

# Springs of Grace Lutheran Church

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## November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### Introduction to the Day

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

### Commemorations for the Week

Sunday, November 30, 2014

Andrew, Apostle

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

Thursday, December 4

John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749

A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, The Fount of Wisdom, remained influential for centuries.

Saturday, December 6

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342

Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.

Sunday, December 7

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, died around 397

While a governor of northern Italy, Ambrose was elected bishop of Milan on the same day he was baptized. He was a famous preacher, a writer of hymns we still sing today, and helped lead St. Augustine to faith.

## THE PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 11/30

10:30am First Sunday of Advent

Decorate the Church 30<sup>th</sup>-3rd

Wednesday 12/3 6pm Meal ; 7pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 12/4 6:30pm Assembly Planning @ St

John's

Saturday 12/6 Women's Meal

Sunday 12/7 9:30am Sunday School

10:30 Second Sunday of Advent

## PRAYER CONCERNS

We remember in prayer our members:

Gere, Jim, Unice, Linda and her family; Van; MaryEllen and Tom

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Members' family and friends:

Sue, Larry, Tom C., April S., Joe and Tammy L., Susan Logan, Troy, Imbue family, Judy, Wayne, Karen, Bob Shaw, Spartanburg County Deputies, Linda, Rocky T., Brumhilde, MaryButler, friends of MaryAnn D., Dan Camp, Ann Lineberger, Eric Schaeffer, Family of Orion H., Sara I., Millie O., Rolley Dickerson; Park O., Xing, Carley Li

Please keep Mary Ellen Wuerfel and her family in your prayers at the death of her son Michael Cline.

Michael is survived by his wife and daughters and his beloved dog Zeus, his mother, Mary Ellen Wuerfel, Step-father, Tom Wuerfel, His sister Deborah(Mike) Stanko, 1 niece Therese, 2 Nephews, Matthew and James, 1 step-sister, Rebecca Phillips, 2 step-brothers Randy and Richard Wuerfel.

Any donations in his memory may be sent to Springs of Grace Lutheran Church, Building Fund, Box 161000, Boiling Springs, SC 29316 or Cross of Glory Ev. Lutheran Church 10111 W. Jomax Road, Peoria, AZ 85383. (See full obituary on the announcement board)



Altar Flowers to the Glory of God and in honor of Mary Schaeffer' birthday November 29<sup>th</sup>.

## JOYS? CONCERNS?

November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Worship Attendance – 45

Offering - \$2,019

### Financial Peace University

This course teaches a biblically based method of personal and family money management focused on reducing debt and planning your future. John & Sandy Fancher took this course at Joy Lutheran in Moore and say that it has been a blessing. They are willing to co-teach this course to our community this winter. Details and scheduling forthcoming. Ask John and Sandy about it!

### Lutheran Men in Mission First meeting was

November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9am at the church.

We will meet on alternate days and times monthly switching from the second Thursday at 6.30 pm and the third Saturday at 9.30am. Next scheduled meeting will be on December 11 at 6.30pm. This will give everyone at least an opportunity to be at a meeting every two months to accommodate their schedule.

Mission Goals: Helping in the community and our own congregation, Have Quarterly events where church members and the community are invited. First event would be in March 2015. If anyone has a suggestion on speakers or format, please let Tom know. Sharing personal experiences and letting the group know how it has changed their lives.

### A note from the ELCA:

Cecilia,

Please make arrangements to send a \$10,000

December 2014 payment and a \$10,000 January

2015 payment, as the FY 2014 Program 130-135

Partnership Support for Springs of Grace, Boiling

Springs, SC (#030443). Bob Beaver has been

effectively accompanying the ministry this year to

address the On Hold status issues.

In addition to submitting a copy of the executed Redevelopment Covenant, Bob Beaver will accompany the ministry to organize pastor redeveloper and two lay leaders participation in Part 2 of the Missional Leaders Training Conference Redeveloper/Renewal Leaders Training in 2015, as conditions of this FY 2014 Partnership Support. Thanks for your attentiveness! Neil  
GGM Grant for \$5,000 also given to us.

## Welcome back Pastor Jim Milligan TODAY.

### ADVENT MIDWEEK MEAL and SERVICE – Beautiful service planned. Invite everyone you know.

Dear Hobby and Friends at Springs of Grace,  
The 2015 SC Synod Assembly will be held on May 28- 30, 2015 at the Spartanburg Marriott.  
The Initial Leadership Planning Team Meeting for the 2015 SC Synod Assembly will be held on December 4, 2014 at 6:30 pm at St. John's. I look forward to being in Spartanburg with those who would like to be on this Assembly Planning Team. Let me know if you will attend this meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at St. John, Spartanburg (415 Pine Street) and if you would bring 2-5 (or more if you have willing volunteers) members from your congregation to come and be part of this planning team.  
In Christ, Ginny Aebischer

The Kooper Group. No session this week.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Elect Brad Elliott to Worship and Music & John

Fancher to VP

Adopt Continuing Resolution to Form Mission Team

Pass 2015 Budget

Unrestricted Funds

Thanks to Diane Ablett for doing a great job.

New Council Installed on December 7<sup>th</sup>

## Those Who Serve

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

Spiritual Gifts Inventory In Progress

Calls: Thanks to Helen Roof – Parish Register

Grant (Sections E. & F.) and Covenant Accepted



	November 30	December 7
Greeters	Mary Ellen Wuerfel	Mary Lou Saville
Altar Guild	Diane Ablett & Barbraann Barraud	Jane Lewis & Nellie Varner
Pastor	Jim Milligan	Outten
Crucifer	Taylor Crawley	Joseph Outten
Acolyte	Abby Donaldson	Miller Outten
Cantor	Brookley Baker	Brookley Baker
Pianist	Maria Menendez	Maria Menendez
Lector	Gail Hackett	Brad Elliott
Communion Assistant	Mary Lou Saville	Bob Faulks
Ushers	Marion Varner & Richard Barraud	Norm & Jane Lewis
Counters	Ron Crawley & Susan Rinkema	John Fancher & Robert Faulks
Refreshments	Wendi Gowan & Evelyn Swain	Barraud Family