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## March 2010 Newsletter

During Lent, many Christians traditionally take on a spiritual discipline. This has usually been some type of fasting, like giving up a favorite food or activity. These Lenten disciplines are sacrificial acts, meant to bring us closer to God.

Something that we often overlook as a discipline is giving up our time, so that we can take on something new. For some people, something new might be spending more time at the gym, or beginning a walking program or some other form of exercise. For others, it might be a renewed commitment to Bible study, or daily devotions, or worship attendance. Lent might also be a good time to commit to healthy eating, even beginning a diet.



Some Christians combine these two ideas – both giving up something, such as an unhealthy habit (smoking, eating fried foods), and adding something healthy (diet and/or exercise). We do these things during Lent not just for ourselves, but to strengthen our relationship with God. We journey these forty days, just as the Israelites journeyed for forty years, just as Jesus journeyed toward Jerusalem, and the cross.

Even if our Lenten discipline is of direct benefit to ourselves, we should also remember that its purpose is to strengthen our faith, our relationship with God, and our relationship with one another. If you have not yet chosen a Lenten discipline for yourself, consider adding the Wednesday night worship and study. Join us as we explore Luther's Small Catechism. Use Luther's morning and evening prayers as part of your daily devotions. Ask for a copy of the Lutheran Prayer Book, or Luther's book on prayer to enhance your daily devotions. Give up some time each day for prayer, and see how your faith grows.

Pastor Ray & Pastor Ruth Ann



***Remember to set your clocks AHEAD one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 13, because we spring forward into Daylight Saving Time at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 14. If you forget, you'll walk into church an hour late!***



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# LENTEN CALENDAR

*Greater Lexington Area Ministerial Association sponsors an ecumenical worship at noon on Wednesdays during Lent at First Methodist Church. Lunch is available after worship for \$5.00.*

<b>March 3 through March 24</b>	<b>Midweek Supper &amp; Worship on Wednesdays</b> Join us for a refresher course on Luther's Small Catechism as we discuss the Ten Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>April 2</b>	<b>Good Friday Worship</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>April 3</b>	<b>Children's Easter Egg Hunt</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>April 4</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Sunrise Service Worship	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>

*Offerings from the Midweek Lenten services will support our Congregational Assistance Fund.*

*Council Meeting Minutes*  
Becks Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
January 14, 2010

Present: Tom Garrett, Terry Hedrick, Cathy Blankenship, Laura Aberg, Wanda Beck, Jamie Everhart, Cindy Fletcher, Scott Semonco, David Aldridge, Ron Lamb, Martha Leonard, Alan Myers, Jeannie Harrison

Excused Absences: Jeremy Lovell, Pastor Ray & Pastor Ruth Ann Sipe

President of the Council, Tom Garrett, called the meeting to order and opened with the reading of the letter and prayer from Pastors Ray and Ruth Ann regarding their absence from the meeting.

Minutes: Copies of the minutes were distributed electronically and corrections were made. David Aldridge made the motion to accept the minutes of the December council meeting. Alan Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer and Financial Committee Reports: Holly Dorton gave the report of the General Fund. Tom Garrett gave the report of the Improvement Fund and the Building Fund. See attached reports:

David Aldridge made a motion that we accept Tammy Beck as our new Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Ron Lamb. Alan Hoppensteadt agreed to temporarily fill the position of Finance Chair but only until a replacement can be found.

It was brought to the council's attention that with the resignation of Danny Beck, we need to contact Jim Whitehead to see if he will fill this vacancy since his name was on the original ballot. If Jim declines, then no one will be appointed.

Pastor's report: see attached written report.

President Tom Garrett distributed a copy of report from Doug Kearney, the Reconciliation Facilitator, and asked that we read his report.

Unfinished and Old Business:

Constitution: Jamie Everhart reported that they are about to finalize plans for the changes of the constitution.

Education: no discussion

Stewardship: no discussion

Worship : Wanda reported that Ash Wednesday Service will be February 17 and nothing definite has been set for Lenten week night services. Watch newsletter for more information.

Youth: Laura said they are making plans for ice skating and other activities are in the planning stages.

Jamie Everhart volunteered to provide the devotions each month for our council meetings.

The council retreat will be Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 9:00 in the pastors' class. David Aldridge and Laura Aberg stated they would be out of town and unable to attend.

New Business:

Discussion of Pastoral Call:

Three options were presented to the council for consideration by Tom Garrett. He went over each option and recommended Option #1. After much discussion Tom Garrett relinquished the Chair to Vice President David Aldridge. A motion made by Tom was on the floor that we accept Option#1 and Terry Hedrick seconded the motion. A call for a vote was had and the vote was 11 for and 2 against. Motion carried.

Wanda Beck made the motion that the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Leonard, Council Secretary

**Becks Community  
News**



*Please share with us celebrations, recognitions, accomplishments for the newsletter. These might include such things as honor roll, county or district band, scholarships, sports recognition, milestone birthdays or anniversaries, birth or baptism of grandchildren, or other special events that you would like to share with your faith community. Please have these to the church office by noon on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.*



**Thrivent Financial  
for Lutherans**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

*One or more Thrivent Financial for Lutheran members are needed to serve as our new Congregational Coordinators and help enroll Becks in the new **Thrivent Choice** program. The new Choice program will provide financial benefits for the congregation, but we must be enrolled to receive them. If you are interested in volunteering, or need more information on the program, please contact the church office.*

**Reminder:**

If you are the treasurer for a Sunday School Class, men or women's group, or any other group in the church, please turn in a year-end report for 2009. Forms are available from the church office. This information is needed to help prepare the 2009 Annual Congregational Report.

**Financial Information for January 2010**

*The Congregational Council decided at their recent retreat to publish this information monthly for the information of the entire congregation.*

Average Worship Attendance Last Month:		98
Budget:	Offering Last Month	\$ 10,751.57
	Actual Monthly Expenses	\$ 14,527.42
Building Fund:	Offering Last Month	\$ 4,468.42
	Actual Monthly Expense	\$ 5,963.50
Line of Credit:	Current Balance	\$ 10,311.08



**WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO MY SPECIAL CHURCH FAMILY**

*Thanks to much for all your prayers, visits, and well wishes during my illness. It is wonderful to have a church family like you.*

*Ophelia Walker*

**YOUR EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED**

*We want to thank each of you for your prayers. We also thank you for the cards and the calls. It really meant so much to our family. God bless each of you.*

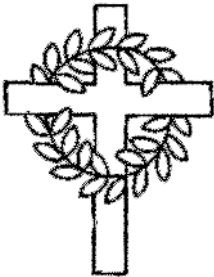
*Love in Christ,  
The Hill Family  
(Roger & Mary Vawter)*

## *Memorials & Honorariums*

*Given to the building fund in memory of Fred Hill by:  
Wanda Beck*

*Given to the budget in memory of Fred Hill by:  
Sylvia Beck,  
Maxine Mull and Tim Mull  
Roger & Mary Vawter  
Velna Vawter*

*Given to the budget in memory of Ed Norton by:  
Roger & Mary Vawter  
Happy Ladies Class*



**We extend our Christian sympathy** to the family and friends of Edward Z. Norton, our church organist. Please pray that they may feel God's comfort and strength during this time of grief. Ed's funeral was held here on Saturday, February 20, with burial following in the church cemetery.

*Even though we mourn,  
may we always trust in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.*

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***Mark your calendars now for Touching Davidson County with Love 2010!***



A prayer service for this event will be held Thursday, April 29 at First Methodist Church, and the workday will be Saturday, May 1.

This month, volunteers will have an opportunity to sign up to work on specific projects. Jamie Everhart will have more information about these projects soon!

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Thanks to everyone for supporting the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 7th! With your help, we were able to provide \$165.32 and 89 staple food items to Crisis Ministry.

Caitlin Aberg, Hannah Frey, Kristina Lamb, Kayla Semonco, Emily Whitehead, and Pastor Ruth Ann attended the North Carolina LYO Convention February 19-21 at Embassy Suites in Greensboro. Ask them about their experiences at this great event! Thanks to Angie Semonco, Vickie Whitehead, and Pastor Ray who provided transportation or attended part of the event with the group.

Our next Youth Group meeting will be Sunday, March 7th following the Girl Scout Sunday reception. We will be discussing future activities, summer camp info, the children's Easter Egg Hunt, and fund-raising ideas.

We plan to meet Wednesday evening, March 31st, to make final preparations for the Easter Egg Hunt. Come for a light supper, fellowship, and a fun project!

World Day of Prayer will be Friday, March 5, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. Becks Reformed Church located on Becks Church Road will be hosting this service.

Would you be interested in putting together some Health Kits? A list of items needed for the kits are listed on the WELCA bulletin board. These kits can be turned in at the Conference Spring Gathering in April. The warehouses were emptied of all health kits after the earthquake in Haiti and this request comes to us from Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Your help is most appreciated.



Mark your calendars now - the WELCA Spring Gathering will be held at Grace Lutheran in Thomasville on Saturday, April 10. Look for more information at circle meetings and on the bulletin board.



### Girl Scout News

#### Sunday, March 7th is Girl Scout Sunday

Leaders and members of the troops that meet here at Becks (Daisy Troop # 41672, Brownie Troop # 40862, Junior Troop # 40061, and Cadette Troop # 41205) will be recognized. Everyone is invited to a cake and punch reception celebrating the troops following worship.



In December 2009, ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson hosted our **first-ever** online Town Hall forum. Thousands of ELCA members across the country watched and participated online in a nationwide conversation about the mission and ministry of this church. What a remarkable opportunity for all of us to engage in conversation with each other and with the presiding bishop!

**You are invited to join the second online Town Hall forum on  
Sunday, March 7, at 5 p.m. EST. at [www.elca.org/townhall](http://www.elca.org/townhall)**

Please plan to join us for this important conversation and invite friends and family to join in too.

***If you are interested in viewing this webcast, but do not have internet access,  
join us in the Office Complex next Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. for a viewing party!  
Please call the church office (249-2056) if you plan to attend..***

#### **UP-COMING EVENTS:**

- 1. It is time to register for Summer Camp!** Brochures are available at church; more information is available on the web site.
- 2. Work Day at Kure Beach Lutheran Center has been changed to Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Lodging is available Friday night - reservations are required. Call 910-458-0783 or email [kurebeach@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:kurebeach@agapekurebeach.org)
- 3. Work Day at Camp Agapé is April 10.**  
Stay overnight Friday, work Saturday. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Staining and painting lodge, spreading woodchips on trail, wood splitting, and many more projects. Must have reservations! Please e-mail [ACEed@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:ACEed@agapekurebeach.org)
- 4. 2nd Annual Spring Golf Outing will be April 26 at Lochmere Club in Cary.**  
Overnight accommodations are available at Camp Agape. Help send a kid to camp!
- 5. Mother – Daughter overnight retreat May 7-8, 2010.**  
Celebrate your relationship with the women in your family. For mothers and daughters of all kinds and all ages. Contact Alissa at [program@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:program@agapekurebeach.org) or call Camp Agapé for details.
- 6. Special Needs:**  
A good used farm tractor with power steering, 25 hp or larger electric or gas golf carts, mini-vans for our traveling day camp teams.



**Contact Camp Agapé: 919-552-9421**  
**Contact Kure Beach office: 910-458-0783**

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**Web site: [www.agapekurebeach.org](http://www.agapekurebeach.org)**



**CONSIDER BECOMING A  
HOSPICE VOLUNTEER  
*March Training Scheduled***

Spread the word to everyone who might be interested in becoming a Hospice Volunteer. The first volunteer training of 2010 will be held Wednesday and Thursday, March 3 and 4, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Hospice Home Care Administrative Building, 200 Hospice Way, Lexington. Volunteer opportunities include fundraising, administrative support, Hinkle Hospice House greeters and patient/family support. Be sure to RSVP to Windy Cole-Hedrick, Volunteer Director, 474-2068.



**Career Crossroads  
April 30th - May 2nd, 2010  
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary**

Are you or is someone you know going through a career crisis? Many people are unhappy in their vocation and aren't sure which steps to take to find work that fits their gifts and mission in life. Career Crossroads is a spiritual retreat that can help with these difficult decisions.

There are brochures for this event available from the church office. For questions, please contact the Region 9 office at 803-461-3203 or email [tpieters@ltss.edu](mailto:tpieters@ltss.edu). The deadline for registrations is April 1st.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

**We receive notices about many other community and church-related events – far too many to publish in the newsletter! Please check out the community bulletin board in the FEB for information about these events, including coupons for a \$5 Sunday lunch buffet at Pizza Hut!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Schedule:</b> <b>8:30 a.m. Breakfast</b> <b>9:15 a.m. Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Worship</b>	<b>1</b> 7:00 p.m. Exercise Group  <i>Pastors' Day Off</i>	<b>2</b> 7:00 p.m. Circle of Love	<b>3</b> 10:30 a.m. Young at Heart 12:00 noon Worship & Lunch @ First UMC 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30 p.m. Handbell Practice 6:30 p.m. Supper 7:15 p.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>World Day of Prayer</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7 3rd Sunday in Lent</b>  <b>Girl Scout Sunday</b> Terry Hedrick Team  12:30 p.m. Youth Group 3:00 p.m. Circle of Faith 5:00 p.m. Online Town Forum	<b>8</b> 7:00 p.m. Exercise Group  <i>Pastors' Day Off</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  12:00 noon Worship & Lunch @ First UMC 4:00 p.m. Worship Board 5:30 p.m. Handbell Practice 6:30 p.m. Supper 7:15 p.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>11</b>  6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Council Supper 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Feed the shelter  
<b>14 4th Sunday in Lent</b>  Robbie Harrison Team  2:00 p.m. Confirmation Class	<b>15</b> 7:00 p.m. Exercise Group  <i>Pastors at First Call</i>	<b>16</b>  <i>Retreat (Camp Agape)</i>	<b>17</b>  12:00 noon Worship & Lunch @ First UMC 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30 p.m. Handbell Practice 6:30 p.m. Supper 7:15 p.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>18</b>  6:30 p.m. Lutheran Men's Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>April Newsletter Information Due</b>
<b>21 5th Sunday in Lent</b>  Bradley Stevens Team  12:15 p.m. Youth Board Mtg	<b>22</b> 7:00 p.m. Exercise Group  <i>Pastors' Day Off</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  12:00 noon Worship & Lunch @ First UMC 5:30 p.m. Handbell Practice 6:30 p.m. Supper 7:15 p.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Palm/Passion Sunday</b>    David Aldridge Team	<b>29</b>  <i>Pastors' Day Off</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  4:45 Youth Group Mtg 5:45 Handbell Practice		<b>WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:</b> <b>Acolyte:</b> Kathryn Jones <b>Greeters:</b> Kathy & Randy Hunt <b>Crucifer:</b> Caitlin Aberg <b>Lector:</b> David Aldridge <b>Prayers:</b> _____ <b>Nursery:</b> Laura Aberg <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Wendi Trexler & _____	