



## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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February 2012

### From the Pastor's Desk:

"From all of our beginnings, we keep reliving the Garden story.

Satan, he wanted more. More power, more glory. Ultimately, in his essence, Satan is an ingrate. And he sinks his venom into the heart of Eden. Satan's sin becomes the first sin of all humanity: the *sin of ingratitude*. Adam and Eve are, simply, painfully, ungrateful for what God gave.

Isn't that the catalyst of all my sins?

Our fall was, has always been, and always will be, that we aren't satisfied in God and what He gives. We hunger for something more, something other."

—Ann Voskamp

One Thousand Gifts



Please join us for worship at 7:30 p.m.  
on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd.

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

<b>January 31</b>	7:00 p.m.	WELCA "Kick-off"
<b>February 1</b>	7:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
<b>February 3</b>	7:00 p.m.	LCY Lock-In
<b>February 5</b>	8:00 a.m.	Church Council
<b>February 5</b>		Souper Bowl Sunday
<b>February 8</b>	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>February 12</b>	8:00 a.m.	LMM
<b>February 12</b>	4:00 p.m.	HymnFest
<b>February 15</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lunch Bunch
<b>February 15</b>	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>February 19</b>	4:00 p.m.	First Year Catechism
<b>February 19</b>	5:00 p.m.	Second Year Catechism
<b>February 21</b>	6:00—7:00 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
<b>February 22</b>	7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday
<b>February 26</b>	4:00 p.m.	PALS
<b>February 26</b>	4:00 p.m.	First Year Catechism
<b>February 26</b>	5:00 p.m.	Second Year Catechism
<b>February 26</b>	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
<b>February 29</b>	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice

### Altar Flowers for February:

February 5 Judy McGee  
 February 12 Nikki Hughes  
 February 19 Shirley Lester

Lent — No Flowers during Lent

PALS will meet Sunday, February 26th at 4:00 p.m. at the church.

Attention: All women of St. Paul:  
 The **WELCA** Church Women will hold a 2012 "Kickoff" meeting on Tuesday, January 31st at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

### St. Paul Lutheran Church Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Come celebrate the beginning of the Lenten season by enjoying a pancake supper.

When: Tuesday, February 21st  
 Time: 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$3.00 adults  
 \$2.00 children 5-12 years old  
 Free—children up to 4 years old

Come and Enjoy!

The deadline for the March Newsletter is Thursday, February 23rd at 9:00 a.m.



February 5<sup>th</sup> is Souperbowl Sunday! The LCY would like to invite everyone downstairs after church on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> for soup and sandwiches. The youth will be at each exit collecting dollar donations to be given to our local food bank to help fight hunger in our community. We hope that you will join us!

The **LCY** is having a Lock-in at the church starting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bring your sleeping bag, pillow, blankets, or whatever you need to sleep on. Please bring a snack to share with everyone. You can also bring games, puzzles, Wii games, or anything else you would like to do. We will also be making blankets to hand out to the Boys Farm. Pick up time is 9:30am Saturday morning! Donuts and juice will be provided for breakfast. It's going to be lots of fun, so please plan to join us on February 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**THERE ARE SEVERAL DISHES IN THE KITCHEN THAT DON'T BELONG**—cake plates, casserole dishes, etc. If you are missing dishes, please come by and take a look to see if any belong to you.

**Pictorial Directories** for those who had pictures made are available in the Cry Room.

### **HOSPITALIZED:**

Roy Bannister  
Judy Boland  
Rhett Smith



**ST. PAUL WILL BE HOLDING AN OLD-TIME HYMNFEEST**, Sunday afternoon, February 12th at 4:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to come together for about an hour and join together to sing our favorite hymns. Afterward, we will gather for a light meal. Everyone is asked to bring a food item to share. Plan to come and join in this good time of song and food.

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

The **Lunch Bunch** will meet Wednesday, February 15th at 12:00 p.m. for a covered dish lunch. Our speaker will be Pat Arehart.

**The Season of Lent** begins with our Ash Wednesday service February 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Weekly Lenten services will be held Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Lent is a season of personal reflection and repentance. It is a time for prayerfully pondering the brokenness of our lives and turning back to God. As you look ahead, make it your aim to attend all of our weekly Lenten Services.



In 2011 I learned that looking for a full time job is a hard thing to do, but along the way I found an unexpected reminder I wanted to share with you. I was at the SC Works office in Newberry last December when I met a job development coach from Laurens County named Joy. We started talking after a workshop I had attended and chatted for around 45 minutes. Joy had worked at DSS for years before taking her current position. As I shared my resume with her and she promised to send in on to some of her old contacts. Now networking is part of the job search game, so I was glad to have met her. Things might have ended there, but as she read over my resume her eyes lit up when she found out that I wrote for children.

I had something on my resume about public speaking and before I knew it I found myself telling her my story. She also had overcome a traumatic event in her formative years, something she drew upon as she worked for a nonprofit agency. We had a lot in common and that led her to think I might be able to do that kind of work for a nonprofit organization.

Later that day I emailed her a copy of my resume and here is part of her reply to me. It is something to think about. "Your presence, not to mention your experience, parallels the characteristics that would be paramount in someone working in a non-profit field. I truly see you doing that! Maybe even through some type of Christian-based affiliation, too. The sky is TRULY the limit for you! Don't put limitations on your life....your circumstance....your health.....remember, "God's delay is NEVER His denial!" This is your year! Just know that, DECREE THAT into existence...SPEAK IT, BELIEVE IT and RECEIVE IT! Thank you, thank you so much for inspiring me again, on last week. It amazes me how God strategically places people in our pathways that make such an impression on our day, on our lives. Thank you for being that willing vessel to demonstrate the presence and love of God towards me, on last Thursday. My life is more blessed, just by our encounter."

All I set out to do that day was pass out a resume but there was something bigger at work. I thanked her for her kind words and asked if I could share them with you in the



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newsletter. I have made arrangements for her to get some copies of the Little Christian to use with foster children she interacts with whenever it is appropriate to do so. No job lead may come from that contact but maybe a child will read the Little Christian who otherwise would not have. Maybe his or her faith will blossom from that and who knows what good will come from it in the future? That kind of thoughts help build a person up and I really needed to be pointed back to those kind of thoughts instead of obsessing over what might or might not happen.

Can you think of times in life where God may have delayed something coming your way and you just could not understand why or what was going on? In hindsight we can see the wisdom in what happened sometimes, but for some reason our humanity keeps us from understanding as things are going on. God made us that way. It is hard to figure out the way things must happen in God's time. That idea of God's time was in Pastor Nichols sermon a few weeks ago and the notion of God's time has come up in Chattin' with Kevin's before, too.

On that day at the SC Works office, Joy and encouragement helped me get some needed perspective and provided a reminder of who is in control of all things. It was a reminder I wasn't looking for but that I so needed to receive. It wasn't just me sharing my faith and story with her but she took a real chance and opportunity to share her powerful story with me. For a brief moment I found Joy, real joy and relief from the job hunting stress and worry about the future I had placed upon myself. A week or so later when I had a job interview I repeated what Joy told me and it helped me get through the process. I didn't get the job but that is how it goes sometimes. I'll keep looking until the right opportunity comes along. Joy helped that day and in the week afterwards. Ironically, the stress piled up again today as I am writing this column, so maybe the topic that I chose to write about a few weeks ago has come back around to remind me at right time once more: God's delay (for something to happen) is never his denial.

## Baskets of Promise

This Lenten season, the St. Paul congregation will be joining Lutheran World Relief's Baskets of Promise appeal. Each week, we'll collect a different item to fill "School Kits" that give children essential items to learn and work toward a better future. You may place your items in a box at the front or back of the church.

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Our goal is to assemble \_\_\_\_\_ LWR School Kits during Lent.

### HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

#### FEBRUARY 26

Notebooks (70-sheet, wide- or college-ruled, approx. 8" x 10 ½", no loose-leaf paper)



#### MARCH 4

Backpacks (sturdy drawstring cloth bag approx. 14" x 17" with shoulder straps)



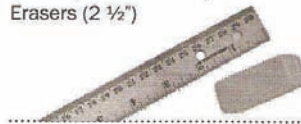
#### MARCH 11

Pens (black or blue, no gel ink) and Pencils (unsharpened #2 with eraser)



#### MARCH 18

Rulers (30-centimeter) and Erasers (2 ½")



#### MARCH 25

Crayons (box of 16 or 24) and Pencil Sharpeners



#### APRIL 1 (Palm Sunday)

Scissors (blunt safety scissors)



On our Lenten journey, let's be witnesses of Christ's abundant love by participating in this special project.

-The Social Ministry Committee

## February Birthdays

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|----|--------------------|
| 1  | Dorothy Cochell    |
| 2  | Grant Ellis Smith  |
| 3  | Lee Boozer         |
| 4  | Betty Livingston   |
| 5  | Toby Smith         |
|    | Grant Smith        |
| 6  | Ashley Lathrop     |
| 7  | Milford D. Wicker  |
| 8  | C. J. Caston       |
| 12 | Jackie Perry       |
| 13 | Brigitte Measamer  |
|    | Barry Richardson   |
| 14 | Lindsay Boozer     |
| 16 | David Lathrop, Jr. |
|    | James Lester       |
| 20 | Taylor Fulmer      |
| 22 | Carolyn Richardson |
|    | Tanner Werts       |
| 23 | Walter Koon        |
|    | Joshua Werts       |
| 25 | Caroline Butler    |
|    | Kristina Outz      |
|    | Mamie Ella Shealy  |
| 26 | Jacob Wicker       |
|    | Mark Richardson    |
| 27 | Mary Ellisor       |



## February Helpers

**Councilperson:** Becky Boland

**Ushers:** Andrew Boozer  
Joey Brooks  
Kathy Brown  
Rick Caston

**Counting Committee:** Becky Boland  
Carolyn Richardson

**Acolyte:** Keenan Boland

**Crucifer:** Drew Ricard

**Torchbearers:** Trey Huyck  
Jacob Wicker

**Bannerbearer:** Tanner Werts

**Greeter:** Alice Boozer

### **Communion**

#### **Bread:**

February 22 (Ash Wed) Jackie Perry  
February 26 Jackie Perry

### **Altar Guild:**

February 22 (Ash Wed) Janna Richardson  
February 26 Lynn Nichols

**St. Paul Lutheran Congregational Council Minutes  
Sunday, December 4, 2011**

Devotions: Rick Caston

Devotions for January: Pastor Nichols

Absent: Chris Roberts, Alison White, Barbara Dowd, Andrew Boozer, and Lowell Dowd

Minutes were read and approved for the December meeting.

Mrs. Carolyn Torrence made a presentation to the council about the South Carolina Synod campaign, "Growing in God's Mission." This is a 3 – 5 year campaign by the South Carolina Synod. It has these specific goals: 1. Deepening Discipleship 2. Planting and Sustaining Mission Congregations 3. Equipping congregations to engage in their communities 4. Discipleship Training for Rostered Leaders: the Next Generation 5. Increasing Educational Opportunities for the People for the South West Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania She asked that a leader be appointed from the congregation and that person will be trained. This is over and beyond the budget.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**The information was shared from the Treasurer's report.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Cemetery Committee: John Wheeler presented the cemetery report.**

Social Ministry Committee: The committee has the directory to proof. They are completing the Angel Tree drive. The food from the food drive was taken to St. James A.M.E. church.

Property Committee: They replaced the flood light and will address the gutter system. A discussion was held on how to address issues with the basement after the flooding.

**Old Business:**

The council will call a congregational meeting related to changing the number of council members from 16 to 12.

A motion was made and passed to send \$500 to Manantial de Vida (Spring of Life) 7900 Nell Street. Columbia, South Carolina 29223-6226 from South Carolina Mission support.

The December 25<sup>th</sup> service will be at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. There will be no Sunday School on this day.

Pastor Nichols will present Debbie Werts a remembrance for her work on the anniversary committee.

Barry Werts has a tractor he would be willing to donate to the church with the understanding if the church wants to get rid of it will be returned to him.

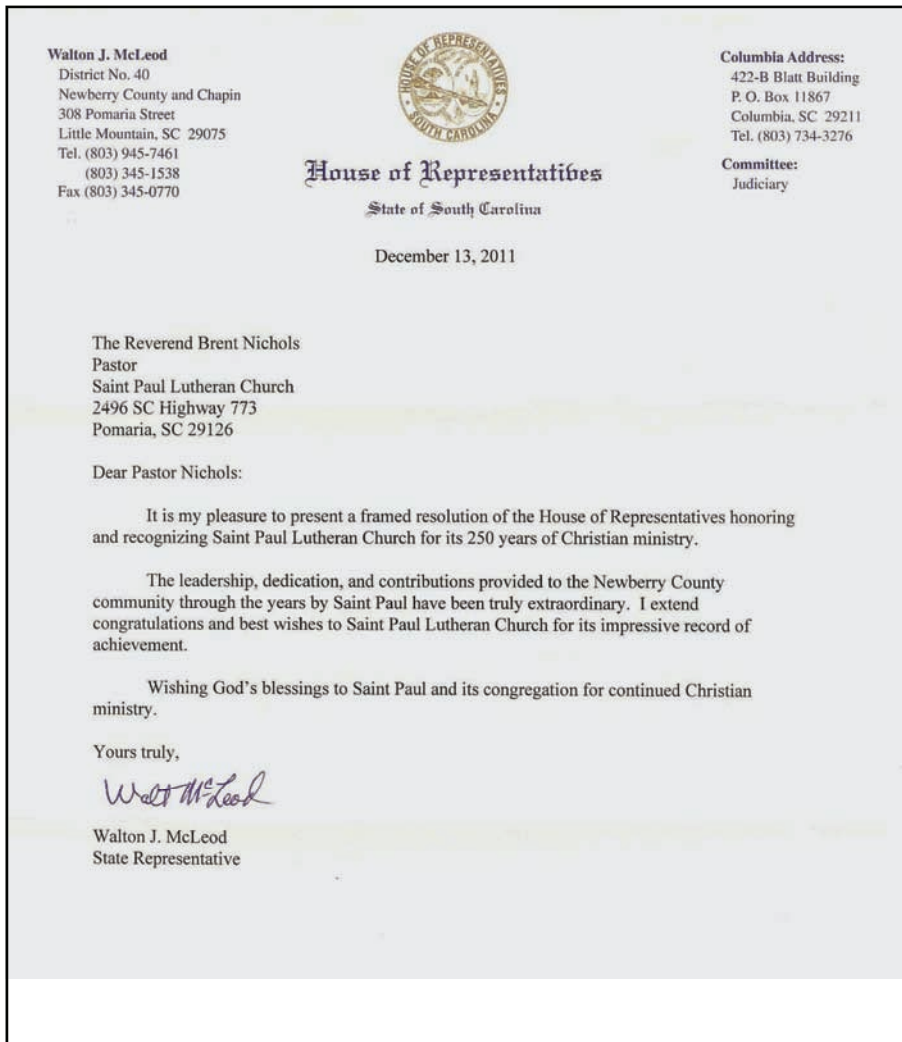


**New Business:**

A motion was made and passed to send \$200 from the local outreach to the Free Medical Clinic.  
A motion was made and passed to accept a donation of a ping pong table from Tricia Ulch.  
A motion was made and passed to give Christmas bonuses to the church employees. A bonus of \$300 dollars will be given to Pastor Nichols. The other church employees will receive a bonus of \$100 dollars.

Jackie Perry asked that her Thrivent Choice funds be designated for the LCY.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janna Richardson  
Church Council Secretary



**DSS**  
*Serving Children and Families*

LILLIAN B. KOLLER, J.D.  
STATE DIRECTOR

NIKKO HALEY  
GOVERNOR


January 13, 2012

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church:

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

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

Best wishes for a Happy New Year.



Larry Cannon, Director  
Newberry County  
Department of Social Services

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## Brunch & Learn

February 7 • 10 – 11:30 am



## Alzheimer Caregiver Series:

*Balancing the Act of Caregiving*



At the Heritage, we understand that caring for persons with Alzheimer's disease or related memory concerns can be physically and emotionally stressful. Join us **February 7** for a complimentary brunch and learn *Balancing the Act of Caregiving* presented by Debbie Kelly, LMSW, CMC, of Geriadvocates Care Management, LLC.

**Registration and respite care information**  
Rebecca 803.451.7412 or  
Rhaggan@theheritageatlowman.org

**Event location**  
the Heritage at Lowman Wellness Center  
2101 Dutch Fork Rd. • Chapin, SC 29036

**Live event broadcast**  
<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/bewell-caregivers-program>

[www.theheritageatlowman.org](http://www.theheritageatlowman.org)

The honor of your presence  
is requested at  
the ordination of  
Mr. Richard Conrad Davis Inman  
into the office of  
the Ministry of Word and Sacrament  
in the one holy catholic  
and apostolic church  
at  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
3909 Forest Drive  
Columbia, SC 29203  
on Sunday January 29, 2012  
at 6:00 PM  
Reception to follow  
in Fellowship Activities Building

Mapquest directions can be found in Megan Shealy's box

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Return Service Requested

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