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WITTENBERG WITNESS

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People of Wittenberg:

Once every three years Lutheran youth from parishes across North America converge on a major city for the ELCA National Youth Gathering. This July some 36,000 teens and their adult chaperones gather in New Orleans for several days of service, worship and cultural emersion.

Over the next several months Wittenberg Teens will prepare for the Gathering by engaging in a variety of fundraising, faith-formation and service projects.

Please encourage and generously support our young people as they prepare for this transformational experience.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Sherman

FEBRUARY "YOUTH GATHERING" EVENTS

- ▶ Valentines-Grams
- ▶ Souper Bowl of Caring - February 1
(Proceeds benefit the Wittenberg Food Pantry)
- ▶ First Sunday Lunch - February 1
- ▶ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - February 24, 5:30-7:00 p.m.



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SERVING IN FEBRUARY

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 2/1- Scott & Erin Thomas
2/8- Wilson Oxner
2/15- Ernestine Sharpe
2/22- Mr. & Mrs. Todd Davis

ALTAR GUILD

TBA

GREETERS

TBA

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Michael Kramer

LAY READER

TBA

NURSERY— SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 2/1- Joan Caughman,
John Oxner
2/8- Catherine Oxner,
Debbie Black
2/15- Brandee Quarles,
Jeff Quarles
2/22- Connie Kramer,
Joan Caughman

NURSERY

Rebecca Reed, Chairperson

- 2/1- Stacy & Pete Osment,
Betsy Shealy
2/8- Catherine & John Oxner,
Emily Leaphart
2/15- Brandee & Jeff Quarles,
Jennifer Spradley
2/22- Erin & Scott Thomas,
Eric Dickey

USHERS

TBA

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Jerry Price

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 2/1- Dawn & Tracy Bedenbaugh,
Rhonda Bedenbaugh
2/8- Rebecca Reed,
Jennifer Patrick
Toshia Banks
2/15- Kayce Shealy, Debbie Black,
Joan Caughman
2/22- Paula Miller,
Elwanda & Larry Lorick

TELLERS

- 2/1- Jerry Price, Rebecca Reed
2/8- Debbie Sawyer,
Betsy Shealy
2/15- Ginger Caughman,
Ervin Caughman
2/22- Robert Cook, Eric Dickey

WITHIN THE WITTENBERG FAMILY



- 1- Jessica Rish, Parker Black
2- Fowler Cary, Jr.,
Woogie Dachenhaus
3- W.L. Jones
6- James Ray Smith,
Aubrey Rodgers
7- Lisa Cook
8- Robert Frick, Violet Watson,
Charlene Oswalt,
Myra Cantrell
9- Emily Leaphart
13- Randy McGill,
Charles Nichols
14- Barbie Rodgers
15- Kayce Shealy
17- Dawn Bedenbaugh
19- Robert Epting, Chloe Osment
20- Anne Shealy
21- Wills Swygert, Crissie Kirby
22- Bob Wiley
23- Evetta George, Bobbie Smith,
Taylor Davis
25- Alley Dachenhaus
27- Freida Banks, Barbara Nivens
28- Emily Davis
29- Pam Taylor

LET US PRAY

In our prayers let us remember:
Doris Antley, Wyman Banks, Margareta Beckham, John Bedenbaugh (Tracy Bedenbaugh's father), Rhonda & Dennis Bedenbaugh, the Father of Debbie Black, the Family of Scott Black (Freida Banks' niece), Shana Bouknight (granddaughter of Mary & Carl Cook), Peggy Buzhardt, Jane Speaks Cochet, Lisa Cook, the Tony Corley Family, the Family of Taylor Cox, Dr. Jim Crumley, Dorothy Curran, Kathy Derrick (wife of Randy Derrick), Joanne Feaster (mother of Jason Feaster), the Family of Chris Folger, Ed Hoover, Leila Hoover, Jason Howard, the Family of Mae Keisler, Ramona Langford, Eddie Leaphart, Samantha Leaphart, Ann Lewis, Carla Long, Letha Long, Ricky Long, Thelma Lorick (Larry Lorick's mother), James McLeod (grandfather of Kayce Shealy), Eileen Mitchell, Brady Nichols, Mike Nichols (son of Brady & Sue Nichols), Ann Oswald, Stephen Pautz (grandson of Dean & Sybil Eargle), the Mother of Landis Price, Mauri Register, Sue Ruff, Bobbie Shealy, the Family of Leon Shealy, William K. Shealy, Kim Smith (daughter of Libby Carswell), Ray Smith, the Family of Dr. William Speaks, Pauline Steele, Aaron Stewart, Wills Swygert, Dan Warner, the Tracy Waters Family, Merlyn Watkins, Eva Watson, Benjy Watson, Members of our Armed Forces.

THEOLOGY DOWNTOWN

Theology Downtown celebrates its Fourth Birthday! As we begin year five, it's time for a slight "makeover" of the ministry to address the dynamic demographics of our congregation (lots of folks with children & lots of folks without children). First Tuesday gatherings are open to singles and also couples looking for a "night-out" from the little darlings; feel free to bring the whole family on *Third Tuesdays*. As always, we gather at 7:00 p.m. at Mi Rancho. Contact Pastor Mike if you would like to co-lead one of the discussion topics listed below.

February 3 The Search for the Historical Jesus

February 17 *Holy Family as a Model for the Modern Family*

March 3 Theology of the Cross: Why Good People Suffer

March 17 *Religious vs. Spiritual*

April 7 The Paschal Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Vigil

April 14 *Working the Angles: Family System Theory*

May 5 Surprised By Hope: One Vision of Eternity

May 19 *An All-Season Faith*

Representative & Mrs. Marion B. Frye
and
Mr. & Mrs. Landis D. Price
request the pleasure of your company
at the wedding reception for their children
DaLeta Jean Frye
and
Landis D. Price, II
on Saturday, the fourteenth of March
Two thousand and nine
at six o'clock in the evening
T&S Farm
3500 Pond Branch Road
Leesville, South Carolina

ORDER OF ST. JOHN

Cher Davis, Advisor

- 2/1- Acolyte: Haven Banks
Almsbearer: Trey Cook
Crucifer: Woogie Dachenhaus
- 2/8- Acolyte: Peyton Quarles
Almsbearer: Parker McInnis
Crucifer: Larry Wurtz
- 2/15- Acolyte: Taylor Davis
Almsbearer: Cambey Reep
Crucifer: Davey Taylor

- 2/22- Acolyte: Tate Feaster
Almsbearer: Avery Finger
Crucifer: Emily Finger
- 2/25- OSJ: Rebecca Leaphart



FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH

February 1 @ Noon

Sponsored by Teens

Menu:

Beef Stew, Green Beans, Corn Bread
Dessert

Proceeds help send Wittenberg Teens
to National Youth Gathering

20 SOMETHINGS

A "20 Somethings" outing to *Gast Haus Zur Elli* German restaurant will be held on Friday, February 27.

We will gather in the church parking lot at 6:30 p.m. to carpool to Prosperity. Please RSVP with Pastor Sherman (582-8553) if you plan to attend.

Thank you . . .

January 7, 2009

On behalf of the Ridge Choral Society, I wish to thank the congregation of Wittenberg Lutheran Church for graciously allowing us to perform our Christmas Concert in the church. It is always a pleasure to perform in your church.

The audience was very receptive; we could not have asked for anything more. A special thank you to the women who helped serve our refreshments. The new fellowship center was just beautiful, one you should all be proud of.

May Christ bless all of you.

Margaret Ashhurst
Secretary



Welcome to our New Members:

The Quarles Family
Jeff & Brandee,
Peyton and Ellee

The Summers Family
Matthew & Scarlett,
Morgan and Logan

Henrietta Gill



**BAPTIZED
UNTO THE
LORD**

We welcomed
Ellee Elizabeth Quarles,
daughter of
Jeff and Brandee Quarles,
into the body of Christ
through the sacrament of
Holy Baptism
on January 25.

YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 18	Devotion	Meal - McInnis Family
January 25	Valentine-grams	Meal - Rodgers Family
February 1	Super Bowl First Sunday Lunch Souper Bowl of Caring	
February 8	Deliver Vg's/Soup	Meal- Youth
February 15	Devotion	Meal-Robt & Wendy Epting
February 22	Broom Ball.....	Meal- Barbara Nivens
February 24	Shrove Tuesday Pancakes: 5-7:30 pm	
March 1	Capture the Flag	Meal- Open
March 8	Service Project.....	Meal- Open
March 15	Youth Gathering Mtg.	Meal- Open
March 22	Devotion	Meal- Open
March 29	Bowling/Rushs	
June 21 - 27	<i>Confirmation Camp / Lutherock</i>	
July 16 -22	<i>National Youth Gathering: New Orleans</i>	

STATISTICS FOR JANUARY

DATE	SCS	WORSHIP	YTD Budget Giving....\$15,752.37
1/4.....	86.....	161	Needed for Budget20,239.76
1/11.....	98.....	164	Difference-4,487.39.00
1/18.....	96	181	YTD B.F. Receipts~
1/25.....	86.....	171	5,093

To our Wittenberg Family,

Thank you for the gift of the Gamecock lamp you gave us upon our retirement. It will be a reminder of our years of service to Wittenberg. The time we spent as sextons of the church was truly a labor of love for all of us. Thank you again.

With love,

Robert, Wendy & Emily

Christian Education Update

On the morning of Dec. 14 we began using our new building! Our nursery children are enjoying their new rooms, and the kindergarten children and Children's Church are meeting in the kindergarten room (old nursery.) The seniors are enjoying their new room. Sunday School group opening for adults in the new fellowship hall enables all adults to participate without the handicap of stairs. We have enjoyed two Sunday School breakfasts in our new social hall. We hope that all of our folks will participate in our monthly breakfasts. This is a special time each month for fellowship.

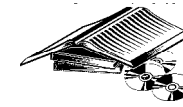
The Christian Education committee is planning a workshop for the teachers of our "Godly Play" Sunday School classes, and those who work with Children's Church, for Saturday, March 28. Anyone interested in learning about this

teaching method is welcomed and encouraged to attend. There will be a morning and an afternoon session, and lunch will be provided. Sign-up sheets will be placed on the table in the hallway of the education building and the social hall.

For an opportunity to learn about Positive Discipline, Positive Behavior Support and ways to build parenting skills and relationship skills with children in your life, please join us on Sunday, March 1, at 4 p.m. Refer to further information in this newsletter.

Assignment list for Nursery During Sunday School and church, Children's Church, and Sunday School openings are in the 2009 Yearbook, and lists have been posted in the rooms involved and the education building hallway.

Joan Caughman



From the Archives

Submitted by Jerry Price

Minutes of Council meeting May 4th, 1951

Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Frick.

All members were present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer, J.N. McCartha, read his report and a copy filed with the secretary.

Moved and carried that the picture "Family On Trial" be shown Sunday May the 13th.

Council decided to place more hat racks in the Sunday School building.

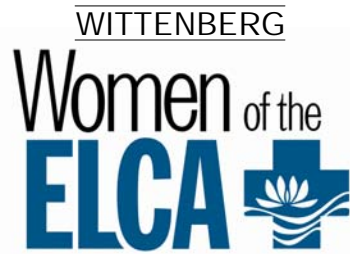
Pastor Frick read his report and stated that one hundred seventy-five people attended the first Congregational meeting in the new Sunday School building.

Moved and carried that a letter of recommendation be written by Marvin Shealy to the committee on Ministerial Education of the South Carolina Synod to signify endorsement of Marion by the Church Council for the ministry.

Moved and carried that the Religious Education committee proceed with preparation for Vacation Bible School.

Council adjourned by praying together the Lords Prayer.

J.H. Williams, Sec.



Morning Circle meets Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. Dorothy Curran is leader.

Circle V meets Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. at The Attic. Susie Hendrix is leader.

Circle IV meets Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. at the church. Leader is Tissy Price. Hostess is Linda Almgren.

Circle L meets Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. Leader/hostess is Brenda Howard.

Hannah Circle meets Feb. 12 at 6:30 at Crissie Kirby's home.

FOOD LABELS

During the winter months when you eat more soup, remember to save your Campbell's and Progresso soup labels. Also please save your V8 and Swanson labels, and General Mills and Pillsbury points. Bring them to church and put them in the envelope on the WELCA bulletin board in the Educational building. Nelle Rinehart sends these labels and points to help the Navajo Indians.

40 MILES IN 40 DAYS

As Lent is a time of reflection and deepening our relationship with God, the Hannah Circle will be sponsoring a Lenten Journey to assist the congregation in this "walk" and time of reflection. Hannah Circle members will facilitate a congregation-wide effort to walk daily during Lent. Members may choose to walk a mile (or more) each day, or to take time daily for prayer, devotions or reflections. Look for more details in the bulletin and in the narthex.

"ENHANCING PARENTING/GRANDPARENTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR CHILDREN: BALANCING KINDNESS AND FIRMNESS AS WE RAISE CARING KIDS"

Think for a moment – what is it that you really want for your children and grandchildren? When parents or teachers are asked to make a list of characteristics they would like to help children develop, they often think of some of the following qualities: positive self-concept, responsibility, self-discipline, respect for others and self, compassion, enthusiasm for life, honesty, problem-solving skills, patience and a sense of humor. Though we, as parents and grandparents, want this – and more – for our own children, many of us today are feeling frustrated because children don't behave the way they used to "in the good ole' days." There are many major changes that have taken place in society over the past few years that may help explain the differences in children and adolescents of today's world. There are also many ways to help our children develop into caring, responsible adults.

Positive Discipline is an ap-

proach based on mutual respect and cooperation. It incorporates kindness and firmness at the same time as the foundation for teaching life competencies based on an inner locus of control. If you are interested in learning about Positive Discipline, Positive Behavior Support, and some ways to build upon your own parenting skills to enhance your relationship with the child(ren) in your life – at home, at church and/or in the community, please join us on Sunday, March 1, at 4 p.m. Catherine Oxner, Debra McDonald and Stacey Osment will lead the discussion and offer some techniques, such as class or family meetings, that they have utilized as educators and parents. No one is the "expert" in this group. We want everyone to feel free to share their experiences, their mistakes and help one another learn. Please sign up on one of the sheets in the gathering area or education wing if you plan to attend. If you have questions in the meantime, contact Catherine Oxner at 532-9828.



Collaboration with South Carolina Lutherans

How do you know when something is a “God thing?” Answer: when it advances the Kingdom, blesses people in unexpected ways, and comes about in ways only God can make happen. Such is the collaboration between Operation Inasmuch, Inc. and the SC Synod ELCA Lutheran Churches. This collaboration is aimed at a statewide, simultaneous Operation Inasmuch involving the majority of the 160 congregations in the Synod on May 2, 2009.

The one Lutheran Pastor in SC who led his congregation—Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Columbia, SC—to do Operation Inasmuch (they not only did OIAM but involved other churches in their area of Columbia) became the Bishop of the SC Synod in 2008. He came into that office with one agenda: to encourage, equip and empower Lutherans across SC to impact their community using OIAM. He invited David Crocker and OIAM, Inc. to work with his organization to prepare for this significant event. A date was set, training sessions across the state were scheduled, and, as of this newsletter, 40 congregations have been trained.

One unique aspect of this collaboration is that it includes Thrivent Financial Services (www.Thrivent.com), the non-profit agency that provides insurance and retirement services for Lutheran congregations nationally. For several years Thrivent has been making funds available to Lutheran congregations to do community ministry in conjunction with **Join Hands Day**—a national day of volunteering for many fraternal organizations across the country. Thrivent is throwing their funding support behind the statewide effort among SC Lutherans for Operation Inasmuch by providing a copy of *Operation Inasmuch: Mobilizing Believers Beyond the Walls of the Church* and a T-shirt to each church participating in the training events conducted by David Crocker in SC.

David Crocker says of the training sessions conducted so far: “These have been some of the most enthusiastic sessions I’ve ever conducted. In both locations local leaders had to keep bringing in chairs and tables to accommodate all who came. The atmosphere was electric!”

To find out more about your organization or community can collaborate with Operation Inasmuch, Inc. to mobilize a multi-church event, contact David at 865-765-1971 or dcrocker50@aol.com.



KICS (Kids in Christ our Savior) is designed for all kids age four through fifth grade. Please remember to *always RSVP* so we can be prepared. Also, if you will not be at a meeting, and you are down to bring something, please let us know in advance so we can have the item covered. Thanks!

KICS leaders this year: Dawn Bedenbaugh (532-0805), Rhonda Bedenbaugh (892-4291), Marti Burns (604-8608) & Cher Davis (892-6965).

For Valentine Party, please bring:

Ham Sandwiches: Parker & Mason McInnis

PB&J Sandwiches: Brett Spradley

3 Bags Chips: Wills Swygert

Brownies for Decorating: Lane Bedenbaugh

4 Cans Frosting: Taylor & Emily Davis

4 Jars Sprinkles: Haven & James Banks

20 Juice Boxes/Pouches: Sydnee & Brayden Patrick

20 Juice Boxes/Pouches: Adam Almgren

Paper Plates & Napkins: Emma Osment

EVERY SUNDAY:
 Communion—8:30 am
 Sunday School—9:30 am
 Worship Service—11 am

February 2009



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Supper Bowl of Caring Noon—First Sunday Lunch 6 pm—Teens 7 pm—Cottage Bible Study	2 9 am—Coffee & Conversation 7 pm—Circle L	3 10 am—Morning Circle 1 pm—Circle V 7 pm—Circle IV 7 pm—Theology Dwntrwn 7 pm—Christian Care Cmte in Commons Area	4 Noon—Alzheimer's Support Group 7:30 pm—Choir	5 7 am—Teen Bible Study at Hardee's 6-8 pm—Food Pantry	6 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry Feb. 6-7 — WELCA retreat at Camp Kinard	7 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry
8 12-2 pm—KICS Valentine's Party 4 pm—Catechism 6 pm—Teens 7 pm—Congregational Council	9 9 am—Coffee & Conversation 6 pm—Operation Reach Out Meal	10	11 7:30 pm—Choir	12 7 am—Teen Bible Study at Hardee's 4 pm—Grief Support 6-8 pm—Food Pantry 6:30 pm—Hannah Circle	13 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	14 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry
15 5pm— Lutheranism 101 6 pm—Handbells 6 pm—Teens	16 9 am—Coffee & Conversation	17 7 pm—Theology Downtown	18 7:30 pm—Choir	19 7 am—Teen Bible Study at Hardee's 6-8 pm—Food Pantry	20 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	21 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry
22 10:10 am—Breakfast 6 pm—Teens	23 9 am—Coffee & Conversation 7 pm—Lutheran Men	24 5:30 pm—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	25 Ash Wednesday Noon— JOY luncheon 7 pm— Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm—Building Cmte 7:30 pm— Choir 7:45 pm—MSG	26 7 am—Teen Bible Study at Hardee's 7 am—B-L Police Bible Study 4pm— Grief Support 6-8 pm— Food Pantry	27 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—20-Something Outing	28 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

March 1 at 4 p.m.—Positive Discipline Workshop
 March 28—Godly Play Workshop

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Soup, Canned Pasta, Cereal,
 Oatmeal, Grits, Diapers
Thank you from all who have been served.

