

THE WITTENBERG



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Look at His adorable face.
Look at His glazed and sunken eyes.
Look at His wounds.
Look Jesus in the Face.
There, you will see how He loves us.

—St. Therese of Lisieux

People of Wittenberg:

Although the name St. Therese of Lisieux is not found on our Lutheran roadmap, her writings speak to the universal Church inasmuch as they have a way of capturing the essence of Lent. As we consider our Lenten fasts, rekindle our spiritual disciplines and prepare ourselves to remember the Passion of Jesus Christ, we are reminded that He suffers with us and for us.

As Lutheran Christians, we do not run from the sight of the cross. While it is ugly and as Paul reminds us, “a scandal,” it represents God’s radical love for his children. The cross also bears witness to the reality that even the most pious among us endure suffering in life as we await the fullness of God’s mercy to enwrap us. Ah, Easter always comes!

Blessings as you ready yourself for the 40 days.

Peace be with you.

Michael

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SERVING IN FEBRUARY

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 2/5- Wilson & Mary Mae Oxner
2/12- Zane, Lane, Ella Grace, Sophie
2/19- Bob & Kaye Wiley
2/26- Todd & Cher Davis

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Tom Sawyer

NURSERY— SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 2/5- Rebecca Reed
2/12- Marti Burns
2/19- Katie Black
2/26- Wendy Epting

2-3 YR. SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 2/5- Susan Shealy, Chrissy McNabb
2/12- Scarlett Summers,
Debra McDonald
2/19- Catherine Oxner,
Myra Cantrell
2/26- Susan Shealy, Chrissy McNabb

GREETERS

Scott & Erin Thomas

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Catherine Oxner

LAY READER

Sherie Todd

ALTAR GUILD

Marti Burns, Wendy Epting,
Sue Ruff, Betsy McEwen

NURSERY

- 2/5- Catherine & John Oxner
2/12- Liz & Theo Walker
2/19- Chrissy & Scott McNabb
2/26- Dawn & Tracy Bedenbaugh

USHERS

Sammy & Jan Barnes, Todd Davis,
Charlie & Beth Long

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 2/5- Dawn Bedenbaugh, Rhonda &
Tracy Bedenbaugh
2/12- Rebecca & Michael Reed
2/19- Kayce Shealy, Doris Antley,
Joan Caughman
2/26- Jennifer McInnis, Jennifer &
Chip Spradley

TELLERS

- 2/5- Torry Dickey, Tracy Creech
2/12- Jerry Price, Billy Rauton
2/19- Dean Rodgers, Erin Thomas
2/26- Joann Wells, Bob Wiley



ORDER OF ST. JOHN

Cher Davis, Advisor

2/5- Acolyte: Emily Davis

Alms Bearer: Taylor Davis

Crucifer: Aubrey Rodgers

2/12- Acolyte: Emma Osment

Alms Bearer: Lane Bedenbaugh

Crucifer: Zane Bedenbaugh

2/19- Acolyte: Brayden Patrick

Alms Bearer: Sydnee Patrick

Crucifer: Ross Shealy

2/22- OSJ: Brett Spradley

2/26- Acolyte: Adam Almgren

Alms Bearer: River Rauton

Crucifer: Jesse Rauton

FEBRUARY 5 AFTER WE WORSHIP . . .

It's Free. It's Convenient. It's Quick, and it's Important.

It is a Blood Pressure Check, available after the 11 a.m. service Feb. 5 and on the first Sunday of each month. Stop by the Conference Room following the service, get your checkup, and then enjoy a great lunch.

First Sunday Lunch

Sponsored by Circle IV

Menu: Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls, Tea, Various Desserts.

Proceeds go to the Building Fund.

Contemporary Worship

Join us during the First Sunday Lunch for a Brainstorming Session concerning an exciting new worship service at Wittenberg.

KICS – Noon to 2:00 p.m.

We will enjoy First Sunday Lunch and make Valentine cards for shut-ins. Please bring a valentine or surprise to share with our KICS group.

Valentines Grams

The Youth group is selling Valentine Grams to adorn your loved ones' yards. They may be purchased until Feb. 12, after the 11 o'clock service on the front lawn.

Wittenberg Youth

Join us for our Super Bowl Party at 6 p.m. in the basement.

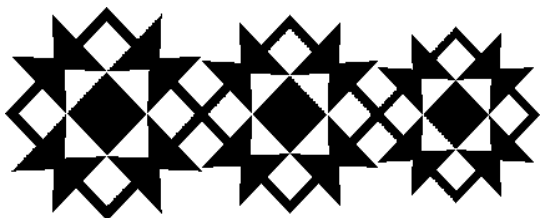
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

This past year, 2011, Thrivent members of Wittenberg directed \$5,240 to our church. \$5,024 went to the Building Fund, \$150 went to the food pantry, and \$66 went to the preschool. We truly thank the members who directed their Choice Dollars to Wittenberg. We still have Thrivent members who have not directed their Choice Dollars. If you are one of these people, you can still to designate your Choice Dollars to Wittenberg or any of thousands of organizations to choose from. If you're not sure if you as a Thrivent member have Choice Dollars to direct, just call Thrivent or your representative and ask them if you do or not. Don't let this opportunity to direct money go down the drain. It's very easy to direct your Choice Dollars. Just call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted say, "Thrivent Choice." Say or enter your Social Security number. Next, Press 1 to help direct Choice Dollars. Then a representative will help you direct your Choice Dollars. Or you can visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice and log in. If you haven't registered click "register now." Then look for the "Direct Choice Dollars" box on your MyThrivent page. So take a few minutes and direct your Choice Dollars.

DORCAS QUILTERS

For the year 2011 the Dorcas Quilters made 75 quilts and shipped them to Lutheran World Relief. Some of these quilts will become a part of a huge shipment of 70,000 Mission Quilts to Thailand.

The Dorcas Quilters would like to thank those who have donated material, batting, sheets, etc. to help us in making the quilts. We will always accept any donations of materials as this a continuous project. Debbie Sawyer has joined Annette Caughman, Carolyn Price, Eva Watson and Connie Kramer in making the quilts. We will meet every third



Wednesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. until around noon or so. Please consider helping us and join in the fun of making quilts for those in need.

Safely Dispose of Unwanted Medicines

Was one of your New Year's resolutions to get organized and reduce the clutter around the house? If so, perhaps you are going to organize that medicine cabinet.



You know of course that you should throw out all the outdated medicines and medicines that you no longer use. Perhaps someone in the family has passed away and you need to dispose of their medicine. If any of these situations apply to you—please dispose of medications (dry, gel or liquid) in the proper manner. **Don't pour them down the toilet and into our town's water system!** Instead, take them to one of two disposal sites in the B-L area:

Owen Drug Company*

501 W. Railroad Ave., Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29006; 803-532-6581
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Senior Center

241 Highland Ave., Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29006; 803-532-4536
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

*This site has a larger capacity to receive these items.

Our 70 and Wiser Members:

Mark Your Calendars for the

70+ Birthday Luncheon March 18

Invitations will be sent out at the appropriate time,
but we want you to be aware of the date change.

Plan now to attend!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT



Wittenberg Lutheran Preschool Program (WLPP) has had a great start into the New Year. January has been a very exciting month at Preschool. On January 25 we celebrated our 100th day of Preschool. The students enjoyed various activities involving the number 100. We would like to thank the church for supporting us throughout the last 100 days.

January's Bible Stories

Abram and Lot Worked Together (Genesis 13:1-12,14-18)

Four Friends Helped (Mark 2:1-12)

A Church Chose Helpers (Acts 6: 1-7)

God Sent Rain (1 Kings 18: 1-2, 41-46; James 5: 17-18)

Jesus Talked with the Woman at the Well (John 4:6-11,19-30,39-42)

Joseph Helped His Family (Genesis 41:46-49,53-57;42:1-8,25-26;43:1-2,15;45:4-8)

January Letters and Words

Y: New Year, yellow, yarn, and yak

S: snow, shapes, 5 senses, and snowman

W: weather, winter, whale, and watermelon

Q: quilt, queen, quarter, question mark

D: dinosaurs, dragons, ducks, delicious doughnuts

Preschool Supplies

The following are supplies the preschool uses daily. If you would like to donate to the preschool please place the items in the big, blue bucket beside the message board. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

- Clorox wipes
- Lysol Spray
- Disposable gloves (Latex Free)
- Styrofoam cups (8.5 oz)
- Napkins
- Construction paper (all colors)

JANUARY STATISTICS

DATE	SCS	WORSHIP
1/1.....	49	116
1/8.....	58	141
1/15.....	77	141
1/22.....	95	168
1/29.....	102	154
YTD Regular Offering.....		19,428.50
Needed		25,701.05
Difference		(6,272.55)
YTD B.F. Offering		5,295.00



WORKDAY

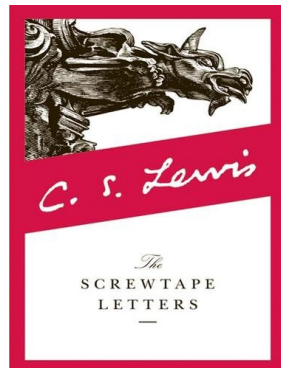
We will have a workday on Saturday, Feb. 11, starting at 9 a.m. We will clean gutters, clean up shrub beds around the parsonage and clean up the cemetery.

Everyone is welcome to give us a helping hand. Bring your work gloves!

Time to Start Reading!

The February Masterworks class will review the C.S. Lewis masterpiece of theology and satire, *The Screwtape Letters*.

Join us on Tuesday, February 21, at 7 p.m. in the commons area – for conversation, coffee and dessert.





The Sherman family gives thanks for all of the Christmas gifts, cards, and goodies. We appreciate your kindness.

Michael, Eli, Abi and Mimi

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Dear Wittenberg Christian Care Committee:

I want to thank each and every one for the birthday gift that was sent to the nursing home. It is good to be remembered.

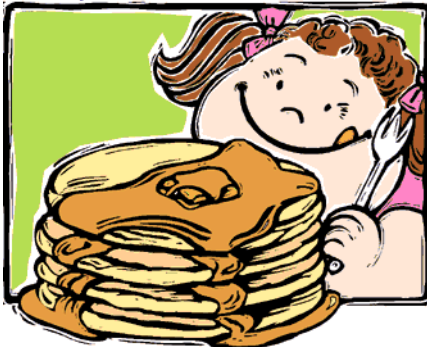
We love you all, each and every one. We miss you all very much.

With love,

Eleanor & Jane Hare

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PANCAKE SUPPER



Don't Miss the
Fat Tuesday

Pancake Supper

February 21

5-7 p.m.

sponsored by

Wittenberg Youth

Wittenberg Lutheran Church Council Minutes

December 11, 2011

PRESENT: Bob W., Bill C., Billy R., Erin T., Cher D., Torry D., Ervin C., Dean R, Rebecca R, Betsy D, Marti B, Robert E, Pastor Sherman, Furman C. (Sec.), Brent S. (Tres.), Connie K. (F. Sec), Jerry Price, Tracy Creech, Scott McNabb, Joann Wells

The meeting was called to order by Bob W at 7:45 p.m., following the annual Council Christmas dinner.

The **November Minutes** were approved. M: Robert E.; 2: Bill C.

An **Election of Officers for 2012** was held with the following results:

Treasurer: Brent Shealy; M: Bill C.; 2: Ervin C.

Financial Sec: Connie K.; M: Erin T.; 2: Robert E.

Secretary: Furman C.; M: Ervin C.; 2: Cher D.

President: Bob Wiley: M: Bill C.; 2: Billy R.

Vice-President; Bill C.; M: Ballot, 7 yes

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike discussed the problems with the copier in the office. The church has a proposal from Carolina business machines to install a new copier. The cost will be \$166.00/month plus \$80.00 maintenance fee plus overage charges (on heavy months, this is about \$20.00). The lease term is 5 years. The new copier will cost the church about \$100.00/month less. The copier will have user codes for other users in the church.

Pastor also distributed Committee assignments. There were some changes after discussion and Pastor will revise and re-distribute.

President's Report: Bob W. announced that he would like for the January 2012 meeting to be a workshop during the afternoon (following lunch) to discuss plans for 2012 in some detail. There will be time for teller training also. Officers and Council members will be installed on Jan 15.

Treasurer's Report: Brent gave a brief report, including the fact that there was a temporary deficit for the Food Pantry, but that has been addressed with additional contributions, and the balance is now at \$1,600.00. He also stated that funds will be transferred to Congaree State Bank as part of the agreement to decrease the loan interest rate. The report was approved. M: Robert E.; 2: Bill C.

Financial Sec. Report: Connie has developed a schedule for tellers. She also reported that 31 T&T sheets have been turned in and pledge cards for general offerings are 23 for \$58,626.00. Pledges for the building fund are 15 for \$22,380.00. The report was approved. M; Ervin C; 2: Robert E.

Other Business: Marti B. asked if e-mail reminders could be sent regarding various duties. Pastor Mike said this will be part of Karen's new duties with expanded hours.

Erin T. distributed a November Pre-School report. One student is behind in payment and might drop out of the program. The report was approved. M: Robert E.; 2: Dean R.

There were requests for use of fellowship hall, as follows: Sept 2, 2012; M: Billy R.; 2: Erin T.; Jan 29, 2012.; M: Ervin C.; 2: Rebecca R.

There will be no First Sunday Lunch in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Furman Cantrell, Secretary

2012 CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Terms expiring 2012: Bob Wiley, Bill Caughman, Billy Rauton, Dean Rodgers

Terms expiring 2013: Marti Burns, Cher Davis, Torry Dickey, Erin Thomas

Terms expiring 2014: Tracy Creech, Scott McNabb, Jarry Price, Joann Wells

2012 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Cemetery Committee: Billy Rauton, Jerry Price, Scott McNabb

Christian Care Committee: Marti Burns

Christian Education Committee: Torry Dickey

Constitutional Revision and Executive Committees: Bob Wiley

Endowment Committee: Bill Caughman, John Leaphart, Sue Ruff

Evangelism Committee: Jerry Price

Mutual Ministry Committee: Rebecca Reed

Parish Life Committee: Dean Rodgers

Preschool Committee: Tracy Creech, Erin Thomas

Property Committee: Billy Rauton, Jerry Price, Scott McNabb

Social Ministry Committee: Joann Wells

Stewardship and Finance Committee: Bob Wiley, Brian Shealy

Strategic Planning Committee: Bill Caughman

Worship and Music Committee: Erin Thomas, Tracy Creech

Youth Ministry Committee: Cher Davis

You Are Invited to the Western Conference Spring Celebration:

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Sunday, April 22, 2012 – Starting at 3 p.m.

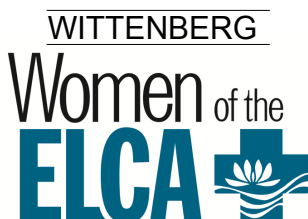
Camp Kinard Outdoor Pavillion

Hot Dogs & Hamburgers served at 5 p.m.

Bring Soft Drinks and Desserts to Share!

Food, Fun & Fellowship for All Ages

The Spring Celebration concludes with prayer no later than 6 p.m.



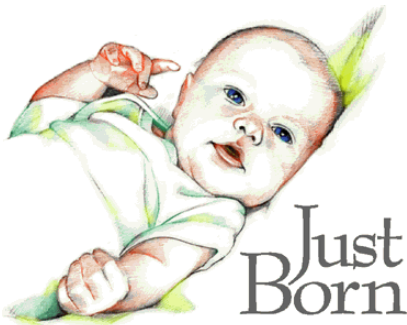
WESTERN CONFERENCE WOMEN OF THE ELCA SPRING MEETING

The Spring Meeting of the Western Conference of the Women of the ELCA will be held on March 18 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Gilbert. Any women interested in attending this meeting contact Connie Kramer at 532-5558. She will be glad to pick you up to go to the meeting. Please put this meeting date on your calendar and plan to attend.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

- ◆ **The Morning Circle** meets Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. Carolyn Price is leader.
- ◆ **Circle V** meets Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. Susie Hendrix is leader.
- ◆ **Circle L** meets Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. Brenda Howard is leader and hostess.
- ◆ **Circle IV** meets Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Tissy Price is leader. Linda Almgren is hostess.
- ◆ **Hannah Circle** meets Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. Rebecca Reed is leader and hostess.

WITHIN THE WITTENBERG FAMILY



Jackson Mitchell Shealy

was born January 19, 2011.
He entered the world at 6 lb. 14 oz. and 20" in length. Brian and Kayce Shealy are proud parents. Kate is very pleased to be big sister. Grandparents are Julia & Brent Shealy, and Otho & Mary Shealy are doting great grandparents.

Shayla Mae Bedenbaugh

was born January 5, 2012. Proud parents are Dennis and Rhonda Bedenbaugh. Grandparents are Rondoll and Violet Watson. Great grandmother is Mavis Price.

We are delighted to welcome both babies to the Wittenberg family.

Congratulations!

Happy Birthday!

- 1- Jessica Rish,
Parker Black
- 2- Fowler Cary, Jr.
- 5- Todd Long
- 6- James Ray Smith,
Aubrey Rodgers
- 8- Robert Frick,
Violet Watson,
Myra Cantrell
- 13- Charles Nichols
- 14- Barbie Rodgers
- 15- Kayce Shealy,
Skyler Guy Frick,
Justin Trotter
- 17- Dawn Bedenbaugh
- 19- Robert Epting,
Chloe Osment
- 20- Anne Shealy
- 21- Wills Swygert,
Crissie Kirby,
Abby Elizabeth Belcher,
Patricia Ayers
- 22- Bob Wiley
- 23- Evetta George,
Bobbie Smith,
Taylor Davis,
Cameron Parker Lovett
- 25- Renee Lovett
- 27- Freida Banks,
Barbara Nivens
- 28- Emily Davis
- 29- Pam Taylor

LET US PRAY

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

MEMBERS:

Marti Burns, Mary Cook, Dorothy Curran, Jim Curran, Myrell Epting, Evetta George, Eleanor and Jane Hare, Ed & Leila Hoover, Mary Alice Hyler, Bucky Johnson, The Kirby Family, Connie Kramer, Ramona Langford, Beth Long, John Mullins, Brady & Sue Nichols, Clyde Oswald, Debbie Reynolds, Sue Ruff, Anne Shealy, Walter Shealy, William K. Shealy, Jennifer Spradley, Wills Swygert, Merlyn Watkins, John Watkins

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

John Bedenbaugh (father of Tracy Bedenbaugh), Judy and Doug Benton, The Family of Laura Black, The Mother of Debbie Black, Wyatt Boatwright (Lexington 1 student), Patrick Burns (nephew of Marti Burns), Ruby Caughman, Jimmy Clark (brother-in-law of Nancy Woodell), Mike Gunter, Audie Jennings (brother-in-law of Wyman & Freida Banks), David Kneece (cousin of Wyman Banks), Scott Long, Donnie & Lynn Moak (friends of Debbie Reynolds), Mike Nichols (son of Brady & Sue Nichols), The Mother of Landis Price, Tobie & Chester Plunkett (in-laws of Debbie Reynolds), The Mother of Emma Shealy, Mildred Shealy (mother of Michael Shealy), Kim Smith (daughter of Libby Carswell), Diane Spradley, Aaron Stewart, Duane Swygert (nephew of Melvin Swygert), Susan Turner (sister of Mike Almgren), Missy Wall (friend of Tracy Creech) and members of our Armed Forces

