

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

January 18, 2015

Introduction to the Day

All the baptized have a calling in God's world.

God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place.

Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision "the house of God, and ... the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17).

Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

Commemorations for the Week

Sunday, January 18, 2015

Confession of Peter

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

Monday, January 19

Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156

When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him.

Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

Wednesday, January 21

Agnes, martyr, died 304

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

Sunday, January 25

Conversion of Paul

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other

pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

THE PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 1/18

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Second Sunday of Epiphany

Wednesday 1/21

10am Kooper Group

PRAYER CONCERNS

We remember in prayer our members:

Gere, MaryEllen and Tom, MaryLou

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Members' family and friends:

Kathy C., Ray C., Allan & Sharon H., Christian Adams, Jan, Kathy, Sue, Larry, Tom C., Susan Logan, Troy, 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., Park O., Xing, Carley Li, Savage family

Please keep Mary Ellen Wuerfel and her family in your prayers.

Please keep the family of Dave Jordan in your prayers.



JOYS? CONCERNS?

January 11th

Worship Attendance – 50

Offering - \$2,136

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

Spiritual Gifts Inventory In Progress

Lutheran Men in Mission:

Thanks to Lewis', Wuerfels and Abletts for a great breakfast yesterday. LMM to support Companion Synod Missionaries in Tanzania. There are 23 missionaries in Tanzania directing education and evangelism. LMM organizing pancake supper for Shrove Tuesday.

Roadmap for the Congregation towards building our new church:

1. *Building Committee forwards drawings to architect – sketches for congregation ASAP*
2. *Drawings go out for bids from 3 contractors. Expect bids by end of January.*
3. *Deed transfer to SoG from SC Synod*
4. *Survey to subdivide property approved by Council.*
5. *Realtors to advise on property options.*
6. *Preliminary conversations for funding options with MIF*
7. *Capital Campaign to begin tentatively in February. Key Leader meeting occurred January 14th.*

See Springs of Grace Lutheran Church on FACEBOOK!

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

Serving Idea for Youth : Invite a friend to come to church with you this week.

Cluster News:

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

Stewardship Key Leader Meeting The council and Mission Team met with Ozzie Herlong of the SC Synod and Don Hallberg of the ELCA to discuss our Capital Campaign. Names of Stewardship Key Leaders with the ELCA will be sent for us to review. The SC Synod has offered to pay for 50% of the cost of a Stewardship Key Leader for our campaign.

Souper Bowl The church has it's own Souper Bowl collecting soup and other food items and your spare change for our local food pantry – Family Resource Center. Children and Youth will take up and deliver this offering on Sunday February 1st.

Bishop Leadership Days

Occurring across the SC Synod discussing changes going on in churches today. Faith, Pickens will host in our area: Tuesday, March 3rd 6:30 – 8pm. Interest in attending see Pastor Outten.

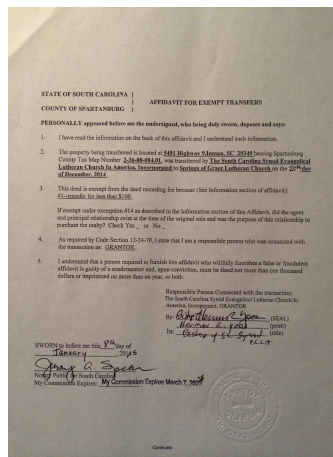
Prayer Journey Cluster emphasis on prayer led hear by Barbraann Barraud beginning in Lent.

Stewardship Symposium At Southern Seminary in Columbia Friday, January 30th 10am-3pm. Keynote: Dr. Mark Allen Powell. See flyer.

Callie Grace Lewis 20.75 inches; 8.12 lbs Born 1-12-15 7:04pm. In the arms of Grandfather Norm Lewis. The symbol of God's love nearby.



Deed This is the Deed transfer of the property on Highway 9 from the SC Synod to Springs of Grace.



New Members Welcome Jean and Brian Barrow next Sunday into membership. Jane and Norm Lewis will sponsor them. We thank God for you and welcome you to this church family.

Notes: