

THE WITTENBERG



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NEWS FROM THE PANTRY

By Robert Epting

Demand for the Pantry continues to be very strong with 245 families being served during the month of December. This was a five-week month, for an average of 49 families per week. The highest week was 57 families. After the first three weeks in January we stand at 199 families, for an average of 66 families per week and a high of 74 families. Donations from within Wittenberg continue to be very generous with some contributions coming in from outside as well. Many thanks to all who have contributed with your time, finances and prayers. We ask for a continuance of each.

If you have any questions concerning the Pantry please don't hesitate to ask. If you would like to serve in the Pantry, a sign-up sheet is available on the kitchen counter in the fellowship hall. Questions? Call Robert Epting at 532-3189.



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SERVING IN FEBRUARY

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 2/6- TBD
2/13- Doris Antley
2/20- Children & grandchildren of
Bob & Kaye Wiley
2/27- Todd & Cher Davis

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Tom Sawyer

NURSERY— SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 2/6- Paula Miller
2/13- John Oxner
2/20- Kayce Shealy
2/27- Linda Almgren

GREETERS

Narthex:
Scott & Erin Thomas
Commons Area:
Tom & Debbie Sawyer

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Robert Epting

LAY READER

Wendy Epting

ALTAR GUILD

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

USHERS

Sam Barnes, Jan Barnes,
Todd Davis, John Mullins

NURSERY

Barbie Rodgers, Chair

- 2/6- Betsy Shealy, Kayce Shealy
2/13- Erin & Scott Thomas
2/20- Rebecca & Michael Reed
2/27- Scarlett & Matthew Summers

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 2/6- Dawn Bedenbaugh,
Rhonda & Tracy Bedenbaugh
2/13- Rebecca & Michael Reed,
Jennifer Patrick
2/20- Kayce Shealy, Doris Antley,
Joan Caughman
2/27- Jennifer McInnis,
Jennifer & Chip Spradley

TELLERS

- 2/6- Torry Dickey, Robert Epting
2/13- Billy Rauton, Rebecca Reed
2/20- Dean Rodgers, Betsy Shealy
2/27- Erin Thomas, Bob Wiley

ORDER OF ST. JOHN

Cher Davis, Advisor

- 2/6- Acolyte: James Banks
Almsbearer: Haven Banks
Crucifer: Rebecca Leaphart
2/13- Acolyte: Emily Davis
Almsbearer: Taylor Davis
Crucifer: Avery Finger
2/20- Acolyte: Brayden Patrick
Almsbearer: Sydnee Patrick
Crucifer: Cambey Reep
2/27- Acolyte: Adam Almgren
Almsbearer: River Rauton
Crucifer: Jesse Rauton



Preschool Update

By Eric Dickey

Plans are moving forward with the Preschool/Afterschool Program. If any member of Wittenberg has a child who will be three years old by August 31, 2011, and is interested in enrolling in our new program (3K) please notify the Preschool Board. Notifications can be sent (e-mailed) to the attention of the Preschool Board at wittenberg@pbtcomm.net. The Preschool Board and Committee would like to thank everyone who has made an offering to support this new ministry.

ATTENTION!

Do you like to help prepare and serve meals to those in need? Do you like to take long leisurely strolls through God's Kingdom (picking up trash in the process)? Do you like to send birthday cards? Then by all means join the Social Ministry Committee today and become a part of these and other rewarding activities. Call Robert Epting for more details, 532-3189.



KICS Invites All Kids & Youth to the
SC STATE MUSEUM
Sunday, February 6
Noon - 4:00 p.m.

We will enjoy the First Sunday Lunch
before traveling to the State Museum.

Please bring \$1.00 for admission for each child
and a valentine or surprise to share.

If you are willing to help with transportation
to the museum, please contact Cher Davis.

CHRISTIAN CARE MEETING SCHEDULE

The Christian Care Committee meets Monday, Feb. 7, at
6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We resume our regular meeting
schedule on the second Tuesday of March.



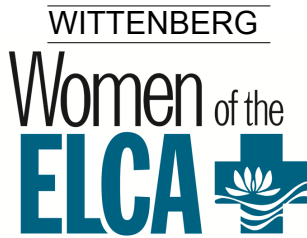
Wittenberg Building Loan Report

By Brent Shealy

Total paid in January 2011	\$20,515.14
Interest portion of payment	\$2,515.14
Principal portion of payment	\$18,000.00
Balance of loan at 1/31/2011	\$432,000.00

STATISTICS AS OF JANUARY 23

DATE	SCS	WORSHIP
1/2.....	78	141
1/9.....	113	179
1/16.....	95	168
1/23.....	89	162
YTD Regular Offering.....		14,903.25
Needed		22,182.32
Difference		(7,279.07)
YTD B.F. Offering		4,935.00



Western Conference Meeting

The Western Conference of the SC Women of the ELCA will meet at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Prosperity. So mark your calendar and plan on attending. If you would like a ride just let Connie Kramer know and she will be glad to give you a lift.

Annual Convention

The SC Women of the ELCA Annual Convention will be held June 25-26, 2011, at the North Charleston Convention Center. If you are interested in attending please let Connie Kramer know as soon as possible. Reservations must be made by March 15.

February Circle Meetings:

- ◆ **The Morning Circle** meets at 10 a.m. on February 1. Dorothy Curran is leader.
- ◆ **Circle V** meets at 1 p.m. February 1. Susie Hendrix is leader.
- ◆ **Circle IV** meets at 10:30 a.m. February 7 at the church. Tissy Price is leader, and Linda Almgren is hostess.
- ◆ **Circle L** meets at 7 p.m. February 7. Leader and hostess is Brenda Howard.
- ◆ **The Hannah Circle** meets at 10 a.m. on February 12. Chrissy McNabb is leader.



On Sunday, February 6, nearly 100 million Americans are expected to tune in to watch the Super Bowl. At the same time, nearly one billion people around the world will be hungry.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is an ecumenical, youth-led movement that unites young people around a single cause: to end hunger. More than 2,000 Lutheran youth groups participate every year.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Wittenberg youth will collect donations after the late service on Super Bowl Sunday, February 6. Please give generously. Every dollar you donate goes to the Wittenberg Food Pantry, our 2011 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

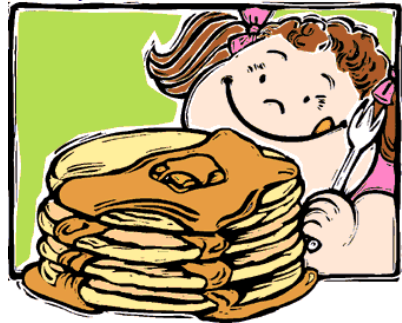
FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

By Rachel Creech

On March 8, Fat Tuesday, the confirmation class hosts a pancake dinner and fund raiser from 5 to 7 p.m. The dinner is \$5 for adults 11 & up, \$3 for kids 10 & under, and kids under 3 are free. The menu is pancakes (plain, blueberry and chocolate chip), sausage, ham and fruit cocktail. To drink there will be milk, orange juice and apple juice.

The money earned will go toward the confirmation class's service project. For the project the class will get animal food to add to the food pantry. The class will also raise money to send to ELCA's "Feed The World." For 50¢ a pound of seed for growing food can be provided. \$1 can provide a chick. \$10 can provide a fruit tree seedling. \$40 provides an orphan with food for a month.

Plan now to join us for pancakes and help feed others at home and across the world.





**We had a big turnout January 9 for the
KICS Skating Party at Celebrations . . .
and a great time was had by all!**

The love for equals is a human thing—of friend for friend, brother for brother. It is to love what is loving and lovely. The world smiles.

The love for the less fortunate is a beautiful thing—the love for those who suffer, for those who are poor, the sick, the failures, the unlovely. This is compassion, and it touches the heart of the world.

The love for the more fortunate is a rare thing—to love those who succeed where we fail, to rejoice without envy with those who rejoice, the love of the poor for the rich . . . The world is always bewildered by its saints.

And then there is the love for the enemy—love for the one who does not love you but mocks, threatens and inflicts pain. The tortured's love for the torturer. This is God's love. It conquers the world.

—Frederick Buechner,
The Magnificent Defeat

LUTHERAN
MEN IN MISSION
Building men for Christ

By Robert Epting

The Wittenberg Men in Mission held its January monthly meeting 1-24-11 with 15 men in attendance. After practicing with Church Organist Rachel Young for the Men's Choir Sunday another supper of breakfast casserole, grits, fruit and biscuits was enjoyed. A brief devotional on "What a friend we have in Jesus" was then presented. The minutes from the previous month's meeting were read by Secretary Tom Sawyer and the Treasurer's report given by Jerry Price. During the business meeting, different ministry opportunities for the upcoming year were discussed. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

On Wednesday, January 12, the Wittenberg Lutheran Men in Mission hosted the Western District Conference of the State Lutheran Men in Mission of South Carolina for the first quarterly meeting of 2011. A Beaufort stew supper was served to the approximately 55 men in attendance. After a devotional and Bible study on the sacraments the business portion of the meeting was held. Reports from the various parts of the group were given with a focus on the state of Mission Churches in South Carolina. The meeting was dismissed with the Lord's Prayer. A good time was had by all.

All men of Wittenberg are cordially invited to join together as part of this group. We currently meet the fourth Monday of every month with the basic format of that above. Most meetings last an hour and a half. Transportation will gladly be provided for anyone who needs it. There is room in the fellowship hall for us all!

AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN

Wittenberg Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
December 5, 2010

Members Present: Bob Wiley (Pres.), Ann Nichols, Robert Epting, Bill Caughman, Rebecca Reed, Debbie Sawyer, Betsy Shealy, Billy Rauton, Furman Cantrell (Sec.), Ervin Caughman, Dean Rogers, Connie Kramer (Fin. Sec.), Pastor Sherman, Brent Shealy (Tres.), New (2011-2013) Members Present: Cher D., Torrie D., Erin T., Marty B.

Members Absent: Pete Osment

The meeting was **called to order** by President Bob Wiley at 7:55 p.m.

The **Minutes of the November meeting** were approved. M: Robert E.; 2: Ervin C.

Treasurer's Report: Brent S. gave a brief Treasurer's Report that included:

Long Term Liabilities in 2009 = \$550,000; 2010 = \$455,000.

Building Fund checking balance down from \$28,000 to \$17,000; paid \$10,000 toward debt.

Property Causality Insurance paid \$5,964.00 for entire year

The report was approved. M: Bill C.; 2: Robert E.

Committee reports:

Financial Sec: Pledges 53 T&T sheets; 33 pledges for general = \$112,946.00; B.F.20 pledges = \$35,840.00

The report was approved. M: Ervin C.; 2: Robert E.

Pastor's report:

Pastor Sherman reported on his visits and the Dec. schedule of services. He also addressed committee assignments and the worship asst list.

The report was approved. M: Bill C.; 2: Ervin C.

President's report;

Bob W. thanked Council members who are ending their term

Other Business:

Robert E. asked if the 2 amendments that were voted on in the Congregational meeting have been voted individually ?

New Council members and officers will be installed Jan 9.

Rebecca R. announced that the first Sunday lunch on Jan. 2 will be a covered dish meal.

Elections:

Bob W. was re-elected President.

Furman C. was re-elected Secretary.

Connie K. was re-elected Fin. Sec.

Brent S. was re-elected Tres.

Robert E. was re-elected Vice-Pres.

Bob W. expressed his appreciation for the vote and pledged to do his best to lead the WLC Council in 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Furman Cantrell,
Secretary



From SC The Alzheimer's Association:

The Third Annual Welcome Wagon Conference for family caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients is Feb. 10 at the Columbia Conference Center. A wealth of information and resources will be available for those who care for others with Alzheimer's and like dementia. Preregistration is required. Please see the flyer on the kiosk in the commons area.

From the SC Partnership of Disability Organizations:

Join us at the 22nd Annual Disability Advocacy Day at the State House, Wednesday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can help the Governor and members of the SC General Assembly understand the unique needs of citizens with severe, lifelong disabilities in South Carolina. Let your voice be heard by attending Disability Advocacy Day. For more information, please see the flyer on the kiosk in the commons area.

From ELCA World Hunger:

According to the most recent census data, the income gap between the richest and poorest Americans grew last year to its largest margin ever. The top-earning 20 percent of Americans - those making more than \$100,000 each year - received 49.4 percent of all income generated in the U.S., compared with the 3.4 percent made by the bottom 20 percent of earners, those who fell below the poverty line, according to the new figures. That ratio of 14.5-to-1 was an increase from 13.6 in 2008 and nearly double a low of 7.69 in 1968.

Also according to 2009 census data, the overall poverty rate in the United States hit 14.3 percent (that's one in seven Americans) with 43.6 million people living in poverty. That is an increase from 2008, which was 13.2 percent, or 39.8 million people. The 2009 poverty level was set at \$21,954 for a family of four.

WITHIN THE WITTENBERG FAMILY

February Birthdays

- 1- Jessica Rish,
Parker Black
- 2- Fowler Cary, Jr.,
Woogie Dachenhaus
- 3- W.L. Jones
- 5- Todd Long
- 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

MEMBERS:

Marti Burns, Dorothy Curran, Jim Curran, Evetta George, Eleanor and Jane Hare, Ed & Leila Hoover, Bucky Johnson, Dannie Kaiser, The Kirby Family, Ramona Langford, Jeff Long, Wes McNabb, Brady Nichols, The Family of Anne Oswald, Debbie Reynolds, Ralph Riley (husband of Pat Crickenberger Riley), The Family of Dot Ruff, Sue Ruff, Anne Shealy, The Family of Bobbie Shealy, Walter Shealy, William K. Shealy, Bobbie Smith, Jennifer Spradley, Wills Swygert, Merlyn Watkins, Eva Watson, Benjy Watson

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Laura Ashleigh (friend of Emily Finger), John Bedenbaugh (father of Tracy Bedenbaugh), Judy and Doug Benton, The Mother of Debbie Black, Wyatt Boatwright (Lexington 3 student), Patrick Burns (nephew of Marti Burns), Peggy Buzhardt, Ruby Caughman, The Family of Jane Speaks Cochet, The Family of Taylor Cox, The Family of Donnie Duncan (brother of Myrell Epting), Pastor Mitch Evans, The Family of Mike Fallaw, Mike Gunter, Audie Jennings (brother-in-law of Wyman & Freida Banks), David Kneece (cousin of Wyman Banks), Ann Lewis, Thelma Lorick (mother of Larry Lorick), Eileen & Jimmy Mitchell, Mike Nichols (son of Brady & Sue Nichols), The Mother of Landis Price, Tobie & Chester Plunkett (in-laws of Debbie Reynolds), Melanie Sharpe (friend of Sam & Crissie Kirby), Mildred Shealy (mother of Michael Shealy), Kim Smith (daughter of Libby Carswell), The Family of Elsie Speaks, Diane Spradley, Aaron Stewart, Duane Swygert (nephew of Melvin Swygert), The Family of L.G. Whitman, and members of our Armed Forces.