16	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
November 17	7:00 p.m.	LMM Ladies Night—St. Phillips Church
November 20	4:00 p.m.	First Year Confirmation
November 20	5:00 p.m.	Second Year Confirmation
November 22	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
November 22	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle meeting in the basement
November 23	7:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Service
November 27	6:00 p.m.	Children's Program practice
November 30	12:00 p.m.	Lunch Bunch Thanksgiving meal

The 4th quarterly meeting of the LMM of the Heartland Conference will be held at St. Phillips Lutheran Church on Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. It is their annual Ladies Night and will be catered by Wise's BBQ. The cost for the meal is \$11.00. Please RSVP to Dean Lominack at 276-1041 or Mike Whitlock at 944-6017 by 8:00 p.m. November 13th.

 * **FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR IN** *
 * **NOVEMBER:** *
 * **6th Kay Chandler** *
 * **13th Donna K. Dowd** *
 * **20th & 23rd Charlotte Werts** *
 * **27th Marilyn Seybt** *

Hospitalized:

Estelle Dominick
 Jean Koon
 Stanley Shealy



Please Join Us For
A Time for Remembering
Celebrating Those We Love

Sunday, November 6, 2011
 4:00 P.M.

Whitaker Funeral Home
 1704 College Street
 Newberry, SC 29108

Lunch Bunch



The Lunch Bunch will be going to the home of Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ridlen on Thursday, November 10, 2011. They have a collection of several hundred nativity scenes from 54 countries and 19 states on display. Unfortunately they are not wheel chair or walker accessible. They ask that the ladies not wear high heels.

We will meet at St. Paul at 10:00 A. M. to travel as a group to their home. After the tour we will go to Hawg Heaven for lunch.

Please sign the sign-up sheet posted in the narthex or the Adult Bible Class if you plan to attend.

The November meeting of the Lunch Bunch will be Wednesday, November 30th at noon. We will enjoy a Thanksgiving lunch. The turkey and dressing will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. We will also be making fruit baskets to give to the shut-ins. Please bring 5 pieces of fruit to fill the baskets. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Angel Tree



We will be supporting foster children in Newberry County by adopting them for Christmas. Angel Tree will be in the Cry Room with the name of these children. We hope you will participate and show your concern for these needy children. A list of items will be with each name. Place unwrapped gifts in a large bag and secure the assigned application number on the bag. Please place these gifts in the Adult Bible Class by December 4, 2011. Contact Carolyn Richardson if you have any questions.

Because so many of us are accustomed to bountiful Thanksgiving dinners surrounded by family, we often forget such times can be sad and lonely for those less fortunate. Thanksgiving will be here soon, and we are thankful for all the blessings that have been bestowed on us this year. Let us share these blessings with others by bringing bags of food or paper items to be placed at the front of the church in our Thanksgiving display in November.



Children's Christmas Program



The Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m. Sign up sheets are posted on both bulletin boards. Practices will be Sunday, November 27th at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to a simple program this year with many children's participation.

The JOY Circle will meet Tuesday, November 22, 2011 in the basement.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to approve a budget for 2012, elect council members and discuss any other business will be held following the worship service November 13th. Plan to be present for this important meeting.

Operation Inasmuch Planning Meeting on Sunday, November 13th at 4pm at Mt. Olivet Lutheran, Chapin. The address is 11733 Broad River Road, Chapin, SC 29036.

The deadline for the December Newsletter is Monday, November 28th at 9:00 a.m.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



A church pictorial directory is being planned. Olan Mills will be photographing for the directory Tuesday, **November 1st** 2:00 - 9:30 p.m. and **Monday, November 7th** 5:00—9:30 p.m. Each family photographed will receive one complimentary 8 X 10 custom portrait. For appointments or additional information, contact Carolyn Richardson (276-2947).

LCY

We will have a LCY meeting on **Sunday, November 6th from 5:00-6:00pm** to go over the rules of the games for the Lutheran Reformation Party and also to decorate the banner for that event. If you are planning to attend the Lutheran Reformation Party, please plan to attend this meeting.

The LCY will be attending the Lutheran Reformation Party at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Lexington on Sunday, Nov. 13th. We hope all youth, 6th grade to 12th grade, will attend. There will be a live concert by Captive Free, and we will be competing in games for the Marty Trophy (named for Martin Luther). This is sure to be a fun event for all! Any youth that would like attend, please contact Nikki or Mike Hughes.

November Birthdays

November 1	Madelyn Wilson
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	Kendal Boland
November 21	Lurleen Seybt Noah Blackburn
November 22	Danny Dowd Emily McGlohorn
November 23	Brian Stiver
November 28	Billy Boland Nicholas Hentz
November 30	Wendy Mills



November Helpers

<u>Councilperson:</u>	Brian Stiver
<u>Ushers:</u>	Nica Dowd Chris Caston Lynn Graham Janna Richardson
<u>Counting Committee:</u>	Brian Stiver Rick Caston
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Landon Dowd
<u>Crucifer:</u>	Taylor Richardson
<u>Torchbearers:</u>	Taylor Moon Tyler Ulch
<u>Bannerbearer:</u>	Austin Wheeler
<u>Greeter:</u>	
November 6 & 13	Debra Taylor
November 20 & 27	Janna Richardson
<u>Communion Bread:</u>	
November 23 (Thanksgiving)	Wayne Boozer
November 27	Wayne Boozer
<u>Altar Guild:</u>	
November 23 (Thanksgiving)	Nica Dowd
November 27	Lori Ricard



Chattin' with *Kevin*



This month I wanted to take a moment to congratulate everyone for all the hard work that went into the 250th Anniversary play. I heard a lot of good comments from folks afterwards and it was special to be a part of it. Twenty-five years ago I was really young when the other play took place and so I didn't really get it. I had an interesting vantage point from the choir loft where I could see the entire play happen while also being in it. When it got to the 1990's and 2000's and mentioned the LCY and puppetry ministry that really hit home because I had such a large hand in that part of the church and those were the years I did a lot of growing up, too. Seeing other people portray what that was like really gave me pause and helped me see in a new way just what God was doing that entire time.

I wonder what new things will be in store for St. Paul in the next 25 years. As I watched the play and sang in spots, I really appreciated all the work that went into celebrating and portraying the history, the period dress, the narration, the flow of the play. Things really gelled during the time between the final rehearsals and the play itself. Now that we have celebrated the history of our church and the people who did God's work to build it before us, I wonder what kind of ministry we are going to be doing next.

A few weeks ago I interviewed a young Presbyterian pastor for a newspaper article. She's starting her first call in a small church in Whitmire and she had some interesting comments about ministry in small churches. Pastor Berger actually was drawn to the smaller churches. Pastor Berger understands that rural ministry holds unique challenges. She's around my age and hearing her perspective on ministry was interesting, so I wanted to share a bit of it with you. She said, "Something I've encountered is the perception of smaller churches that they are failing somehow, even though when you are in a church like this you can see that they have wonderful programs and wonderful relationships and are thriving in the town they are in. What I have seen (in Whitmire)," she said, "is they are very much intent on serving the Lord and caring for one another and caring for the community, and I think that's really important. You don't want to go to a church whose sole purpose to have numbers. You want to go to a church where they care."



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As she highlighted strengths she observed in that church, I kept thinking of our church. I know I'm biased since I've gone to church here my whole life and I have family here and my friends are here. We have our strengths and weaknesses just as any church would, to be sure. I think we are intent on serving the Lord and that for whatever our human faults might be; we truly care for one another at St. Paul. That's one thing I took away from the play—that spirit of family and caring keeps on recycling through the generations as God blesses the church. So, now that we know we have this pearl of great price, this special bond in Christ I hope we will take heart in it and encourage one another toward even more works of ministry on God's behalf in the years to come.

Presentation by the Freedom and Hope Foundation
By Terry Cotney, Executive Director

Pomaria Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 27
4:00 p.m.

The Freedom and Hope Foundation raises awareness
of the needs of Wounded Warriors and children with
cancer and disabilities.

Terry Cotney, a resident of the Prosperity area and Executive Director of the Freedom and Hope Foundation will present the work of the foundation and you are invited for an inspiring presentation and program. You will not be disappointed.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

250th Anniversary Update

St. Paul Lutheran Church celebrated their 250th Anniversary Homecoming on October 9, 2011. Bishop Herman Yoos and Pastor D. Brent Nichols dedicated our Historical Monument during the service. Drew Ricard was recognized for the outstanding work in landscaping the Historical Monument. As always the men of the Homecoming Committee agreed to BBQ chicken while the ladies baked beans and made cole slaw. Members of the church always bring covered dishes and scrumptious desserts. This year the committee had a 250th Anniversary Homecoming cake. During our homecoming event, we honor our Golden Agers. Our church is always excited to have visitors and old friends returning to share in food and fellowship.

On October 23, 2011 at 6:00 PM St. Paul Lutheran Church presented the 250th Anniversary Play "*Passages of Time*". There were approximately 60 congregational members that participated in the production written and directed by Debbie Kesler Werts. After the play, refreshments were served in the Fellowship Hall. Dot Berly Cochell and Chris Caston organized an elaborate affair. Suzanne Shealy, Donna Dowd, Kathy Brown, and Emily Epting assisted in serving and greeting the guests as they arrived. Many ladies of the church donated food items for the refreshment tables. Everyone knows that the women of St. Paul's Church sure can cook and the hospitality of the German Folk are unprecedented.

The play recognized the elders of St. Paul. They were Michael Kibler, John George Gestlhalt (Kesler), George Eigleberger, Tobias Lagrone, and Jacob Durr. These gentlemen went to Charles Towne to request a grant of 50 acres for the purpose of building a church of worship. The congregation up till this point in time was known as Kibler's Church in the early 1750's and met in the home and barns of the Kiblers.

Reverend Joachim Bulow became involved as the full time preacher that shepherded the church. The name of our church is believed to have come from his church's name sake in Charleston. Many of Reverend Bulow's family are buried in the cemetery. As for Reverend Bulow he is believed to have been buried under the alter of the second log cabin of St. Paul.

All the activities this year seem to have come and gone so quickly. The skits each month and the visitors have been very special and memorable. As Chairman of the Anniversary Committee I will continue to record the legacy of our congregation and plan on releasing a compiled history of our members' genealogy, cemetery information, photos, and additional stories of the research I have accumulated over the years.

As Anniversary chairman I wanted to thank all the actors and behind the scenes stage people. As a congregation we pulled together and put on an outstanding play and social events of our community. As always St. Paul sets a standard hard to live up to, again we are the Mother Church. We witnessed not only our history but our Lutheran faith. Who knows who heart we may have touched or what life we may have affected because we do the Lord's Work. Whether it was food, drink, or time given to our church. We brought people together to worship God and to spend time in his house. I thank all of you for the dedication and the self less gifts you have been able to share with me and the committee this year.

The Anniversary Year is drawing to an end and with a little sadness but a lot of pride and joy we have just one more month of activities. This project is headed up by Lori Ricard will be showing a DVD on the "Memories of St Paul Members" during the month of November. We also plan to bury our time capsule and say farewell for another 25 years.

Many projects are in the making for our church. We will continue to dedicate activities to the Building Committee chaired by Becky Kinard Boland. She has been very dedicated in the projects of raising money for our new Life Center. So I hope all will renew their commitment to help and support the upcoming projects as we refocus our efforts in raising the rest of the money required for a larger area to feel the requirements of our future growth.

We are taking orders for church plates, Christmas Ornaments, and the Anniversary Book. Contact Debbie Werts at DKWerts@gmail.com or 944-0879.

Debbie Werts Church Historian/Anniversary chairman





*"Passages of Time"
Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of
St. Paul Lutheran Church
October 23, 2011*



*St. Paul Lutheran
Church*

1761—2011

250 Years



**St. Paul Lutheran Congregational Council Minutes
Sunday, August 28, 2011**

Devotions: Rick Caston

Devotions for October: Andrew Boozer

Absent: Lowell Dowd, Chris Roberts, Brian Stiver, and Alison White

Minutes were read and approved for the month of August.

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.

Social Ministry Committee: The committee is sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, October 4 from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. Congregational pictures will be taken for the pictorial directory on October 6 – 8.

Property Committee: The pressure control valve was replaced. A leak was fixed in the parsonage.

Grounds Committee: Danny Ricard and Drew Ricard along with members of the Troop 76, St. John Lutheran Church of Pomaria landscaped around the historical marker and church sign.

Old Business:

- The St. Paul historical marker will be dedicated on Homecoming Sunday.
- John Coltrane has found a four drawer fire proof cabinet to store church records in. Danny Ricard will get this moved to the church.
- A motion was made and passed to buy a file cabinet to replace those in the secretary's office. Paul Werts will check into this.

New Business:

- Property will replace the light fixture in the Pastor's office. They will also repair exterior issues with the parsonage. They will replace the light in the Ladies' Restroom.
- A motion was made and passed to transfer \$20,000 from the building fund to a Mission Select Fund.

- A motion was made and passed to have a representative from the South Carolina Synod to come and speak to the council related to growth in ministry.
- The council agreed that the USAAA baseball team may practice on the softball field on Tuesdays and Thursdays with the understanding that no lights may be turned on.
- A motion was made and passed to pay for Hannah Aurand's membership to the American Guild of Organists. The money will be taken from the choir fund.
- A motion was made and passed to accept the transfer of Michael, Steffanie, Jordan, and Jonathon Shinn to Chapin Baptist Church.
- A motion was made and passed to take up a love offering for Sheila Bannister.
- The pastor had been contacted about the needs of one child in the area. The child needs clothes. The pastor will announce this in church and a box will be placed in the Sunday School classroom.

Respectfully submitted,
Janna Richardson
Church Council Secretary

October 30, 2011

Dear Mrs. Werts, the Anniversary Committee, and the participants in "Passage of Time,"

The St. Paul Congregational Council and the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church would like to express their sincere appreciation for your hard work and dedication in creating a memorable celebration for St. Paul Lutheran Church's 250th Anniversary. Through the play, dedication of the historical marker, and numerous events and projects, our congregation commemorated our past while looking forward to our future service in Jesus Christ's name. Thank you for serving so faithfully.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council
Janna Richardson, Secretary

St. Paul Lutheran Church Budget

Category	Budget	Proposed			
		2011	2012		
ELCA and Synodical	14,523.00	15,545.00	1,022.00		
SC Mission Support	500.00	500.00			
Local Outreach	400.00	400.00			
Pastor's Base Salary	38,399.00	39,557.00	1,158.00	3%	
Mileage	5,000.00	5,000.00			
Home Equity Allowance	3,000.00	3,000.00			
Pension	7,778.00	8,013.00			
Social Security Allowance for Pastor	8,710.00	8,973.00			
Health, Death and Dental Benefits for Pastor	19,965.00	19,776.00			
Bulletins	600.00	600.00			
Communion and Alter Supplies	500.00	600.00	100.00		
Organist	5,200.00	5,356.00	156.00	3%	
Supply Organist	300.00	300.00			
Youth Activities	450.00	450.00			
Devotional Guides	500.00	500.00			
Continuing Education for Pastor	250.00	250.00			
Campfirmation	1,100.00	1,750.00	650.00		
Secretary	4,718.00	4,860.00	142.00	3%	
Offering Envelopes and Financial Records	900.00	900.00			
Delegates Expenses	500.00	250.00	(250.00)		
Social Security Taxes for employees	2,774.00	2,857.00			
Office Supplies and Postage	4,000.00	4,000.00			
Supply Pastor	650.00	650.00			
Homecoming	400.00	300.00			
Seminary Student Mileage Allowance	500.00	200.00	(300.00)		
Sexton's Salary	6,933.00	7,141.00	208.00	3%	
Church Utilites	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	1,000.00	800.00	(200.00)		
Yearbook	850.00	900.00	50.00		
Anniversary Committee	250.00	0.00	(250.00)		
Miscellaneous/Contingency	1,500.00	1,500.00			
Totals	155,450.00	158,228.00		1.8% Inc	

POINSETTIAS

For the beauty of our Church at Christmas, we are ordering poinsettias 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, November 27, 2011. 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 11, 2011.** The information will be published in the bulletin at Christmas.

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

BY: _____

AMOUNT GIVEN: \$ _____ ENVELOPE NO. _____

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.samaritanspurseg.org/occ.

5

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.samaritanspurseg.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

Shoe Box Labels

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

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 _____

Email _____

Title _____

Presenter _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Title _____

Presenter _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

School of Religion

Each session of the School of Religion will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, Prosperity, SC, on Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2012. 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 2012 will focus on Bible Study, discerning God's will, comparative religions, 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.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL

HEARTLAND CONFERENCE

LAY SCHOOL OF RELIGION



Tuesday evenings, January, 2012
January 3, 10, 17, and 24
7 - 9 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
Prosperity, SC

Course Descriptions

(A) LAST SUPPER/LORD'S SUPPER

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

Jesus met with his disciples on the last night before his death for a final meal. When was this and how do we know? What happened in that "upper room"? What does the New Testament say about this? What else can we learn about meals, Jesus, and the Bible? What difference does this meal make for our faith journey? You are invited to join us for the repast.

(B) THOSE WHO HAVE EARS TO HEAR: PREACHING AS MINISTRY OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION

Rev. Dr. Shauna K. Hannan
Asst. Professor of Homiletics
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

Congregation members play an important role in the preaching event. This course will describe that role and invite class members to begin playing that role. By the end of the course, participants will have a better understanding of (1) what preachers do to prepare sermons (2) how hearers participate during the preaching event (3) how preaching can be a ministry of the whole congregation.

(C) COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS

Dr. Mike Beggs
Chair, Religion and Philosophy Department
Newberry College

Come travel with us down the divergent paths to deliverance with Moses, the Founder of Judaism; Buddha (Siddhartha Gautama), Founder of Buddhism; and Muhammad, the Father of Islam. Learn how these three religions originated and the impact they are having as major cultural forces in the world today and in reshaping the twenty-first century. As we conclude our time together, we will learn what happens when these divergent paths collide by examining the sources of conflict and the prospects of peace.

(D) SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATE (Final Session Only)

Mr. Jim Caulder

Mr. Caulder will provide information about changes, etc. in the Social Security laws and will be available to answer questions from participants.

(E) 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, 2011
(One person per registration form)
Registration also available at the door

Fee: \$10.00

Students Admitted Free

Return to:

Mr. Pat Longshore
3076 Macedonia Church Road
Prosperity, SC 29127

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

Circle the title of the course you are selecting.

- A. Last Supper/Lord's Supper
- B. Those Who Have Ears to Hear: Preaching as Ministry of the Whole Congregation
- C. Comparative Religions
- D. Social Security Update (One Session Only)
- E. Youth Bible Study (for Youth only)

Amount Enclosed : \$ _____

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

St. Paul Congregation:

I'm sending this information to anyone who may be interested, along with their families, children, friends, church, or community organizations, with hopes that you will be able to help with a wonderful initiative started by [The Bert Show](#), a radio show in Atlanta, Georgia...

[The show is collecting handwritten letters](#) to send to EVERY U.S. military serviceman/woman who is stationed overseas for Thanksgiving. The goal is to collect 400,000+ handwritten letters to be delivered on Thanksgiving morning. As of today, they have collected 150,000 letters. They need more letters ASAP! That's where *we* come in!

If you'd like to send your own handwritten thank you note to a serviceman/woman, here are the guidelines, according to the The Bert Show's website:

- Each letter should be heartfelt, handwritten, original, and free of any political statements. The purpose of the letter is to express thanks to the military personnel currently deployed outside the United States. We reserve the right to eliminate those messages that are political in nature and do not reflect a positive message in the spirit of Thanksgiving. Those letters will be destroyed.
- All letters must be on 8.5" x 11" paper or smaller. Do not use glue, tape, staples, cardboard, glitter or otherwise attach anything to the paper. Decorate using crayons, pencil, etc. Use both sides if you like, but use one page per letter only. Do not send cards or photographs. Feel free to include your mailing and email address, and you may get a response. Individual letters should not be sealed in envelopes.
- Do not send anything except letters. We cannot accept donations of any kind, and they should not be included or attached to letters.

If you would like to send in a letter, please follow the guidelines listed above and send letters to the address listed below:

The Bert Show's Big Thank You
780 Johnson Ferry Road NE
Fifth Floor
Atlanta, GA 30342

May you and your family have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

With Love,
Betsy Brooks

St. Paul Lutheran Church
2496 S.C. Hwy 773
Pomaria, SC 29126

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