



Grace Notes

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What Is This?

Martin Luther's children asked him "What is this?" all the time. So when he wrote the Small Catechism for parents to teach their children the heart of the faith, he began each section with – What is this? I take my cue from him and have entitled my monthly newsletters *What Is This?*

This month's What Is This? Is me asking myself What Is This... Congregation?

I have enjoyed visiting with many of you and look forward to seeing you all.

It has been instructive to me to have various community leaders present their work to us and to suggest ways we can be helpful.

I am happy to begin teaching an adult Sunday School class on the book of Acts that will prompt ideas for ways we can be in mission today. Confirmation age and older.

I am grateful that Christine and Catherine are teaching the children in during Sunday School in their *One Room Schoolhouse* and for Jim's support and volunteers Wendi, Jane and Gail and (___your name___) for their offer to help. Toddler up to confirmation age.

We're happy to receive into formal membership Tom and Mary Ellen Wuerful, Richard and Barbaann Barraud, Bob and Kathy Williams, my own family, returning charter members and neighbors. This is between 18-21 people

It is exciting to have a discussion with SC Synod Council member John Derrick. He is a soon to be retired architect who can give us ideas to point us in the right direction for getting on our property. He will be visiting us at 3pm on Sunday, April 6.

The next week is Holy Week. Encourage everyone to attend Maundy Thursday service April 17 at 7pm and Good Friday service April 18 at 7pm. The services including Easter on the 20th enact the heart of the faith once a year.

I'm eager to hear from a representative of Newberry College on April 27th before worship and to meet with our other sister churches in our upstate cluster that afternoon to see how we can work together.

I'm looking forward to returning to the SC Synod Assembly this year in May and also my cousin Lib's wedding in Birmingham, AL that same weekend.

Other events in the planning stage include 1st Communion Instruction, Growing God's Mission campaign, monthly fellowship meals, midweek faith discussion sessions, Spiritual Gifts survey, Acolyte & Crucifer training and VBS.

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In our Prayers

Gere, Hazel, Pat, Marion and his family, Catherine O., Bob Faulks, April S., Joe and Tammy L., Susan, Logan, Troy, Hunter V., Val V., Imbue family, Judy, Wayne, Karen, Teresa, Paul O., and those in the current bulletin

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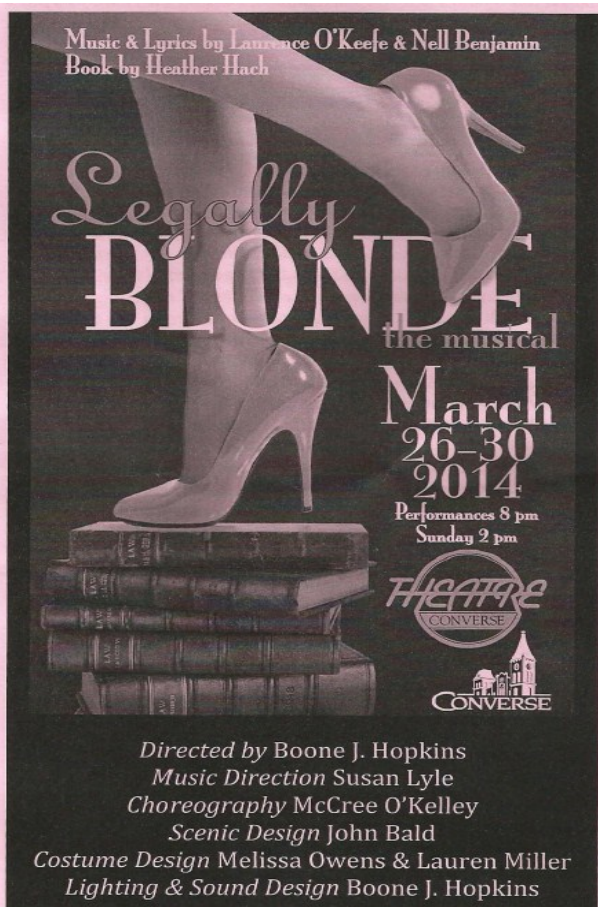
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Women's Fellowship Retreat

The women's group held a retreat at the church on March 22 between 9:00 and 1:00. Breakfast items were brought in by several of the members and Jane Lewis presented A DVD of The Bad Women of the Bible. Everyone had a great time and there was plenty of laughter and great food. Jane has promised to get the next video titled The Really Bad Women of the Bible for their next gathering. Everyone seemed pretty excited about that. The food was plentiful and wonderful. As we all know that Lutheran women can really cook.



Legally Blonde

On Sunday, March 31, 2014 our own Cantor Brookley Baker was the lead Actress at Converse College in the musical Legally Blonde.

The Musical was performed at Wilson auditorium and ran from March 26-30. Members of the church that attended were Melton and Helen Roof, Diane Ablett and Susan Rinkema.

Brookley was cast as Elle Woods and she did a great job. We were so proud of her and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

We can't wait to see her perform in the next play. Great job Brookley we at Springs of Grace are so proud of you. Pastor Outten has requested a copy of the CD so the congregation can also enjoy the play.

Quick Notes

Lenten Meals

... Will continue through April 9th. Please join for these meals, followed by a presentation from a local community leader.

Yard Sale Coming this Spring

If you have items you are willing to donate to the church's yard sale, please bring them to the church and place them in the basement. If you need any assistance getting them to the basement, please see Rich Donaldson or a council member and we will be happy to assist. If there is anything too large for you to haul, please let Rich know and we will do our best to make arrangements to pick it up and bring it to the church.

Holy Week Services

Please join us as we celebrate Holy Week with the following special services. Sunday, April 13 we will celebrate Palm Sunday at the 10:30 am service. A Maundy Thursday will be conducted at 7 pm on Thursday, April 17. On Friday, April 18th we will have a Good Friday service at 7 pm. And finally, we will celebrate Easter Sunday on April 20th at 10:30 am.

Interested in Membership?

If you are interested in joining Springs of Grace as a member of the church, and haven't already been contacted by Pastor Outten, please see him or any other council member to let us know of your interest!

Council Highlights

The church council met on March 13th. Below are highlights from this meeting:

- An article is to be published in the April edition of the Boiling Springs Today magazine featuring Springs of Grace and Pastor Outten
- VBS preparations are beginning, and information should be coming out in late April / Early May.
- Melton Roof has completed an audit of the 2013 financial records and reports that everything appears to be in order.
- Several new members will be joining the congregation in the next few weeks.
- A plan is being discussed to ensure appropriate follow up contact is made with all visitors following a visit to Springs of Grace
- Council agreed to allow a local cub scout group to use the church if a suitable schedule could be worked out between the church and the cub scouts.
- Council will be seeking suggestions from the congregation of a local charity to support with the 2013 Advent and 2014 Lenten donations from the Wednesday services. Please let a council member know if you can suggest a local charity to support.
- February Income totaled \$6,799.26
- February Expenses totaled \$13,495.36
- Checking and Money Market Account Balances total \$70,923.08 as of March 1

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion		1	2 6 PM—Lent Meal 7 PM—Lenten Service	3	4	5
6 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	7 7 PM—Women's Fellowship	8	9 6 PM—Lent Meal 7 PM—Lenten Service	10 7 PM—Church Council.	11	12
13—Palm Sunday 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	14	15	16	17 7 PM—Maunday Thursday Service	18 7 PM—Good Friday Service	19
20—Easter Sunday 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Newberry College Sunday 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 4:00—Cluster Meeting, St. Matthias	28	29	30	1	2	3

Those Who Serve

Date	April 6	April 13 Palm Sunday	April 20 Easter Sunday	April 27	May 4
Refreshments	Evelyn Swain	Diane & Gere Ablett	Crawley Family	Rich & Christine Donaldson	Jane & Norm Lewis
Ushers	Jim Voris & Tom Wuerfel	Marion Varner & Richard Barraud	Melton Roof & Ray Cromer	Larry Cantrell & Bob Faulks	Rich Donaldson & Ron Crawley
Greeter	Jim Voris	Tom & Mary Ellen Wuerfel	Mary Lou Saville	Karl Jones	Kay Otten
Communion Assistant	Ron Crawley	Betty DeBerry	Mary Lou Saville	Melton Roof	Kay Otten
Counters &	Jim Voris & Norm Lewis	Ron Crawley & Rich Donaldson	Mary Lou Saville & Melton Roof	Marion Varner & Rich Donaldson
Altar Guild	Helen & Melton Roof	Jane Lewis & Nellie Varner	Diane Ablett & Mary Ellen Wuerfel	Mary Lou Saville & Betty DeBerry	Diane Ablett & Von Wagoners
Lector	Robert Faulks	Jim Voris	Rich Donaldson	Diane Ablett	Norm Lewis
Acolyte & Crucifier	Joseph & Miller Outten	Robert & Jessie Faulks	Robert & Jessie Faulks	Joseph & Miller Outten	Taylor & Jennifer Crawley

If there is a change or error in this list, please update the copy of this schedule on the Notice Board.

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Bob Faulks, Property Chair

Ron Crawley, Evangelism Chair

Jim Voris, Youth & Education Chair

April Birthdays

4—Patricia Morton

16—Robert Faulks

*17—Marianne
Van Wagoner*

18—Ray Cromer

April Anniversaries

*13—Bob & Connie
Faulks*

*21—Rich & Christine
Donaldson*

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Special Events

Please join us for:

- Lenten Services each Wednesday through March 9 at 7 PM. Light meal at 6 PM before service.
- Maunday Thursday Service, April 17 at 7 PM
- Good Friday Service, April 18 at 7 PM
- Easter Sunday Service, April 20 at 10:30 AM