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Ash Wednesday - February 17 at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays in Lent - Dinner at 6 p.m.
Worship at 7 p.m.

Service of the Word for Healing - March 7 at 7 p.m.

Stations of the Cross - March 28 at 5 p.m.

Maundy Thursday - April 1 at 7 p.m.

Good Friday - April 2 at 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil - April 4 at 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 4 at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Breakfast at 10:10 a.m.

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SERVING IN FEBRUARY

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 2/7- Wilson & Mary Rae Oxner
2/14- John Oxner
2/21- Marvin, Karla & Alicia Powell
2/28- Todd & Cher Davis

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Furman Cantrell

NURSERY— SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 2/7- Joan Caughman, John Oxner
2/14- Brandee Quarles,
Michael Reed
2/21- Connie Kramer,
Linda Almgren
2/28- Rebecca Reed, Pete Osment

2-3 YR. SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 2/7- Crissie Kirby, Joan Caughman
2/14- Susan Shealy, Crissie Kirby
2/21- Catherine Oxner,
Myra Cantrell
2/28- Myra Cantrell,
Catherine Oxner

GREETERS

Narthex:

- Tom & Debbie Sawyer
Commons Area:
Robert & Wendy Epting

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Billy Rauton

LAY READER

Kayce Shealy

ALTAR GUILD

- Marti Burns, Wendy Epting,
Crissie Kirby, Sue Ruff,
Betsy McEwen

NURSERY

- Rebecca Reed, **Chair**
2/7- Catherine & John Oxner,
Freida Banks
2/14- Barbie & Dean Rodgers,
Linda Almgren
2/21- Chrissy & Scott McNabb,
Paula Miller
2/28- Scarlett & Matthew Summers,
Eric Dickey

USHERS

TBA

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 2/7- Dawn & Tracy Bedenbaugh,
Rhonda Bedenbaugh
2/14- Rebecca Reed, Jennifer Patrick,
Toshia Banks
2/21- Kayce Shealy, Debbie Black,
Joan Caughman
2/28- Jennifer McInnis,
Jennifer & Chip Spradley

TELLERS

- 2/7- Ann Nichols, Pete Osment
2/14- Billy Rauton, Rebecca Reed
2/21- Dean Rodgers, Debbie Sawyer
2/28- Betsy Shealy, Bob Wiley

WITHIN THE WITTENBERG FAMILY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 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 Oswald,
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:

MEMBERS:

Margaretta Beckham, Rhonda & Dennis Bedenbaugh, Marti Burns, Daryl Buzhardt, Will Cary, Dorothy Curran, Jim Curran, Ed Hoover, Sam Kirby & Family, Ramona Langford, Jeff Long, Ricky Long, Grae McDonald, Brady Nichols, Anne Oswald, Mauri Register, Debbie Reynolds, Sue Ruff, Bobbie Shealy, William K. Shealy, Bobbie Smith, Pauline Steele, Wills Swygert, Samantha Trotter, Merlyn Watkins, Eva Watson, Benjy Watson

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

John Bedenbaugh (father of Tracy Bedenbaugh), The Mother of Debbie Black, John Black, Jr. (father of Dwayne Black), Peggy Buzhardt, Chalmers Carr IV, Josh Caughman (friend of Chris & Robbin Swygert), The Family of Jane Speaks Cochet, John Collum, The Family of Taylor Cox, Ann Lewis, Carla Long, Thelma Lorick (mother of Larry Lorick), Larry McKenzie (nephew of Boddie & Nelle Rinehart), Eileen Mitchell, Mike Nichols (son of Brady & Sue Nichols), The Mother of Landis Price, The Family of Harold Seigler, Melanie Sharpe (friend of Sam & Crissie Kirby), Mildred Shealy (mother of Michael Shealy), Kim Smith (daughter of Libby Carswell), Elsie Speaks, Aaron Stewart, The Family of Brooks Warner, and members of our Armed Forces.



February 7, 2010

More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$60 million has been raised for local charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it’s like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need. Our youth will collect donations after the late service on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7. Please give generously. Every dollar you donate goes to the Wittenberg Food Pantry, our 2010 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

Godly Play Workshop

A Godly Play workshop, "New Stories of the Saints and Jesus," will be held March 13. All teachers of Godly Play classes and anyone interested in Montessori-based religious education ministries are encouraged to attend. More information will be available March 1.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN

Cher Davis, Advisor

2/7- Acolyte: James Banks

Almsbearer: Haven Banks

Crucifer: Trey Cook

2/14- Acolyte: Emily Miller

Almsbearer: Taylor Davis

Crucifer: Harlee Miller

2/17- OSJ: Tate Feaster

2/21- Acolyte: Brayden Patrick

Almsbearer: Sydnee Patrick

Crucifer: Cambey Reep

2/24- OSJ: Brett Spradley

2/28- Acolyte: Adam Almgren

Almsbearer: River Rauton

Crucifer: Jesse Rauton



1st Sunday Lunch

**February 7
at noon**

Sponsored by
Wittenberg Youth

Menu:

Chili

Cornbread &

Homemade

Dessert

BBW

What is it? Come and find out...
Beginning Sunday, February 14 @ 10:40 a.m.
in the Commons Area



Wittenberg Building Loan Report

Submitted by Brent Shealy

Balance of building loan at 12/31/2009	\$540,000.00
Total paid in January 2010	\$20,014.83
Interest portion of payment	\$3,014.83
Principal portion of payment	\$17,000.00
Balance of loan at 1/31/2009	\$523,000.00

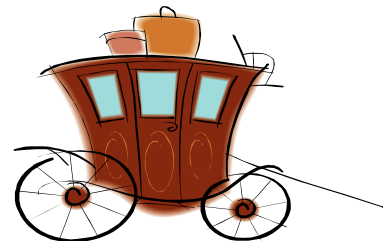
Statistics as of January 24, 2010

DATE	SCS	WORSHIP
1/3	81	136
1/10	105	149
1/17	95	159
1/24	102	159
YTD Regular Offering		\$13,097.00
Needed		21,988.60
Difference		(8,891.60)
YTD B.F. Offering		5,755.00

2nd Annual Alzheimer's Community Resource Conference

Sign in and Exhibits start at 7:45am with welcome beginning at 8:30am

The Welcome Wagon



Long ago when you moved into a new neighborhood the Welcome Wagon Lady would greet you with goodies from all over the community. You would know so much more about your new community by the time she left. We hope to be the Welcome Wagon into your world of Alzheimer's and similar dementias. We hope to give you information into the world of Alzheimer's so you walk away feeling better equipped to live in this neighborhood you've now moved into.

Welcome to the world of Alzheimer's

Come spend the day with a community that can help

Brookland Baptist Conference Center
1066 Sunset Blvd. West Columbia, SC 29169

alzheimer's  association®

the compassion to care, the leadership to conquer

Date: 02-25-2010

Time: 8:30 - 4:00

Highlights

of the day:

- 5 Panel Information & Answers to your questions
- At Home or Long Term Care Resources available, financial assistance
- Legal, Veterans Administration and insurance information
- Non-pharmaceutical approaches to Alzheimer's
- Physicians Panel

Contact:

Adelle Stanley

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800-636-3346

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Adelle.Stanley@alz.org

Thrivent Launches “HELPING HAITI”

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is launching a national \$3 million “Helping Haiti” effort at Thrivent.com/helpinghaiti. They will contribute \$1 for every \$2 in donations members make by March 31 to the following:

Lutheran World Relief
ELCA Disaster Response

That means a potential of more than \$3 million for relief efforts: \$2 million from members and the added \$1 million.

Thrivent members who want to partner with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in response to this disaster can make donations at Thrivent.com/helpinghaiti or by calling 800-236-3736 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. When prompted, say “directory” and enter ext. 83003.

Times like these prove the power of a fraternal benefit society. By joining together as members and with the strength of our membership organization, we make a much greater difference.

Looking forward to Operation Inasmuch

Operation Inasmuch 2010 will be held on April 24.

Last year, over 5,000 volunteers from more than 90 congregations served in our communities, sharing the love of Jesus Christ with more than 33,000 people across the state. This year we hope to expand this effort by inviting ecumenical partner congregations to join in. Ideally a cluster of congregations might include two Lutheran congregations and two non-Lutheran congregations.

More information to come.



Thanks to you for your acts of kindness at the time of my Mother's death.

Thanks again,
Rondoll Watson & Family

KICS



Valentine's Party
February 7, Noon-1:30 p.m.



Bring a Valentine or Surprise for Goody Bags!

Ham Sandwiches—Ella Grace Dickey

PB&J Sandwiches—Brett Spradley

Three bags of Chips—Wills Swygert

Cupcakes—Elle Quarles

20 Juice Boxes/Pouches—Sydney & Brayden Patrick

20 Juice Boxes/Pouches—Pierce Kirby

Paper Plates & Napkins—Emma & Anna Claire Osment

CHURCH PRINT FUND

We dedicated our beautiful new building last May. At the time of dedication Lisa Cook painted a beautiful oil painting of our building for our congregation to present to Bill Caughman as Chairperson of our building project. She generously gave permission for us to use this painting and the painting that she gave the congregation several years ago and have prints and note cards for sale as a fund raiser for the building fund. Net proceeds from this to date are \$426.

Prints and note cards are still available and can be ordered by contacting Joan Caughman.

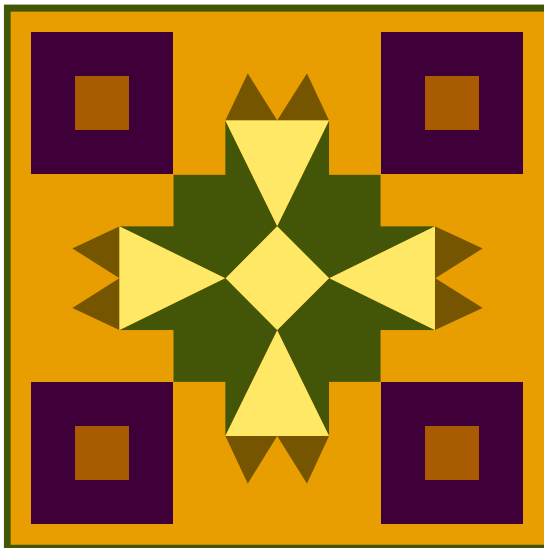
Thanks to each of you who participated in this fund raiser and to Lisa Cook for making it possible.

WITTENBERG DORCAS QUILTERS

A brand new group is organizing at Wittenberg Lutheran Church: The Dorcas Quilters. The purpose of the Dorcas Quilters is to make quilts to send to people in need. The group is named for the poor childless widow, Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas, who did good and sewed for the poor.

To start off the group will make quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief who will distribute them to refugees and other people in need. Anyone who can measure and cut, use a sewing machine, iron, pin or sew with a needle and thread is welcome to join. Another way to help this group would be to donate clean old sheets, blankets, mattress pads and whole pieces of fabric or fabric scraps in cotton, cotton blends, twills, corduroy, polyester knits, upholstery or drapery samples. Also quilt batting and crochet thread will be needed. If you have any of this material and would like to donate it, just put it in a bag labeled QUILTS and bring it to church. Donations can be put in the Women's Lounge in the Educational Building or dropped off in the church office.

We plan to continue organizing and setting up a quilting area in the Education Building during February. Look for more information on the Dorcas Quilters in bulletins and the next Witness. The next formal meeting will be February 17.



HOLY DAY OF CONVERSATION

The South Carolina Synod's "Day of Holy Conversation" will be held at Newberry College on Saturday, February 6. The events begin at 10:00 a.m. where we will hear from two LTSS seminary professors: Dr. David Yeago and Dr. Susan McArver. They will speak about the significant issues that concern them from the recent churchwide decisions and address the question, "How can we be faithful together for God's Mission in South Carolina?" At the end of the day there will be a survey that lists all the motions we have discussed together. From the results of this survey we will then mail to every congregation council the top 5 or 6 motions that have the most support for our life and ministry together here in South Carolina. Wittenberg is limited to eight participants for the event; if you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Sherman.

HUMAN SEXUALITY

During the months of February, March and April our congregation engages in intentional learning and conversation times to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit amid a season of change in the ELCA. Join us for two lecture-style events and a guided classroom discussion. Written resources are available for your study, as well (Commons Area).

The Authority of Scripture

February 7 at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We look at how our understandings of Scripture frames the human sexuality conversation.

From Assembly Action to Church Policy

March 7 at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

A study of the ELCA's Human Sexuality Social Statements and Resolutions and how they impact congregational life.

Sunday School Speakeasy

April 18 at 9:45 a.m. in Sunday school classes

Congregational leaders facilitate classroom conversation and reflection.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Please note: the February 3 meeting will be held in the basement.

JOY LUNCHEON

Pastor Jason Schafer, Mission Developer for the SC Synod, will speak at the February 24 luncheon.

LUTHERIDGE/LUTHEROCK

Camp season is only a few months away. If your child is interested in attending a camp session at Lutheridge or Lutherock, please sign the "interest sheet" in the commons area. Pastor Mike will lead an expedition to Lutherock beginning on June 27. Confirmands and high schools students are invited to attend the Lutherock event.

TUTORING PROGRAM

The *Bright Futures Learning Program* begins at Wittenberg soon – when a few last-minute details are worked out. The program provides tutoring services, at no cost, to B-L elementary students who need additional academic support. The tutoring program will be held on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 2:30 until 5:30. Pastor Sherman will offer a family Bible study on Thursdays following the program for those interested in participating.



SUPPER CLUB

A Wittenberg "Supper Club" is underway. If you are interested in gathering on Saturday evening – once a month – with your church neighbors, let us know at wlsupperclub@gmail.com.

PARISH LIFE TRIP

Sign-up sheets are out for the annual **Isle of Palms Weekend** – February 26-28. Please sign up soon if you plan to attend. Questions? Please call Jerry Price.



WELCA Officers 2010

Co-President: Torry Dickey
Co-President: Connie Kramer
Secretary: Ernestine Sharpe
Treasurer: Joann Wells



If you haven't received a copy of the 2010 WELCA Yearbook please see your circle leader.



The Morning Circle meets at 10 a.m. February 2. Leader is Dorothy Curran.

Circle V meets at 1 p.m. February 2 at The Attic. Susie Hendrix is leader.

Circle IV meets at 7 p.m. February 2 at the church. Tissy Price is Leader, and Linda Almgren is hostess.

Circle L meets at 7 p.m. February 8. Leader and hostess is Betsy McEwen.

Hannah Circle meets at 10 a.m. February 13. Rhonda Bendenbaugh is leader.



SC WELCA Retreat, "Sow Your Wild Flowers IV: Mary and Martha," is February 19-20 at Camp Kinard.



The Western Conference Spring Meeting is March 21 from 3-5 p.m. at St. Mark, Leesville.

EVERY SUNDAY:

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

February



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9 am— Coffee & Conversation	2 10 am— Morning Circle 1 pm— Circle V 7 pm— Circle IV 7 pm— Theology Downtown	3 Noon— Alzheimer's Support Group in basement 7:30 pm— Choir Life Line Screening in the Fellowship Hall	4 7 am— Teen Bible Study at Waffle House 4 pm— Grief Support 6-8 pm— Food Pantry	5 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	6 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry 10 a.m.— Holy Day of Conversation at Newberry College Deadline for Ski Trip Payments
7 Souper Bowl 9:45 am— Human Sexuality Conversation Noon—1st Sunday Lunch 6 pm— Teens Super Bowl Party @ Rautons'	8 9 am— Coffee & Conversation 2:30 pm— Tutoring 7 pm— Circle L	9 7 pm— Christian Care	10 7:30 pm— Choir	11 7 am— Teen Bible Study at Waffle House 2:30 pm— Tutoring 6-8 pm— Food Pantry	12 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	13 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry 10 am— Hannah Circle
14 Valentine's Day 10:40 am— BBW in Commons Area Noon—KICS Valentine's Party 4 pm— Catechism 7 pm— Council	15 President's Day 9 am— Coffee & Conversation 2:30 pm— Tutoring	16 7 pm— Theology Downtown	17 Ash Wednesday Noon— Dorcas Quilters 7 pm— Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 pm— Choir	18 7 am— Teen Bible Study 2:30 pm— Tutoring 4 pm— Grief Support 6-8 pm— Food Pantry	← Youth Ski Trip to Wolf Ridge →	
21 10:40 am—BBW 6 pm— Teens 6 pm— Handbells	22 9 am— Coffee & Conversation 2:30 pm— Tutoring 7:30 pm— Lutheran Men	23	24 Noon— JOY luncheon 6 pm—Lenten Supper 7 pm—Lenten Service 7:30 pm— Choir 7 pm—MSG	25 7 am— Teen Bible Study at Waffle House 8:30 am— Alzheimer's Conference 2:30 pm— Tutoring 6-8 pm— Food Pantry	19 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	20 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry
28 10:10 am—Breakfast 6 pm— Teens					← SC WELCA Retreat at Camp Kinard →	
Isle of Palms →					26 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	27 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry
					← Feb. 26-28— Isle of Palms Weekend →	