

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!



May 17-20th

Family
Picture
Days

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



Many thanks to all who volunteered yesterday at Lakeview Assisted Living. It was a wonderful day for the residents and the volunteers!

"INASMUCH as you did it to the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me"

VOLUNTEER POT LUCK

LUNCH will be held on Sunday, May 21st immediately following worship. This is a time to honor all who volunteer throughout the year and to hear about the impact we made at Lakeview Assisted Living for **INASMUCH**. Please sign-up at the Spiritual Ops table today.



Campbell's Soup has **discontinued** the label program, so, we will no longer be collecting the labels. This has been a very successful program and we thank everyone that supported and contributed to this project!

St John's Preschool

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 SCCAD-VASA (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:

September 30th- BBQ event at St. Johns

October- 500th Anniversary Reformation Party

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!



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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We Pray for....

- Joyce and the entire Shirey family, upon the death of our brother in Christ, Sam Shirey, this past week.
- Horace Barrett, now at home.
- Jenine and Dwight Baldus, both at Anderson Rehab.
- Louise Nothdurft, recovering at home after eye surgery.
- Wally Fiebelkorn, hospitalized at GHS/Greenville after a fall. Room 4603.
- Carole, Marsha Cabbage's sister.
- 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.
- 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')
- Peggy Hadley (friend of Carolyn Brandt), cancer treatments.
- Marj Bouse (sister of Betty Mantell) various health issues.
- Tom Frederick (friend of the Henrys).



Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Spiritual Opportunities

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Bible Conversation 11 am
 Men in Mission Picnic 6 pm

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

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

Worship Assistant Schedule for

Next Sunday: May 7, 2017

10:30 am Service

- Lay Assistant: Patty Shepard**
- Lector: Gary Cabbage**
- Ushers: Chris Lee and Dave Lewis**
- Greeter: Frieda Cobb**
- Communion Ushers: Lynne and Jack Williams**
- Acolyte: Derrick Lee**
- Nursery: Catherine Lee, Haileigh Chapman**
- Altar Guild: Marcia Lyle**
- Children's Sermon: Dottie Brandt**
- Offering Counters: McLean**
- Kitchen Cleanup: Lucy Klaren Circle**

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%.