



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

March 2012

From the Pastor's Desk:

Lenten Services

During this holy season of Lent, you are encouraged to attend all of our Sunday evening Lenten Services at 7:00 p.m. This year we are hearing "Voices from the Past" as six people who know Jesus describe how their encounter with him changed their life. We will be hearing from:

February 26th **Mary, Mother of our Lord**

March 4 **Zacchaeus**

March 11 **Child that Jesus Blessed**

March 18 **Martha**

March 25 **Simon of Cyrene**

April 1 **Roman Centurion**



MARCH CALENDAR

March 2	7:00 p.m.	World Day of Prayer—Bethlehem Lutheran
March 4	8:00 a.m.	Church Council
March 4	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
March 7	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 11		Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 11	8:30 a.m.	LMM
March 11	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
March 14	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 18	4:00 p.m.	PALS
March 18	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
March 21	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 25	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
March 28	12:00 p.m.	Lunch Bunch
March 28	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 31		Spring Cleaning Day at St. Paul
April 1	4:00 p.m.	Children's Easter Egg Hunt



Altar Flowers for March:

Lent — No Flowers during Lent

HOSPITALIZED:

Grant Smith



The congregation is asked to bring live flowers to decorate the cross on Easter Sunday (April 8th)!



The **Lunch Bunch** will meet on March 28, 2012 (note the change of date) at 12:00 noon for a covered dish lunch. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Jim Caulder, a consultant on Social Security issues. Everyone is invited to attend.

The deadline for the April Newsletter is Monday, March 26th at 9:00 a.m.

Evangelism (n) - "1- the winning or revival of personal commitments to Christ. 2- militant or crusading zeal." Webster's Dictionary

We need to all remember we are in charge of evangelism here at St Paul; not just members of a committee. We need each one of us to have "revival of personal commitments to Christ" and to jump on our "crusade with zeal"! The Bible says to share your faith. Being an evangelist is not just about obtaining new members for our physical building to be filled but to reach out to others to share our beliefs. Yes, inviting them to church is certainly an important part but not the only part.

"But respect Christ as the holy Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to answer everyone who asks you to explain about the hope you have." 1Peter 3:15

Several of our members have been busy with our Evangelism Committee. We are implementing several new things: visitor goody, pamphlets, notes to visitors, signs for end of road, postcards to invite people to events, more mentioned in newspaper, flyers at truck stop, etc. If you have any ideas that you think would benefit the Evangelism Committee please share them with Becky Boland. No idea is too small; it may be just the thing we need!

PALS will meet at **4:00 Sunday, March 18th** at the church to have their Easter preparation meeting. We will need lots of hands to prepare for our Easter Egg Hunt! We ask that each family bring a bag of small individually wrapped candy to contribute! Invite a friend to join you! Questions call Becky at 924.4052.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, April 1st at 4:00. We invite all children to age 10 to participate! Invite friends to join us as we search for 500 stuffed eggs this year!!!! We ask that you bring an Easter basket or bag and be ready for fun, fellowship, and food!



Judy Boland and family would like to offer a thank you for all the cards, thoughts, prayers, gifts, and visits. We appreciate your concern for Judy during this most recent challenging time. - Judy, Chad, and Becky

IF YOU SUBSCRIBE TO THE STATE NEWSPAPER, please save the Parade magazine from the Sunday edition and bring it to church. The Free Medical Clinic in Newberry can use it to get free medications for the clinic. Thanks for



April 21, 2012



April 27, 2012

**THE CHILDREN OF
ELIZABETH (LIB) LINDLER BOLAND**

*invite family and friends to
an 80th birthday drop-in*

Saturday, March 10, 2012

2:00 -4:00 p.m.

*Trinity Life Center,
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain.*

*This is a casual dress event. Your presence
with us and prayers for our mother are
treasured gifts; we respectfully request no
other.*

And my sincere thanks.
God Bless You!

Pastor Nichols and St. Paul's
Church Family,

We wanted to express our
thanks for the wonderful "Hymn
Sing" you all hosted. Mama
and I thoroughly enjoyed it.
The pianist was great. Her music
was beautiful, and the guitar
just enhanced it. Thanks to
both for giving of their time and
talents! Also, thanks to those
who provided the "fest" of re-
freshments. They were delightful.
We were honored to be a part
of your day. Blessings to all +
Peace - Sandra Goodman &
Velma Bonner

...The blessing of the LORD
be upon you:
we bless you in the name
of the LORD.

Psalms 129:8

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.

BASKETS of PROMISE

This Lent we're 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 better futures.

Our goal is to assemble **50** 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)



\$3.00 each

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)



BASKETS OF PROMISE: If you are not able to get to the store to buy the supplies for the "Baskets of Promise" project, you can donate money in an envelope labeled Baskets of Promise." We will buy the supplies. On Palm Sunday, we hope to have lots of supplies under the "old rugged cross." Help us make this project a success. Thank you — the Social Ministry Committee

Chattin' with *Kevin*



Last spring I told you about my friend, Geneva, and the ministry she does in the Whitmire area. Well, this month I want to take a page from the late Paul Harvey and tell you the rest of the story—a story I learned around a month ago. I attended church at her request for a service of re-opening and renewal of Shiloh 2 Apostolic Temple back in January. The church had been closed for around two years. The story is one of such faithfulness and prayerful witness that I thought it appropriate to share with you as we begin this Lenten season and re-examine our lives and the ways we step out in faith to follow Christ.

For Geneva, the last two years were a trying time personally and professionally. A year after her church closed, she and her husband lost their home. Yet she resolved to walk around town with a smile on her face and joy in her heart. She put her trust in the Lord, taking a job helping to minister at a Baptist church in Newberry for about a year. She might have remained there, but last fall she learned that the Shiloh 2 church building was in danger of foreclosure. A group of hunters wanted to convert the property into hunting cabin and they would be allowed to buy the facility if the church could not raise \$21,000 by January 3rd.

At that point Geneva received a calling that was hard to believe at first. “God said to me, if you want your church do what I say do on the day I say to do it, and write what I tell you to write.” She told me that the Lord wanted her to go protest at the bank. She tried to avoid that persistent calling but, “We were in danger of losing the building. I came to grips that we would either have to open the church or let it go,” Ware said. “The Lord straightened me out. It was His choice, not mine. I did what He said to do.” On December 19, 2011 she found herself holding a large sign across the street from the bank with a sign that said, “Please don’t sell our church at Christmastime.”

Eventually the banker came to talk to her. “You would not listen to my Deacon or Bishop,” she said, “so God said for me to show up here holding this sign.” The two prayed together and she said then the banker’s knees buckled. He had a change of



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heart and said he would call off the foreclosure. Instead of the \$21,000 bill he asked if the church could pay \$3,000 by March.

Ware made this goal a reachable one in part thanks to a blind woman's vision. 78-year-old Mabel Seminole, a retired pastor from Spartanburg and said she saw a vision about a church, which was Shiloh 2. She learned of their plight from Geneva's sister-in-law who is her caregiver and she invited Geneva to come visit her. As they talked, Rev. Seminole testified about different things that happened in her life and ministry, including a situation similar to what Ware was facing. With her encouragement, Geneva knew she could stay the course and do what she believed God was calling her to do.

Members from Apostolic churches throughout South Carolina attended. I covered the event for the newspaper and saw the Holy Spirit moving people to sing and to speak in tongues. It was such an inspiring experience that I had to share it with you. Sometimes a story about stewardship and spiritual discipline can speak louder than a sermon. Jesus taught using stories after all. I hope that the rest of their story is one of their church thriving and growing, but regardless of where the spirit leads them, the testimony of faithfulness is something for us all to keep in mind as we think of ways to move forward in ministry here at St. Paul this spring and in the coming years. There are a variety of gifts and methods and it does me good to hear of ways that the Lord is at work in this world, in stories such as Geneva's.

**St. Paul Lutheran Congregational Council Minutes
Sunday, January 8, 2012**

Devotions: Pastor Nichols

Devotions for February: Stanley Shealy

Absent: No one was absent.

Minutes were read and approved for the January meeting.

St. Paul Church Council Officers and Committee Chairs

2012 Officers

President: Pastor Nichols

Vice President: Scott White

Treasurer: Dana Werts

Secretary: Janna Richardson

Financial Secretary: Wayne Boozer

Cemetery Treasurer: Carol Wicker

Committees:

Auditing: Danny Ricard

Bus and Tractor: Carol Wicker

Cemetery: John Wheeler

Chrismon Tree: Donna Dowd

Evangelism: Becky Boland

Education/Sunday School and Bible School: Brian Stiver

Finance/Stewardship: Daryl Hentz

Homecoming: Edwin Dowd

Mutual Ministry: Stanley Shealy

Property: Paul Werts

Social Ministry: Carolyn Richardson

Worship and Music: Wayne Boozer

Grounds: Jimmy Scott

Building: Wayne Boozer

St. Paul Mission Committee: Andrew Boozer

Treasurer's Report:

The information was shared from the Treasurer's report.

A letter was read thanking the congregation for its donation to the Free Medical Clinic.

A motion was made and passed that the treasurer will renew any Mission Select funds coming due in 2012 as long as the interest rates do not drop below 1%. The treasurer will report on any actions related to renewing the investments.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery Committee: John Wheeler presented the cemetery report.

Social Ministry Committee: The directories are being given out to church members.

Property Committee: They purchased a vacuum cleaner.

Worship and Music: The altar candles have been repaired. New wicks will be purchased for the candles.

Old Business:

After looking at the church constitution, a congregational meeting will not need to be held to address the changing of council from 16 to 12 members.

Andrew Boozer reported on the formation of the St. Paul Mission Committee. It will be chaired by Andrew Boozer.

Pastor Nichols read a Thank You note from Megan Shealy for her Christmas bonus.

New Business:

Worship and Music is planning a hymn sing which will last from an hour to an hour and a half.

Property Committee will purchase a new ballast to repair the light on the church sign.

A motion was made and passed to combine the Stewardship and Finance committees.

A motion was made and passed to combine the Sunday School and Bible School Committees.

Respectfully submitted,
Janna Richardson
Church Council Secretary



March Birthdays

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

Happy Birthday!

March Helpers

<u>Councilperson:</u>	Darryl Hentz
<u>Ushers:</u>	Kay Chandler Robin Chandler Robert DeHart Ludy Werts
<u>Counting Committee:</u>	Darryl Hentz Janna Richardson
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Landon Dowd
<u>Crucifer:</u>	Elizabeth Nichols
<u>Torchbearers:</u>	Abby Stiver Hannah Brooks
<u>Bannerbearer:</u>	Drew Ricard
<u>Greeter:</u>	Janna Richardson
<u>Communion Bread:</u>	Jackie Perry
<u>Altar Guild:</u>	Crystal Lathrop





Spring Cleaning

St. Paul will hold a SPRING Cleaning Day on Saturday, March 31, 2012. A "sign up" list will be posted at the front/back of the church. We need LOTS of volunteers: Women, Men and Youth are asked to COME help beautify the church and the grounds in preparation for Easter Sunday!

A list of suggested activities (chores) that need to be done and a list of cleaning supplies that can be donated will be posted on the bulletin board at the front/back of church. There will "teams" for specific areas of the church, such as the Narthex, the Kitchen, the Grounds and the ORF. Sign up for the team activity that you are interested in helping with! Thanks in advance for your support!

Some activities/chores have been identified:

Clean pews (vacuum in crevice)

Dust altar and wood work in church

Wipe altar brass and offering plates (do not polish)

Wipe window sills and baseboards

Clean kitchen

Clean out refrigerator and freezer

Wipe down kitchen cabinets and counters

Organize kitchen cabinets

Mop kitchen and fellowship hall floor

Sweep steps and sidewalks

Sweep/vacuum handicapped ramp

Pick up litter and limbs

Clean bathrooms

Donate cleaning supplies: Clorox bleach, Windex, furniture polish, sponges, dust cloths, broom, mop, dust pan, etc.



EASTER LILIES

For the beauty of our Church on Easter Sunday, we are ordering Easter lilies at a cost of \$7.50 per plant. The price includes the foil wrap. A separate form should be filled out for each plant you order. The information and money must be given to Carolyn Richardson **no later than** Sunday, March 18, 2012. Please make checks payable to St. Paul WELCA.

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

BY: _____

TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY: _____

MEMORIALS TO THE BUILDING FUND

For those who would prefer to give a memorial to the building fund instead of a lily for Easter a donation in any amount may be given. Checks in any amount should be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church Building Fund. The information and money should be given to Carolyn Richardson **no later than Sunday, March 25, 2012.**

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

BY: _____

AMOUNT GIVEN: \$ _____ ENVELOPE NO. _____

Iglesia Luterana Manantial de Vida ELCA

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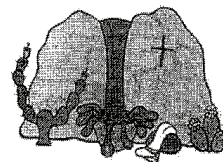
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January 30, 2012

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Thanks to you and others who supported us during 2011, Iglesia Luterana Manantial de Vida celebrated our 3rd anniversary as a mission congregation in July of 2011.

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500.00 to Iglesia Luterana Manantial de Vida, (Spring of Life Lutheran Church). Your commitment to being a mission partner helped us to reach out to many families living in poverty on the northeast side of Columbia during 2011. Your gifts are appreciated by those of us who work with the families and, most importantly, by those who benefit from the services your gifts provide.

Thanks to all of our partners, Manantial de Vida has grown to be a mission that serves about 250 people on a regular basis. Since opening our doors we have baptized 50 children, celebrated First Communion with 45 others and in April of this year we will confirm our first class of confirmands into the Lutheran church. At Manantial de Vida we have dedicated ourselves to serving families and individuals living in poverty by serving their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. We are able to make this commitment a reality only because of generous gifts from people like you. Our non-profit organization, Carolina Lutheran Outreach Centers has taken on the social ministry portion of our work. Through the CLOC we are operating multiple after school programs, English as a Second Language classes, pre-natal classes, and food distribution - all caring for the most vulnerable among us.

Please feel welcome to come and worship with us, we always look forward to greeting guests and newcomers to our community.

In the future we will be sending out a newsletter with all the current up-to-date news but you can always keep up with us on Face book at Iglesia Luterana Manantial de Vida.

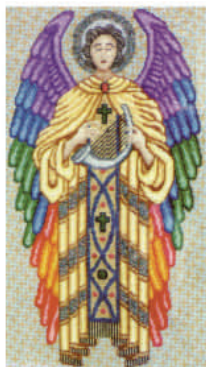
No goods or services of any value were or will be transferred to you in connection with your donation. Please keep this written acknowledgement of your donation for your tax record.

Once again thank you very much for your generous donation.

Sincerely,

Pastor Sandy Jones

Hoefler Tapestry Exhibition



Make this a part of your Lenten journey...

The Heritage at Lowman's exquisite collection of needlepoint tapestries will be on display to the public during a special Lenten Exhibition. There are over 60 tapestries in the collection, each one depicting an event in the life of Christ as told in the Gospels or other religious

themes. The tapestries were designed and made by the late Reverend Dr. Richard Carl Hoefler (1922-1999), a distinguished Professor of Worship and Preaching at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, author and design consultant.

Times & Dates

11:00 am – 4:00 pm daily

The self-guided tour takes about one hour to complete

Monday, March 12

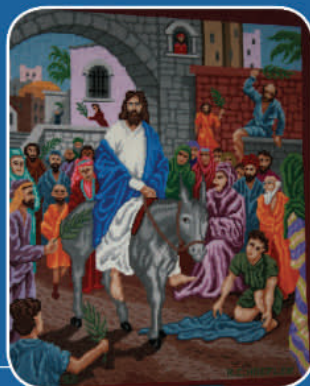
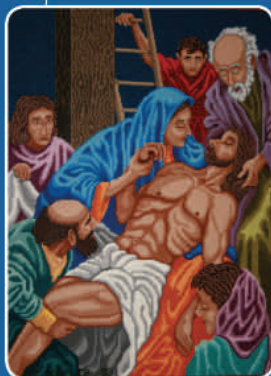
Wednesday, March 14

Friday, March 16

Tuesday, March 20

Thursday, March 22

Saturday, March 24



Registration Information

There is no charge for the tour, but we would like to know you're coming. A soup and salad lunch may be purchased from 11:30 to 1:00 each day, however, space is limited and advance reservations are required. The cost for lunch is \$10 per person (cash or check only). To register for the tour and/or lunch, please call **803.451.7414**.

Wellness Center, 2101 Dutch Fork Road, White Rock, SC • www.theheritageatlowman.org



BeWell Educated: Alzheimer's Caregivers Series

A Three-Part Educational Series for Caregivers of
Individuals Diagnosed with Alzheimer's or Dementia



All Programs located at the Heritage at Lowman Wellness Center
2101 Dutch Fork Road • White Rock, SC
A complimentary meal will be provided each night.

March 8, 15, & 22
Free for family caregivers!

Thursday, March 8, 2012 - 5:30 – 7:00 pm*How to Be a Smart Caregiver*

Marie Connolly, RN, Nurse Consultant, Lakeside Healthcare, Inc.

This presentation will empower caregivers to better communicate their loved one's needs to healthcare providers. Marie will share tips from firsthand experience as a caregiver for her own parents. With her nursing background, she will also offer guidance on finding the right physician.

Thursday, March 15, 2012 - 5:30 – 7:00 pm*The Latest and Greatest in Alzheimer's*

Stan McCloy, MD, Senior Health Associates

Thirty years ago, we knew very little about Alzheimer's disease. Since then, scientists have made important advances. Research has expanded knowledge of brain function in healthy older people, identified ways we might lessen normal age-related declines in mental function, and deepened our understanding of the disease according to the National Institute on Health. Learn the latest Alzheimer's research, medications and care practices for Alzheimer's patients.

Thursday, March 22, 2012 - 5:30 – 7:00 pm*Keeping the Dialogue Going: Communication Skills*

Jan Merling, MA, Educational Coordinator, Office for the Study of Aging,
Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina

In this session, caregivers will understand the causes of miscommunication and communication challenges for persons with dementia. Effective techniques for communicating and ways to interpret non-verbal communication will be discussed.



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Registration and respite care information

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www.theheritageatlowman.org

Live event broadcast

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/bewell-caregivers-program>

All programs, meals and respite care are FREE for family caregivers. Ask about professional caregiver & CEU fees.

This program is made possible in part by a grant from the
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