

THE WITTENBERG



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*Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

Proverbs 22:6

People of Wittenberg:

One of my earliest recollections of Sunday school was memorizing the Lord's Prayer for Father Sheehen. Father Sheehen was a little fella, but at the time I thought he was a three-hundred pound behemoth. On the day I was to recite the Lord's Prayer with Father Sheehen, I was petrified that I would make a mistake. When the time came to speak, I butchered the prayer. As I waited for the wrath of Sheehen, the elderly priest addressed me in a soft voice. "Michael," he said, "say the prayer in your own words." It was one of those seminal moments that shaped my faith walk. I began to understand that prayer, worship, study and service were components of our relationship with the Almighty, not prerequisites for relationship with the Almighty.

As you approach the end of summer and look ahead to the harvest of fall, take time to evaluate your faith walk. Is your relationship with God a chore or a blessing? How do you model faith for the children who know you by name?

May Our Father in Heaven give you ample bread for the journey.

Peace be with you.

Michael

# SERVING THIS MONTH

## ALTAR FLOWERS

- 8/7- Carl & Mary Cook  
8/14- Otho & Mary Shealy  
8/21- Laura Rikard, Robbin Swygert  
& Heidi Riordan  
8/28- Mr. & Mrs. Walter Shealy

## SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Brent Shealy

## NURSERY— SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 8/7- Chrissy McNabb  
8/14- Paula Miller  
8/21- John Oxner  
8/28- Kayce Shealy

## 2-3 YR. OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 8/7- Catherine Oxner, Myra Cantrell  
8/14- Susan Shealy, Chrissy McNabb  
8/21- Debra McDonald, Joan Caughman  
8/28- Crissie Kirby, Scarlett Summers

## GREETERS

### Narthex:

Dorothy & John Mullins

### Commons Area:

Robert & Wendy Epting

## WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Catherine Oxner

## LAY READER

Catherine Oxner

## ALTAR GUILD

Connie Kramer, Erin Thomas,  
Joann Wells, Sonya Cary,  
Lynne Rauton

## USHERS

Tom Sawyer, Brian Shealy, John Banks,  
Michael Reed, Jerry Price

## NURSERY

### Rhonda Bedenbaugh, Chair

- 8/7- Chrissy & Scott McNabb  
8/14- Erin & Scott Thomas  
8/21- Scarlett & Matthew Summers  
8/28- Jennifer & Chip Spradley

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 8/7- Barbie & Dean Rodgers,  
Freida Banks  
8/14- Toshia Banks, Eric Dickey  
8/21- Brandee & Jeff Quarles,  
Debbie Sawyer  
8/28- Dawn & Tracy Bedenbaugh,  
Rhonda Bedenbaugh

## TELLERS

- 8/7- Dean Rodgers, Rebecca Reed  
8/14- Erin Thomas, Bob Wiley  
8/21- Marti Burns, Bill Caughman  
8/28- Ervin Caughman, Cher Davis

# ORDER OF ST. JOHN

Paula Miller, Advisor

8/7- Acolyte: Marissa Spradley  
Alms Bearer: Brett Spradley  
Crucifer: Ross Shealy

8/14- Acolyte: James Banks  
Alms Bearer: Haven Banks  
Crucifer: Nevin Rodgers

8/21- Acolyte: Matthew Reed  
Alms Bearer: Wills Swygert  
Crucifer: Rachel Creech

8/28- Acolyte: Emma Osment  
Alms Bearer: Emily Miller  
Crucifer: Harlee Miller

## RALLY DAY 2011



August 21 is Rally Day! All members are invited to the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m. to kick off the beginning of a new Sunday school year. There will be activities for members of all ages and a light breakfast. We will be planting seeds and exploring our own "roots" at Wittenberg.

We will also have a "Blessing of the Backpacks." This is a time for our congregation to ask God's blessing upon all students as the school year begins. So remember to bring your backpack to the fellowship hall and get it blessed.

If you are not already attending a Sunday school class, you are encouraged to come and find a class that is right for you. Join us every Sunday as we continue to **grow in faith** at Wittenberg!



Wittenberg welcomed Scarlett Jean Connolly  
to the family of God  
through the sacrament of Holy Baptism  
on July 24, 2011.

We rejoice with Scarlett and her family!

Scarlett was born April 21 to  
Trevor & Samantha Connolly.  
She stays so busy being spoiled  
by grandparents Ricky & Cricket Leaphart  
and great grandfather Jackie Frick.



*Announcing . . .*

# NEW FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR SINGLE ADULTS

In an effort to reach out to those who are unmarried, divorced, separated or widowed and BLESS them with Christian fellowship, we would like to invite singles of all ages to participate in BLESS: Batesburg-Leesville Evangelical Singles Society!

Our first gathering was Saturday, July 23—a small group had a great evening of pizza and bowling in Lexington. We plan to get together every month for fun activities and fellowship (see schedule below). Won't you join us—and bring a friend? If you have questions, please call Tracy Creech at 532-3104.

## **Tentative Schedule:**

August 27 - Ice Cream Social at WLC

September 24 - Bonfire/Hot-dog & Marshmallow Roast at Brodie Pond

October 22 - Progressive Dinner or Costume/Masquerade Party

November 26 - Clemson/Carolina Party

Saturday, December 31 - New Year's Eve Party

## **WITTENBERG STATISTICS AS OF JULY 24**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SCS</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b>
7/03.....	51.....	98
7/10.....	55.....	132
7/17.....	80.....	141
7/24.....	74.....	128
YTD Regular Offering.....		\$127,407.22
Needed.....		160,821.82
Difference.....		(33,414.60)
YTD B.F. Offering.....		44,700.00

## KICS ITINERARY 2011-2012

KICS (Kids in Christ our Savior) is for all kids from four years through fifth grade. Please **always RSVP** so we can be prepared. Also, if you will not be at a meeting, and you are down to bring something, please let us know in advance, so we can have the item covered. **Thanks for your help!**

KICS leaders this year are: Cher Davis (892-6965),  
Paula Miller (532-5014), Marti Burns (604-8608) & Pastor Sherman.

**August 21 – Noon-2:30 p.m.** –Pool Party at the Rautons' home

*We will provide transportation to the pool. Please pick up your child/children from the Rautons' at 2:30 p.m.*

Subs – KICS will provide

Four bags chips – Elle Quarles & Adam Almgren (2 bags each)

Cookies – Aurthor Morales & Wilson Oxner

20 juice boxes/pouches – Mason McInnis

20 juice boxes/pouches – Pierce Kirby

Paper Plates & Napkins – Emily Miller

**September 18 – Noon-2 p.m.** - Visit to Leesville Fire Dept.

*We will have lunch and enjoy a fun trip to the Leesville Fire Department.*

Ham Sandwiches – Matthew, Sara & Suzie Reed

PB&J Sandwiches – Ella Grace Dickey

Four bags chips – Emily Davis

Cookies – James Banks & Cayce McNabb

20 juice boxes/drinks – Brayden Patrick

20 juice boxes/drinks – Emma Osment

Paper plates/Napkins – Brett & Marissa Spradley

**October 16 – Noon-2:30 p.m.** – Hayride/Pumpkin Patch at Camp Kinard

*Bring \$5.00 each. We will eat lunch at the church, and the hayride begins at 1:30 p.m.*

Pizza – KICS will provide

Four bags chips – Emily Miller

Cookies – Wyatt Summers

20 juice boxes/pouches – Emily Davis

20 juice boxes/pouches – Parker Black

**November (Details TBA)**

**December 11 – Noon-2:00 p.m. – Christmas Caroling**

*Bring six items (toiletries, Kleenex, lotions, snack items, etc.) for gift baskets.*

Ham Sandwiches – Parker Black

PB&J Sandwiches – Emily Miller

Three bags chips – James Banks

Cookies – Wyatt Summers

Cupcakes – Matthew & Sara Reed

20 juice boxes/pouches – Emma Osment

20 juice boxes/pouches – Eli, Abi & Mimi Sherman

Paper plates & Napkins – Adam

**January 8, 2012 4-6 p.m. – Skating at Celebrations**

*Bring heavy hors d'oeuvres (finger foods) and a drink to share.*

Plates and cups will be provided.

**February 5 - Noon-2 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.*

**March 4 – Noon-4:30 p.m. –** We will enjoy First Sunday Lunch and a trip to Riverbanks Zoo.

**April 7 – 10 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt**

**May 20 - Noon-2:30 p.m. –** Pool Party at Camp Kinard

*We will provide transportation to the pool. Please pick up your child/children from Camp Kinard at 2:30 p.m.*

Subs – KICS will provide

Four bags chips – Ella Grace & Emily Davis (2 bags each)

Cookies – Matthew, Sara & Suzie Reed

Paper Plates – Cayce McNabb

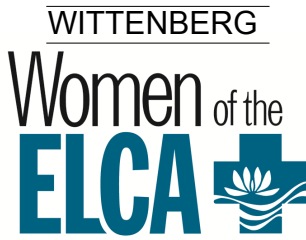
Spoons, & Napkins – Wyatt Summers

20 juice boxes/pouches – Elle Quarles

20 juice boxes/pouches – James, Jayden and Jaycob Banks

*We may need chaperones and help with transportation  
on some of our outings.*

*If you would be willing to help, please let us know.*



## SC WELCA: WHERE OUR OFFERINGS GO

Of the offerings collected in each Congregational Unit (CU), about half is used for local projects, charities and ministries. The balance is sent to the Synodical Organization as Regular Offering. Most of this balance is forwarded on to the Churchwide Organization (Women of the ELCA) for their operation expenses and the rest is used for Synodical expenses as listed in the annual budget.

Of the offerings collected in each Conference, most is used for regional projects, charities and ministries as determined by the conference. The balance is used for conference expenses and scholarships to conventions.

Your Synodical Board supports South Carolina ministries through Benevolence, LTSS Scholarship Fund, Lucinda Pins and convention projects. Fund raisers support

projects of the Churchwide Women of the ELCA, such as Katie's Fund.

Designated Gifts are sent from the Congregational Unit through the Synodical Treasurer for specific ministries of the ELCA and the Women of the ELCA as determined by the CU.

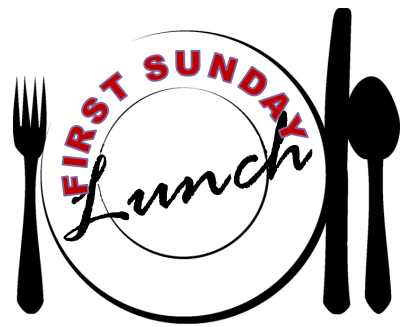
Thank Offering is lifted up as our South Carolina "gratitude offering" to be used only for outreach projects. In keeping with the original intent of supporting global ELCA ministries, our Joy Offering will be directed to the ELCA Good Gifts Program which makes a significant impact on the mission and ministries of our church. Each Congregational Unit is asked to select one or more of the Good Gifts choices and transmit along with the other CU offerings to the Synodical Treasurer. The Synodical

Treasurer will forward the Joy Offering in full to the ELCA Treasury Center for the intended purposes.

Good Gift tribute cards to a friend, pastor, teacher, neighbor or other loved ones announcing your gifts are available at [www.elca.org/goodgiftscards](http://www.elca.org/goodgiftscards). Please refer to the ELCA Good Gifts catalog for complete details of the various gifts and gift cards.

### Circle Meetings:

- ◆ **The Morning Circle** does not meet in August.
- ◆ **Circle V** does not meet in August.
- ◆ **Circle IV** meets for a Salad Potluck at the church on August 15 at 6 p.m.
- ◆ **Circle L** meets August 8 at 7 p.m. Leader and hostess is Debbie Black.
- ◆ **Hannah Circle** meets August 13 at 10 a.m. Cher Davis is leader and hostess.



## Circle L hosts the First Sunday Lunch on August 7.

Proceeds from the meal will go toward the building fund.

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### School Supplies Drive

The Hannah Circle is collecting school supplies this year for local schools. We have boxes located in the narthex and the BBW area for donations. Any supplies are appreciated, with notebook paper and pencils at the top of the list, as these are some of the most needed items.

# Wittenberg Lutheran Church Council Minutes

## June 12, 2011

**Present:** Bob W., Robert E., Billy R., Bill C., Erin T., Torry D., Marty B., Cher D., Betsy S., Rebecca R., Eric D. (guest), Furman C. (Sec.), Connie K. (Fin. Sec.), Pastor Sherman

**Absent:** Ervin C., Dean R., Brent S. (Tres.)

The meeting was called to order by Bob Wiley, President, at 5 p.m. (due to VBS at 6 p.m.).

Pastor Sherman offered a devotion.

The May Minutes were approved. M: Robert E. ; 2: Erin T.

Pastor Sherman presented his report:

1. Confirmation Camp, June 19-25.
2. The congregation will meet at Camp Kinard on June 26 for the 11 a.m. service. There will be a service at 9:30 a.m. at WLC.
3. Two families have requested membership: Jim and Mary Shealy; and Robert and Harriett Householder.

The report was approved. M: Pastor S.; 2: Robert E.

**President's Report:** Bob W. recognized Eric D., Chm of Pre-School Comm. He presented an update, as follows:

1. 5 enrolled, at present, 2 maybe's, 2 wait list
2. Fire Inspector gave a punch list that is being addressed
3. Director has been hired and will start on Aug. 1.
4. Questions were raised about the fence around playground: why the fence was not constructed along hedge row? After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the wire fence was not needed there. Pastor Sherman stated that he sees this as a church issue rather than a town issue. Robert E. asked if guidelines are in place regarding the number of children and adults. Bill C. asked what was the rationale regarding the fence plans.

5. The issue was tabled pending more information.

Bob announced that a person from the Seminary will be at WLC for a special presentation regarding the gift of \$1,000.00 to Seminary on behalf of Pastor Sherman.

**Treasurer's Report:** In Brent's absence, Bob stated that the financial picture is very good per the report given by Brent at the S&F meeting that morning. The report was approved. M: Bill C.; 2: Robert E.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** Connie offered no verbal report. M: Robert E.; 2: Bill C.

**Committee Reports:** Bob W. stated that we need a financial report from each committee/group in WLC each quarter.

**Strategic Planning:** 1. Bill C. stated that the committee met and suggested that at each first Sunday lunch, a brief report be given on a topic or committee activity.

2. The committee wants to address the "missing demographic" group, i.e. the 20-30 something age group.

3. He also stated that WLC needs to develop a "welcome new members" program/activity.

**Evangelism:** Rebecca R. stated that the First Sunday lunch program needs group support/volunteers.

**Christian Care:** Marty B. A meal was taken to Joan Caughman the day before (6/11).

**Other Business:** The Bus situation; Bob W. reported that attempts to develop a rental plan with other B-L churches have not been successful. Robert E. stated that WLC should move forward with plans to acquire a bus. Other discussion followed regarding the cost and size (capacity) of the bus. No conclusion was reached, and the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Furman Cantrell, Secretary

# WITTENBERG FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

## Happy Birthday!

- 2- Liz Mull,  
Katie Black
- 3- Libby Garrett
- 7- Landis Price
- 8- Linda Almgren
- 9- Dean Rodgers
- 10- Jan Barnes,  
Brent Shealy,  
Brian Shealy,  
Marissa Spradley,  
Cayce McNabb
- 11- Betsy Shealy (119 Cottontail  
Lane, Batesburg),  
Tracy Creech,  
Henrietta Gill
- 12- Paula Miller
- 13- Sally Long-Belcher
- 18- Christa McNabb
- 20- Benjy Watson
- 23- Ramona Langford
- 25- Merlyn Watkins,  
Nevin Rodgers
- 28- Ken Amick,  
Elwanda Lorick
- 30- Adam Almgren
- 31- Sydnee Patrick,  
Joann Wells

## Happy Anniversary!

Brian & Kayce Shealy  
8/9/08—3 years

Robert & Wendy Epting  
8/21/82—29 years

Otho & Mary Shealy  
8/25/48—63 years

Fowler & Sandy Cary  
8/30/68—43 years



## *Masterworks Study*

Our Masterworks Study resumes on Tuesday, August 16, at 7 p.m. We are reading "Crossing the Threshold of Hope," available in the office.

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# LET US PRAY

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:**

**MEMBERS:**

Mike Almgren, Marti Burns, Joan Caughman, Carl Cook, Dorothy Curran, Jim Curran, Evetta George, Eleanor and Jane Hare, Ed & Leila Hoover, Bucky Johnson, The Family of W.L. Jones, Dannie Kaiser, The Kirby Family, Ramona Langford, Jeff Long, Suzanne Mann, Brady & Sue Nichols, Debbie Reynolds, The Family of Ralph Riley, The Family of Dot Ruff, Sue Ruff, Anne Shealy, Walter Shealy, William K. Shealy, Bobbie Smith, Jennifer Spradley, Wills Swygert, Merlyn Watkins, Eva Watson, Benjy Watson

**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), Peggy Buzhardt, Ruby Caughman, The Family of Jane Speaks Cochet, The Family of Taylor Cox, 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), 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), Susan Turner (sister of Mike Almgren), The Family of L.G. Whitman, and members of our Armed Forces

