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WITTENBERG WITNESS

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PLEASE NOTE
THESE DATES:

June 7
Graduate
Sunday

June 17
Music
Appreciation
Party

June 21-27
Lutherock
Confirmation
Camp

June 24
JOY Luncheon
at 6 p.m.

June 26-27
SC WELCA
Convention

People of Wittenberg:

In a few days, the South Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gathers at Newberry College for the 2009 Synod Assembly. As in years past, the 2009 assembly docket contains a variety of reports and resolutions requiring deliberation and action from voting members representing Lutheran congregations and institutions in South Carolina. Some of the action items before the Assembly receive unanimous support and affirm our work as Christ's people in this time and place. Other reports and resolutions, however, encourage us to wrestle with divisive issues ranging from human sexuality to church finance.

Here's the good news - the church does not retreat when confronted with controversy. Through scriptural reflection, prayer and open conversation we seek the will of the Triune God amidst our specific context for ministry. This "process" of discernment builds-up the Body of Christ and sustains us beyond the contention of the day.

May God bless our mutual ministry.

In Christ,
Pastor Sherman

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SERVING IN JUNE

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 6/7- Barbara Nivens and Mr. & Mrs. Dean Rodgers, Nevin & Aubrey
- 6/14- Mrs. Hazel Cooper
- 6/21- Mauri & Beth Register
- 6/28- Gerald Long

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Robert Epting

NURSERY— SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 6/7- Connie Kramer, Joan Caughman
- 6/14- Marti Burns, Pete Osment
- 6/21- Paula Miller, Katie Black
- 6/28- Elwanda Lorick, Dwayne Black

GREETERS

Narthex:
Dwayne & Katie Black
Commons Area:
Tom & Debbie Sawyer

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Robert Epting

LAY READERS

Brian Shealy, Kayce Shealy

ALTAR GUILD

Myra Cantrell, Wendy Epting
Dorothy Mullins, Debbie Sawyer
Beth Register

NURSERY

Rhonda Bedenbaugh, Chair

- 6/7- Brandee & Jeff Quarles, Jennifer Spradley
- 6/14- Stacey & Pete Osment, Betsy Shealy
- 6/21- Catherine & John Oxner, Emily Leaphart
- 6/28- Erin & Scott Thomas, Eric Dickey

USHERS

Robert Cook, Brian Shealy
John Oxner, Tom Sawyer

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 6/7- Paula Miller, Elwanda & Larry Lorick
- 6/14- Jennifer McInnis, Jennifer & Chip Spradley
- 6/21- Barbie & Dean Rodgers, Freida Banks
- 6/28- Stacy & Pete Osment, Bill Caughman

TELLERS

- 6/7- Jerry Price, Rebecca Reed
- 6/14- Debbie Sawyer, Betsy Shealy
- 6/21- Ervin Caughman, Ginger Caughman
- 6/28- Robert Cook, Eric Dickey

Any items used (i.e., tablecloths) must be returned in good condition CLEAN. Example: If the cloths were dry cleaned when received, they must be returned dry cleaned.

Parking and Loading/Unloading Guidelines

The following parking and loading/unloading guidelines apply to both "Church Use" and "Non-Church Use" activities:

Users of the facilities are expected to enter and exit using the main covered entrance on the north (cemetery) side of the church and to park on that same side. If parking space is not available on the north side, then available space in front of the church and on the south (parsonage) side of the church may then be used. Parking directly in front of any of the entrances is prohibited. No parking behind educational wing of the old building is permitted, but that area may be temporarily used to load and unload.

Consent to be Bound and Acceptance of Terms

By my/our signature(s) below I/we expressly accept and agree to the terms of use, conditions and the other provisions stated herein and fully consent to be bound to the same. If signing on behalf of an organization I/we declare that I/we am/are fully authorized to act on behalf of and legally bind the organization on whose behalf we are signing.

Name of User

(For -----)
Organization

Name of User

(For -----)
Organization

Date: -----

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Please check the **Facilities Reservation Calendar** before scheduling your event. Call Karen or look in the red notebook on the windowsill next to the desk in the office.

If the space you wish to use is available, write in the event, time and contact person.

Thanks for your help.

Wittenberg arising out of or resulting from use of the facilities, normal wear and tear excepted. Payment shall be made by certified check within 10 days of demand.

8. Any organization or person utilizing the facilities for a "Non-Church Use" must expressly agree and consent as a condition of use to defend, hold harmless and indemnify Wittenberg and its individual members from any and all charges, claims, damages, liability, suits and the like for bodily or personal injury or property damage arising out of or resulting from the use of the facilities at Wittenberg by that organization or person, to include attorney's fees and costs if incurred.

9. Wittenberg may impose certain reasonable time limitations on use of its facilities. As a general rule it is anticipated that the facilities will not be used for a period of time exceeding four hours absent express approval for a longer time. Weddings are an exception to this general rule.

10. Absolutely no alcohol, illegal drugs, profanity or weapons of any kind are permitted on the premises.

11. Children who are middle school aged or younger must be under proper adult supervision at all times.

12. Wittenberg's written wedding policy is not superceded by the policies stated herein.

Clean-Up Guidelines

The following clean-up requirements apply for both "Church Use" and "Non-Church Use" activities:

Return kitchen utensils and other items used back to original place. Be sure they have been cleaned properly. Be responsible for your own paper products and supplies used.

DO NOT leave wet or dirty cloths on the sinks. Take them home, wash them, and return them clean, placing them back in the proper drawers within three days. Wash all the sinks and counter tops, and wipe them dry.

DO NOT leave any trash or open containers on the counters, in the refrigerator or freezer. Take trash to the receptacle behind the educational building. BE SURE ALL trash cans are cleaned. Place new liners in the trash cans.

DO NOT leave food items in the refrigerator or freezer unless they are labeled and dated. Otherwise, such food items may used or disposed of. Place coffee, sugar, tea, creamer or other items in closed containers. Make sure oven and stove are cleaned and turned off.

When using the tables, place paper or cloth table covers on them. Wipe off all tables with wet cloth, then with a dry cloth. Check chairs for soil and clean as needed.

Sweep and mop all floors before leaving, placing brooms and clean mops in janitorial closet located in kitchen.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN

Cher Davis, Advisor

6/7- Acolyte: Taylor Davis Almsbearer: Avery Finger Crucifer: Davey Taylor	6/21- Acolyte: Emily Miller Almsbearer: Parker McInnis Crucifer: Harlee Miller
6/14- Acolyte: Tate Feaster Almsbearer: Trey Cook Crucifer: Cambey Reep	6/28- Acolyte: Brayden Patrick Almsbearer: Sydnee Patrick Crucifer: Avery Finger

NEWS FROM THE PANTRY



With a week to go in May, 350 families have been served by the Pantry since it opened the last week in November 2008. This represents approximately 1,200 people who have been fed through the generosity of this Congregation and others. Many thanks to all who have contributed as well as those who have helped serve.

This Pantry is a true expression of "Love for your neighbor." So far in May, 71 families have been served. The need continues to grow and threatens to outpace our ability to provide food for all those who request it. Adjustments have been and continue to be made on types of food and allocation methods to help stretch our resources as far as we can. Also, other resources for support are being explored. Thanks to the Church Council for earmarking the Sunday School offering for the Pantry and to all who continue their donations.

Robert Epting

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHES

Council recently discussed our first Sunday lunches. In the past, groups prepared and served the meals, and were urged to designate proceeds to the building fund.

Council asked the Evangelism Committee to recommend how first Sunday lunches can better promote fellowship among Wittenberg members and visitors/guests. The committee recommended, and Council approved, that first Sunday meals continue, with fellowship as their focus.

Sponsoring groups can designate proceeds from these meals to specific, appropriate projects, with

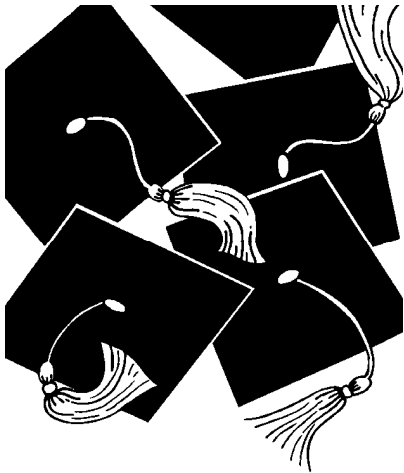
Council's prior approval. Without such prior approval, proceeds will go the Building Fund. If you or your group has questions about this, please contact John Oxner, Chair of Evangelism Committee.

This Month Only,
A Different Time for Our
JOY Luncheon
6:00 p.m. • June 24

Griannne Phillips Gunter is our guest for this JOY Luncheon. Please note the change in time.

Sign up sheets will be placed in usual places prior to the date.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO OUR GRADUATES:



Woogie Dachenhaus
Larry Wurtz
Alley Dachenhaus
Kayce Shealy
Jessica Rish
Emily Epting

Join us as we honor their accomplishments on Graduate Sunday, June 7.

Deposits and Fees

For approved "Church Use" activities there will be no fee or deposit and no signed contract is required.

For approved activities in the "Fellowship Hall" that are "Non-Church Use" but which are requested by a member of Wittenberg, there will be no fee for use but a \$50.00 cleaning deposit shall apply with an additional \$25.00 cleaning deposit required if the kitchen is to be used.

For approved activities in the "Fellowship Hall" that are requested by a non-member of Wittenberg, there will be a \$50.00 fee for use of the facilities as well as a \$50.00 cleaning deposit and an additional \$25.00 cleaning deposit if the kitchen is to be used.

A fee of \$50.00 and cleaning deposit of \$50.00 shall be required for approved use of the "Sanctuary and related area" for events such as weddings, funerals and the like. This fee and deposit is separate and apart from the fee and deposit for use of the "Fellowship Hall" in connection with such an event. There will be no fee for use of the "Sanctuary and related area" for members of Wittenberg.

Separate and additional charges may apply for use of Wittenberg equipment, and the same shall be negotiated and authorized on a case-by-case basis.

Conditions and Terms Regarding Use of the Facilities at Wittenberg

1. All use of the facilities is subject to approval (or disapproval) by the Church Council. This applies to both "Church Use" and "Non-Church Use" activities. The Church Council may permit departure from the terms and limitations of use stated herein, if provided in writing.

2. Use of the facilities is limited to "Not for profit use" only.

3. Any violation of these terms of use is grounds for immediate termination of the right to use the facilities and forfeiture of all fees and deposits. Any unsafe activities or conditions created by the user are grounds for immediate termination of the right to use the facilities.

4. Extraordinary events (for example, a funeral which by its very nature can not be anticipated) may require the cancellation of a previously approved event. In such cases, fees and deposits shall be returned.

5. A request for use of the facilities should be made at least two weeks before the event.

6. Fees and deposits must be paid in full at least forty-eight (48) hours before use of the facilities is scheduled to begin.

7. Any organization or person utilizing the facilities for a "Non-Church Use" must expressly agree and consent as a condition of use to immediately pay Wittenberg upon demand for any and all damage to real and personal property at

This policy was approved by Council in May.
If you have questions about it, please call Robert Cook, Council Chair.

FACILITIES USE CONTRACT AND POLICY FOR WITTENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mission Statement

The facilities at Wittenberg Lutheran Church (Wittenberg) were built for the glory of God and to maximize the beneficial impact of the ministries of the church in our community and beyond. The following Facilities Use Policy has been expressly created to further this purpose. All users of these facilities must understand and accept as a specific, non-negotiable and non-waivable condition of use that all activities undertaken within these facilities (and the behavior of all persons participating in such activities) must be carried out in a manner consistent with the Christian ministry of Wittenberg and with due respect to the facilities as being an integral part of a house of worship.

Definitions

The following definitions apply with regard to use of the facilities at Wittenberg:

“Church Use” means any approved activity by an organized and recognized group of members of Wittenberg. A non-exclusive list of examples includes the youth group, the choir, Lutheran Men in Mission, and women’s circles and the like. Congregational activities are per se a “Church Use.”

“Non-Church Use” means all activities that do not fit within the definition of “Church Use.” “Non-Church Use” activities require a signed contract and payment of fees and deposits as stated below.

“Not for Profit Use” means activities that are neither commercial nor intended for profit.

“Fellowship Hall” means the social hall in the new building, the entrances to the same, the restrooms in the commons area, and reasonable limited use of the commons area. When appropriate, and contracted for, “Fellowship Hall” can also include the kitchen area. The “Fellowship Hall” does not include any of the classrooms in the new building, nor does it include any part whatsoever of the sanctuary or educational building.

“Member” means an officially recognized church member on the membership roll of Wittenberg, and this term does not include non-member relatives of a member of Wittenberg.

“Sanctuary and related areas” means the church building proper and such parts of the educational building as may be reasonably necessary in consideration of the nature of the event (i.e., a reasonable use of the educational wing as dressing rooms for a wedding party).

S&F Committee Requests Quarterly Financial Reports

Since 2004 it has been the stated policy of Wittenberg, as approved by the Congregation Council, to have all Wittenberg organizations that have a bank account provide a quarterly financial report to the Stewardship and Finance Committee. Unfortunately, this requirement is not being complied with as a general rule. A rather simple to complete form is available for this purpose, and the Stewardship and Finance Committee will have copies of that form available in the church office. All organizations with checking accounts are requested to provide this required information for 2009 as soon as possible at the close of second quarter of 2009, which ends June 30th, and at the close of all following quarters going forward. Any questions about this can be directed to the Stewardship and Finance Committee or the chairman of council, Robert Cook.

ANNOUNCING A NEW FUNDRAISER

May 3, 2009, Dedication Day for our new building, was a wonderful day in the life of Wittenberg!

Lisa Cook presented her beautiful painting of our buildings to Bill Caughman, our Building Committee Chairperson. Lisa has given permission for this painting to be copied and prints made available to members of Wittenberg and others. Proceeds from the sale of these will go to our Building Fund.

Plans are being made to offer prints, on paper and canvas, framed and without frame (matted), and note cards. Also, Lisa has given us permission to copy the oil painting of the chancel at Christmas that hangs in the Narthex. Christmas cards will be made of this painting and offered for sale.

In the next few weeks, we will have a display of what will be offered. More information will be in the bulletin.



- **Circle L** meets at 7 p.m. June 1 at Robbin Swygert's home.
- **Morning Circle** meets at 10 a.m. June 2. Leader is Elizabeth Barnes.
- **Circle V** meets at 1 p.m. June 2. Evetta George is leader.
- **Circle IV and Hannah Circle** do not meet in June.

CONVENTION PROJECT

On June 26-27 (Friday-Saturday), 2009 the South Carolina Women of the ELCA will hold its annual convention at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Lexington. We have two women who will serve as delegates to the convention. If you are interested in attending as a visitor, please contact Connie Kramer for a registration form.



Each year the convention has a special project for us to participate in. This year the project is BINGO. We have been asked to collect BINGO prizes for use in the SC Lutheran Homes. The items are inexpensive, between \$2-\$3 and no more than \$5.00. The list of suggested items is on page six of the

Women's 2009 Handbook and on the bulletin board in the educational building. All circles are asked to participate. Items for this project should be put in bags labeled BINGO prizes and given to Connie Kramer, Torry Dickey or left in the women's lounge in the educational building by June 21. Thank you in advance for your help in this project.

PARISH LIFE UPDATE

The Parish Life outing for June has been cancelled. Our next event is the Bike Parade on July 4. Join us for this fun family event.

WITHIN THE WITTENBERG FAMILY

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Sherie Todd
- 3- Karen Lawson
- 4- Linda Dachenhaus
- 5- Jimmy Banks, Karla Powell
- 6- Sophia Dickey,
Dorothy Mullins,
Wilson Oxner
- 7- Rachel Young
- 8- Bayard Ruff, Dwayne Black
- 9- Matthew Summers
- 12- Benjamin Wyatt Hendrix
- 14- Demarion Brown
- 15- Beth McGill
- 17- Bobbie Shealy, Chris Swygert
- 18- Beth Register,
Grant McDonald
- 20- Ross Cary
- 21- Walter Shealy
- 23- Pauline Steele
- 24- Evelyn Baronowski
- 28- Jeff Long, Lan Price



LET US PRAY

In our prayers let us remember: The Family of Wyman Auerhamer, Wyman Banks, Margaretta 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 Family of Tony Corley, the Family of Taylor Cox, Dorothy Curran, Jim Curran, Kathy Derrick (wife of Randy Derrick), Joanne Feaster (mother of Jason Feaster), the Family of Chris Folger, Ed Hoover, Arthur Howard, the Family of Randall Kaiser, the Family of Mae Keisler, Ramona Langford, Eddie Leaphart, Samantha Leaphart, Ann Lewis, Carla Long, Jeff 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), Anne 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, the Tracy Waters Family, Merylyn Watkins, Eva Watson, Benjy Watson, Mika Wilson (wife of Billy Wilson), Kitt Wise (Eric Dickey's aunt) and members of our Armed Forces.



From the Archives

Submitted by Jerry Price

Minutes of Church Council Meeting April 6, 1956 (Excerpt):

Pastor Schaeffer reported that the following young people had been confirmed on Palm Sunday, March 25, 1956:

- Maxie Denzel Auerhamer
 - Dewey Daniel Anderson
 - Catherine Elizabeth Caughman
 - Carolus Linda Derrick
 - Mildred Kathryn Lindler
 - Sandra Elaine Shealy
 - Robert (Bob) Glenn Wiley
- Pastor Schaeffer advised that it

is his desire to contribute to the church a pair of single candle sticks, for use on the altar, if the council should approve of the same. The Council resolved by unanimous vote to receive the same with grateful thanks.

Minutes of Church Council Meeting March 3, 1958 (Excerpt):

Pastor Hamm announced that

the following young people would be confirmed on Easter Sunday, 1958, and that possibly others would qualify for Confirmation:

- Ralph Alex George
- James Beverly Derrick
- Jerry Shubert Price
- Ann Elizabeth Sadler
- Fred Daniel Shealy
- Janie Ruth Risinger

Minutes of Church Council Meeting April 7, 1958 (Excerpt):

Chairman Harry Nivens of the Worship & Music Committee reported that his committee had secured the services of Mrs. Paul Amick as Choir Director, and that she began her duties March 16. A motion was made and adopted that since Mrs. Amick had heavy duties in connection with the Lenten Season, she be paid \$40.00 for the month of March.

STATISTICS AS OF MAY 24, 2009

DATE	SCS	WORSHIP	YTD Budget Giving....\$86,137.85
5/3.....	102.....	208	Needed for Budget 106,258.74
5/10.....	84.....	184	Difference -20,120.89
5/17.....	102	169	YTD B.F. Receipts..... 70,301.74
5/24.....	87.....	146	

Special Thanks

Dear Pastor Sherman and friends of Wittenberg,

Words cannot express our gratitude for all of your prayers, cards, visits, and meals sent following the loss of our loved one Randy Kaiser. Your thoughtfulness and support has been a blessing during this difficult time.

The family of Randy Kaiser



May 5, 2009

Dear Michael,

Please express my thanks and appreciation to your congregation for their warm welcome and for the beautiful Goat Island Treasure Box you all gave me. It is simply stunning and will always be a treasure to me.

It was my joy to be with you yesterday for the wonderful celebration and dedication of your new building. What a tremendous blessing to the community as you prepare to use that facility for mission & ministry. May God bless all that you do in Jesus' name.

Thank you for all your hospitality to Micah and me.

Together in ministry,
Ginny Aebischer

Directory Update

Please change the following in your 2009 Yearbook:

John & Toshia Banks
687-0188

FAMILY FUN

Lutheran Night at Riverview Zoo is Friday, June 12, from 6-9 p.m. Registration is necessary. For more information, see the bulletin board by the church office door or visit ThriventSCZoo.eventsbrite.com

Join us for Vacation Bible School



6:00 to 8:15 p.m.

July 12-16

For more information, please call Joan Caughman.

EVERY SUNDAY:

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

June 2009



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9 am— Coffee & Conversation 7 pm— Circle L 7:30 pm— Manic Monday	2 10 am— Morning Circle 1 pm— Circle V 7 pm— Theology Downtown	3 Noon— Alzheimer's Support Group 7:30 pm— Choir	4 6-8 pm— Food Pantry	5 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	6 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry
7 Graduate Sunday Noon—1st Sunday Lunch 6 pm— Teens	8 9 am— Coffee & Conversation	9 7 pm— Christian Care	10 7:30 pm— Choir	11 4 pm— Grief Support 6-8 pm— Food Pantry	12 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	13 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry
14 4 pm— Catechism 6 pm— Teens 7 pm— Council	15 9 am— Coffee & Conversation 7:30 pm— Manic Monday	16 7 pm— Theology Downtown	17 7 pm— Music Appreciation Party	18 6-8 pm— Food Pantry 6 pm— 20-Somethings to Blowfish Game	19 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	20 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry
21 Father's Day 5 pm— Lutheranism 101 7 pm— Cottage Bible Study	22 9 am— Coffee & Conversation 7 pm— Lutheran Men	23	24 6 pm— JOY luncheon 7:30 pm— Choir 7:30 pm—MSG	25 6-8 pm— Food Pantry	26 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	27 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry
← June 21-27 – Lutherock Confirmation Camp →						← 26-27— SC WELCA Annual Convention →
28 10:10 am—Breakfast 6 pm—Teens	29 9 am— Coffee & Conversation	30				