

The Bell Tower

Sunday

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Pastor's Notes

Coming Soon

Sign up *via Life Touch Photos*
today at the
Spiritual Opps
Table
SOON!

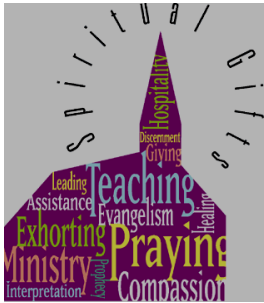
Church Photo
Directory



May 17-
20th

Family
Picture
Days

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES...Lots going on- use your gifts today!



URGENT NEED... INASMUCH 2017 will return to Lakeview Assisted Living on April 29th to do a spring cleaning on the side yard area, as well as several fun projects with the residents. Sign-up is located at the Spiritual Ops table. Out of respect to our project leaders please sign-up as soon as possible so that planning and preparations can begin. A Sign-up and Donation center will be located in the fellowship hall. Visit the table where you will find additional opportunities to help and donate. Please leave your Lakeview donations at this table. This is an opportunity for the ENTIRE congregation to be involved in a day of community service. Plan to be part of this important ministry. "INASMUCH as you did it to the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me"

WELCA Convention is June 9th-10th at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC. This year the theme is "All Anew" and WELCA will be supporting SCCADVASA (SC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault). St. John's will be collecting Children's Supplies to bring to the convention including school supplies, children's new pajamas and gowns, children's new bedroom slippers, arts & crafts and board games. There is a collection box for these donations at the Spiritual Ops table. All donations must be left no later than Sunday 5/29. Checks should be made payable to SC WELCA.

SAVE THE DATE - More info coming soon:

May 21st- WELCA Sunday followed by a Congregation Pot Luck Lunch

September 30th- BBQ event at St. Johns

St. John's will host a BBQ event..and more...on Saturday September 30th. Fifth Wheel BBQ will be donating unlimited BBQ plates at no expense to St. John's. This is a wonderful opportunity for St. John's to raise money for the new fellowship hall floor. As a congregation we can work together to make a new floor a reality. We will be having a yard sale, bake and homemade food sale, craft sale, and lots more on this same day, so start planning how you can help by donating and working. If every member sold 10 BBQ tickets at \$8.50 each we would be more than half way towards our goal. More information will be coming in the next few months. In the meantime- SAVE THE DATE- and get your work clothes ready!

***NOTE- A planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4th at 6:30pm. We are looking for anyone in the congregation with experience in marketing, publicity or advertising to give us guidance on how to reach the largest number of people. Please see Joan Lewis if you have any experience in these areas...we need to pick your brain!

ST. LUKE METHODIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY-

The need for food/cash donations at the pantry continues. It is important that you check the expiration dates on all food you donate. Please continue to pray for and give to this important community outreach.- there is a tremendous need!

Reminder....

Knitters-Crocheters meet

Wednesday, April 26 at 10 am

Come enjoy the fellowship and click your needles. Plan to stay for lunch, too....



Join us for Wednesday Lunch !

Wednesday Lunch is the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. **We gather for lunch at 11:30 am.**

Wednesday, April 26 is our next lunch!

Sign up today or speak with
Libby McLean at 638-7070 or
Cathie Nowell at 638-3284

Men in Mission

ALL CHURCH PICNIC
MONDAY MAY 1

AT BIGGERSTAFF
TIME 6 PM

HOT DOGS WILL BE FURNISHED

BY MEN IN MISSION

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE

Pastor Bob Schmeelcke's

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or

903-9355(cell).

We Pray for....

- Horace Barrett, hospitalized at OMC>
- Jenine Baldus, broken arm due to a fall.
- Sam Shirey, hospitalized with pneumonia.
- Louise Nothdurft, upcoming eye surgery.
- Wally Fiebelkorn, hospitalized at GHS/Greenville after a fall. Room 4603.
- Linda Humphries, now at home.
- Sally Flodin, now home.
- Carole, Marsha Cabbage's sister.
- Frances Devoe, shingles diagnosis.
- Jean Pittman, now under hospice care at Park Place.
- Paul Maw, friend of Ann Brackett, cancer diagnosis.
- Johnny Hester, Ann Brackett's cousin's husband, liver cancer.
- Rob Smith, (friend of the Daniels') cancer diagnosis.
- Hap Henry, home after surgery.
- Gary Smith and Donna Parker, cousins of Brenda Safrit, both with serious health concerns
- Dan Fogel, son of Dean and Anne, continued prayers.
- Alan Cochran, brother of Terry Holcombe.
- Carter Gale, 4 yr. old great-nephew of Tina Stephens
- Lauren Hartman, (daughter of the Bowman's) ongoing battle with lyme disease.
- Bob Harris, continued prayers.
- Gene Campbell (Elaine Wilson's brother).
- Joanne Garland, friend of Betty Sosebee.
- Charles McChesney, recovering from stroke.
- Margaret Penington, Lila Doyle.
- Bonnie Stebing, (Anne Fogel's cousin) rare skin cancer diagnosis.
- Wayne Sears (friend of Harris')
- Dwight Baldus, Parkinson's complications.
- Peggy Hadley (friend of Carolyn Brandt), cancer treatments.
- Marj Bouse (sister of Betty Mantell) various health issues.
- Tom Frederick (friend of the Henrys).
- Alison Williams (Cathy Plowden's sister), beginning treatments for pancreatic cancer.
- Gina Daly, daughter of Bob Johnson, undergoing chemo treatments.
- Ronald Henry (Hap's brother), neurological problems.
- Lily Sander, granddaughter of Bob and Dolly Johnson.
- Our elected leaders, for wisdom and discernment.
- All deployed military personnel.



Reading for next
Sunday
April 30, 2017

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Worship Assistant Schedule for

Next Sunday: April 30, 2017

10:30 am Service

Lay Assistant: Craig Schumacher

Lector: Dottie Brandt

Ushers: Charlie Busch and Paul Wilson

Greeter: Barb and Gary Bowman

Communion Ushers: Pat Cloniger and Marlena Dixon

Acolyte: Joezie White

Nursery: Haileigh Chapman and Riley

Bateman

Altar Guild: Martha Murtiashaw

Children's Sermon: Dottie Brandt

Offering Counters: Klaren/Safrit

Kitchen Cleanup: Lucy Klaren Circle

Attendance:

Maundy Thursday

40

Good Friday

41

Sunrise at Biggerstaff

170

Easter Sunday Worship

108

Spiritual Opportunities

SUNDAY

Sunday School	9:00 am
Ministry Announcements	10:25 am
Worship	10:30 am

MONDAY

Bible Conversation 11 am

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

Handbell Choir	5:15pm
Chancel Choir	6:15 pm

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

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From the Financial Secretary.....

	Month of March 2017	First Quarter, 2017
Offerings	\$20,556	\$85,532
Rental Income	1,575	3,150
Total	22,131	88,681
Total Expenses	19,511	62,533
Excess income over Expenses	2,620	26,148

Internal debt now stands at \$3403. Even though the overall results look great for the First Quarter, it is important to note that offerings are actually under budget by 15% for the month of March, and excluding the \$15,000 gift from a member in February, the first quarter offerings are under budget by 13%.