

Springs of Grace Lutheran Church

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LMM: Tom Wuerfel – President

Women's Group: Nellie Varner – President

Finish & Furnish Team – Diane Ablett - Chair

May 17th, 2015

Introduction to the Day

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

Commemoration for the Week

Monday, May 18, 2015

Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160

Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

Thursday, May 21

Helena, mother of Constantine, died 330

Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.

Sunday, May 24

Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists

These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.

THE PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 5/17

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Easter 7

Wednesday 5/20 Koooper Group 10am
11am ELCA

12:15 Lunch with Neil Harrison, Bob Beaver and interested leadership

Sunday 5/24

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship 10:30am PENTECOST

PRAYER CONCERNS

We remember in prayer our members:

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Members' family and friends:

Joel, Lou, Nancy O., Family of Dick Turner, Bill Mackie, Millie O., Kim, S., Joshua B., Victor, Yvonne, Payton, Joyce R., Jane C., April, Anne Marie T., Kathy C., Christian A, Sue, Larry, Tom C., Troy, Judy, Wayne, Karen, Bob Shaw, Spartanburg County Deputies, Linda, Brumhilde, Dan Camp, Eric Schaeffer, Park O., Xing, Carley Li, Savage family, Covington family

JOYS? CONCERNS?

May 10th

Worship Attendance – 61

Offering - \$10,209

Roadmap for the Congregation towards building our new church:

1. *Sketches and Floorplan are being revised to fit into our budget of close to \$450,000. All comments welcome. Council approves basic sketch.*
2. *Appraisal of top 7.02 acres is \$420,000. Bottom 4 acres is \$155,000.*
3. *Contract signed with Realtor Lewis White. For sale sign on property.*
4. *Deed transferred to SoG from SC Synod.*
5. *Capital Campaign with Stewardship Key Leader Rev. Nancy Amacher. Brad Elliott – Chair. Our goal was \$150,000 over 3 years. Our First Report was over \$205,000!*
6. *Loan application for MIF sent in.*
7. *Loan application for LMM sent in.*
8. *Follow up commitments in progress.*
9. *Outreach to other churches and individuals who might wish to participate in progress.*
10. *Application and down payment for water hook up approved by Council.*

See Springs of Grace Lutheran Church on FACEBOOK!

See Lutheran Disaster Response Blog for ministry occurring around the globe. "7.8 magnitude earthquake hits Nepal and surrounding countries" (4/25/2015)

Cluster News:

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

Serving Idea for Youth: Tape the note: 'Jesus sends me' on your mirror this week.

Lutheran Men in Mission: Sherriff's Deputy SGT Tony Brown gave us good insight into the current state of scams and identity theft yesterday. Would if they stole our identity as children of God?

SC Synod Assembly: May 28-30

The Assembly is in the Upstate this year. If you are interested in attending see Pastor Outten.

The SC Synod has asked for Upstate volunteers to help run the Assembly. See sign up if you can help.

We have been asked by the Bishop to share with the Assembly our story during a Ministry Moment at 2:50pm, Friday May 29th. Everyone is invited to come witness this moment in the Heritage Room of the Hyatt in Spartanburg.

First Report:

Pledges totaling over \$205,000 get us underway!

Benevolence In a note from Presiding Bishop Eaton and our Bishop Yoos they are thanking us for our benevolence for ministry outside our congregation. The note is posted behind SS table.

Congratulations

Lacey Key's decision for College of Charleston with a merit scholarship and Marine Biology Major.

Hunter Crawley's decision for The Citadel.

Hunter has accepted the Scholar's Scholarship.

She intends to major in Micro-Biology in the Honors Program and will play flute and piccolo in the band.

New Adult Sunday School Class

Today continues *Faith Out Loud* a course designed to uncork Lutheran witness. We have studied the *Book of Faith* principles and *How Lutherans Interpret the Bible* with Mark Allen Powell. Now we get to look at how to share our particular witness out loud.

PENTECOST

Next Sunday is Pentecost. Wear red!

Thank You

A big thank you to the SC Synod for their support today of \$2,500.

Worship with Saint John's Spartanburg

Mark your calendar for our joint service with St John Spartanburg Sunday, May 31 @ 11am.

Welcome

Neil Harrison and Bob Beaver are visiting with us on Wednesday for lunch. Neil is the ELCA representative overseeing our Partnership Grant. Bob Beaver is the SC Synod Director of Evangelical Mission – our advocate in the Synod. We will report (happily) our progress so far.

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