

Springs of Grace Lutheran Church

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Mission Team: Brad Elliott, Barbara Key, Jane Lewis, Kathy Williams

Building Team: Melton Roof- Congregation; Ray Cromer – Council; Bob Williams – Community/Architect/Builder

March 8th, 2015

Introduction to the Day

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.

Commemoration for the Week

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society

Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

Thursday, March 12

Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604

Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings.

Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

THE PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 3/8

8am Council

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Lent 3

Tuesday 3/10

10am Building Team/Architect/Contractors

7pm Mission Team

Wednesday 3/11

6pm Supper – Speaker – Children's Serenity
Blanket

7pm Service

7:45 Choir

Sunday 3/15

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Lent 4 & Water Day Noisy

Offering

PRAYER CONCERNS

We remember in prayer our members:

Gere, MaryEllen and Tom, MaryLou, Susan, Taylor

Members' family and friends:

Joyce R., Jane C., April, Anne Marie T., Kathy C., Allan & Sharon H., Christian A, Jan, Kathy, Sue, Larry, Tom C., Susan Logan, Troy, Judy, Wayne, Karen, Bob Shaw, Spartanburg County Deputies, Linda, Brumhilde, Dan Camp, Ann Lineberger, Eric Schaeffer, Family of Orion H., Park O., Xing, Carley Li, Savage family
Please keep Mary Ellen Wuerfel and her family in your prayers.



JOYS? CONCERNS?

March 1st

Worship Attendance – 51

Offering - \$2,065

Roadmap for the Congregation towards building our new church:

1. *Sketches and Floorplan complete with Finish/Furnish Group working on details.*
2. *Drawings have gone out for bids from 3 contractors. Due March 20th. Meeting with contractors and architect March 10th.*
3. *Deed transfered to SoG from SC Synod*
4. *Survey to subdivide property commenced February 23rd.*
5. *Realtor has estimated comparables to value property.*
6. *Preliminary conversations for funding options with MIF – Jerry Jones spoke March 4th*
7. *Capital Campaign began with Stewardship Key Leader Rev. Nancy Amacher.
Brad Elliott - Chair*

See Springs of Grace Lutheran Church on
FACEBOOK!

See Lutheran Disaster Response Blog for
ministry occurring around the globe.

Serving Idea for Youth : Try to pay attention for the whole church service without getting distracted and see if you notice anything different.

Cluster News:

Mission Trip to the PeeDee Indian Reservation in the works for this summer.

Stewardship Key Leader Meeting

Council engages Rev. Nancy Amacher for our Capital Drive with official dates of March 21-22 – May 2-3.

Prayer Journey: 40 Days of Prayer Cluster emphasis on prayer led here by Barbraann Barraud has begun. At this point the Prayer Group is Barbraann Barraud, Mary Ellen Wuerfel, Kathy

Williams, Nancy Elliott, Jean Barrow and Diane Ablett.

Growing God's Mission

Midweek Lent Offerings to go to SC Synod Growing God's Mission Campaign. This fund supports mission churches in our Synod and ministry in our companion Synods in Tanzania and Japan.

See Sketches of the New Church side view and floor plans!

Finish/Furnish Team Meets

A Team dedicated to finishing's and furnishings met last Tuesday morning to begin taking your comments to implement the details within the church building. All input is welcome. This Team is a sub-committee of the Building Team and will report directly to them their recommendations. Chairperson – Diane Ablett; Secretary – MaryEllen Wuerfel.

Lutheran Men in Mission:

Next LMM Meeting April 9th 6:30pm.

Opportunities for Families to Get Inspired at Lutherock > Summer 2015



Family Camp > June 28-July 4, 2015

Enjoy the fun of summer camp as a family! Make new friends and memories which will last a lifetime. Great for extended family gatherings. Take the time to unplug as a family this summer! This is a faith and adventure-filled family vacation that all generations will enjoy. Adults enjoy a morning Bible study time while the kids have their own Bible study time with our caring counselors. Spend the afternoon enjoying on and off site camp activities like the creek walk, hike to the top of Lutherock's mountain, High Ropes Course, Grandfather Mountain State Park, sliding down a nearby natural rock slide, and so much more! Childcare will be provided on Wednesday night for an adult night out! There is an option to add on an extra night if you want to stay in the mountains for the 4th of July and enjoy local festivities.

FAMILY CAMP

Cost per family unit:

1 Adult and 1 Child	\$545.00
1 Adult and 2 Children	\$620.00
2 Adults and 1 Child	\$720.00
2 Adults and 2 Children	\$795.00

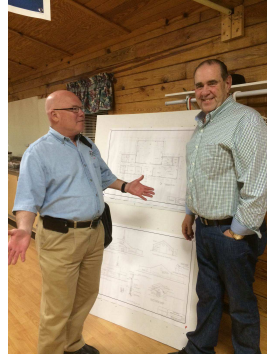
Each additional child is \$75.00 each.

District 1 School Lunch Buddies – Melton, Ron, Bob, Kathy, Susan, Gail

Spiritual Gifts Inventory In Progress

Noisy Offering

Next Sunday we take up a 'Noisy Offering' during the Children's Time for clean water projects in our Companion Synod in Tanzania. Bring your loose change to help.



MIF REP. Jerry Johnson:
"What a Great Plan!"

A great big thanks to Helen Roof for updating the Parish Directory! Your copy is in your box.