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New Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.,
Wednesday 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. & Friday 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

August 2010 Newsletter

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Romans 12:12

This passage from Romans has been taped to the wall in my office for several months, as a reminder of the kind of people God calls us to be as Christians. We rejoice in hope – hope of the resurrection, hope of tomorrow, hope that in all things God is present and in control. We are to be patient in our suffering – because of that hope. We are to persevere in prayer - because in prayer, God comforts us, guides us, and reminds us that His will – not ours – will be done.

In my last days here at Becks Lutheran Church, I have visited with many of you – by phone, in person, or even by note. It is fair to say that I will miss you and that I wish things might be otherwise. Saying goodbye is never easy; saying goodbye under these circumstances makes it even more difficult. I have learned much during my time here, and have come to know and love the people of Becks Lutheran Church.

As I leave and as this congregation begins to move on to whatever God is calling you to do, I pray that you may hear God's call, reconcile with one another, and be the church that God has called you to be. Pray for me, as I will be praying for you. Know that there are tough times ahead for all of us – for you as you continue the process of reconciliation and begin your search for a new pastor, and for me as I search for employment and try to sell our home.

Synod guidelines make it clear that a pastor leaving a call should not be in contact with the congregation for at least a year, not to visit, not for a funeral, or even for social occasions. While this may be hard to understand, it is always best for the congregation. Know that you are in my prayers, no matter what.

I would like to thank all of you for the reception and gifts in my honor. I especially thank each of you who welcomed and loved and supported Pastor Ruth Ann and me during our time here. We will miss each and every one of you.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Ray

New Office Hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please call Tom Garrett at 746-4281 or 250-5757 anytime if you need assistance.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will have a regular meeting at Lexington Style Trimmings on Wednesday, August 5, at 10:30 a.m.

Food Pantry

THANK YOU for your recent contributions
which helped replenish the Food Pantry.

Donations are always welcome:

Canned foods (especially fruit and vegetables)

Meat items (tuna, chicken, stew, etc.)

Pasta, Rice, Beans

Personal hygiene items

Breakfast items



Congregational Assistance Fund:

Thanks to all of your contributions, we continue to help those in need.

Special Note: The Choir and Handbells will not practice in August.



[Back to School](#)

Back to School Time!

Davidson County and Lexington City Schools will kick off their 2010-2011 school year with Wednesday, August 25, 2010 as the return date for students. Please remember that the first few weeks of school are very exciting for children so always be beware of school buses and children crossing the roads. Please keep all our students and teachers in your daily thoughts and prays.

Memorials & Honorariums

*Given to the Scholarship Fund in Honor of Pastor Ray Sipe by:
Richard & Mittie Cushman*

*Given to the Congregational Assistance Fund by:
Al & Becky Hoppensteadt
Tom & Rebecca Garrett
Pastor Ray Sipe
Barbara Jenkins
Sylvia Beck
Bob Leonard*

*Given to the Budget by:
Bruce Kirk*

*Given to the Budget in Honor of Brighten Briggs Williams by:
Joyce Ann Pacyga*

Help Wanted!!!

Becks Lutheran Church is interviewing for a part-time organist. The applicant should be experienced in playing in a liturgical setting. For a full job description or to apply, please contact Carole Gasque or Wanda Beck

Circle Meeting Dates & Times:

- ❖ **Circle of Faith** –
Sunday, August 1st at 3:00 p.m. in the office complex
- ❖ **Circle of Love** –
Tuesday, August 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Class
- ❖ **Circle of Hope** –
Wednesday, August 11th at 6:30 at Jackie Helton's home.
- ❖ **Executive Committee of the Becks Women of the ELCA** –
Saturday, August 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the Office Complex



BECKS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting

June 10, 2010

Present: Tom Garrett, Wanda Beck, Jim Whitehead, Alan Myers, Terry Hedrick, Ronald Lamb, Cathy Blankenship, Cindy Fletcher, Pastor Ray Sipe, David Aldridge, Jeremy Lovell, Jeannie Harrison and Martha Leonard

Excused Absence: Jamie Everhart Unexcused Absence: Laura Aberg

President of the Council, Tom Garrett, called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Copies of the minutes of the Council meeting held on May 18, 2010 were distributed electronically. Wanda Beck made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2010, Council Meeting. Ronald Lamb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer and Financial Committee Reports: Tammie Beck went over Treasurer's report. Alan Hoppensteadt, Finance Chair, reported that the new computer system is working more efficiently than the outdated system which we had. Copies attached. The council instructed Tammie to apply the \$10,000 which we borrowed from the Endowment Fund to our credit line. This will lower our monthly payment.

Tom Garrett gave the Improvement Fund Report and the Building Fund Report. Copies attached.

Pastors' Report: See attached copy.

Unfinished and Old Business:

Wanda Beck reported that she is working on the refinance of our building loan. She is working with Southern Community Bank and Trust and NewBridge Bank. She will contact Tom Garrett and inform him of developments.

Secretarial Position: We hope to have that position filled by July 19. Tom will talk to both candidates before the next meeting.

Report of Boards: Education – No report Stewardship – No report Youth – No report
Worship –No report

New Business:

Resignation of Scott Semonco - David Aldridge made a motion to not replace his position. Cathy Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jim Whitehead agreed to take over the Building Fund records. At our July meeting the council will discuss what we can do to get our people back to church. With no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alan Myers and seconded by Terry Hedrick.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Leonard, Council Secretary

Financial Information for June 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:		82
Budget:	Offering Last Month	\$ 10,898.50
	Actual Monthly Expenses	\$ 17,579.00
Building Fund:	Offering Last Month	\$ 3,269.10
	Actual Monthly Expense	\$ 6,347.90
Line of Credit:	Current Balance	\$ 23,006.00

Looking Ahead to September – HOMECOMING

Homecoming here at Becks is scheduled for Sunday, September 12, 2010. The congregational council has extended an invitation to The Rev. David K. Huddle to bring us the homecoming message and he has graciously accepted that invitation. We encourage each of you to invite your family and friends and join us here at Becks for worship, lunch and fellowship.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

- **River of Hope lunch** will be August 7th at the Woodlands Center at Camp Agapé arrival 11:30 crafts and activities lunch served 12:30. River of Hope is a club for donors who have given \$100.00 or more to the ministry.
- **Bag Ladies Retreat September 24-26 at Camp Agapé.** Design your own BAG representing how you are “Bless And Gifted”. Join Lou Minges and Amy Ramsey retreat leaders for worship, music, laughter, and reflection. Cost \$145.00.
- **Golf Outing Monday October 4** at Echo Farms in Wilmington. Cost \$75.00. Proceed raised will help the campership fund. This fund is used for campers to attend programs and development new programs.
- **Join us for the first ever Quilt & Folk Art Auction** October 23 at Camp Agapé. The day starts at 9:00 am the auction will begin at 1:00pm.
- **Agapé Fall Work Day is October 30th.** Reservations needs for meals. Come out with a group or your family.
- **7th Annual Hike a Thon & Basket Raffle is November 13th at Camp Agapé.**



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For the children served by LFS Carolinas, going back to school means a lot more than doing homework.

Going Back to School

For Mohamed, going back to school means assurance that his children can get an education without fear.

Mohamed and his wife Fatima arrived from Afghanistan with their six children less than a month ago. In that time they have experienced a whole new world of possibilities, one of which is that their children will finally be provided with the education they have dreamed of. In their home country just going to school was a risk, especially for their four daughters. They never knew if by sending them to school they were sending their children to their deaths. With roadside bombs and shootings that target schools and their students, many parents did not allow their children to attend.

One of the many services the LFS Refugee Resettlement department provides is assistance in school enrollment. LFS works closely with English as a Second Language (ESL) programs in different school districts. ESL programs are tailored to meet the special linguistic, academic and cultural needs of their students and provide the assistance and instruction necessary to allow them to progress through school at a rate similar to their native English speaking peers.

Mohammed and his family were assisted with the completion of the necessary paperwork to enroll each of their six children in school. Each child was given an English Language Proficiency test and enrolled in an appropriate ESL program. With the help of LFS Carolinas, Mohammed and Fatima are able to see their hopes of a better future for their children coming true. Although they dream of someday returning home to Afghanistan they are happy that their children, through getting an education, will be able to look towards a new and brighter future here in the United States.

LSA News

Goins to Chair National Organization

Lutheran Services in America has elected Ted W. Goins, Jr. as chairperson of its Board of Directors. Goins, president and CEO of Salisbury-based Lutheran Services for the Aging, joined the Lutheran Services in America Board in 2008.

Lutheran Services in America is a national alliance of more than 300 health and human service organizations that serve more than six million people – one in 50 Americans each year – and have aggregate annual incomes over \$16.6 billion.

Goins stated, "I am honored and grateful to be part of a group of more than 300 partnering organizations, who together serve some of the most vulnerable members of our society. I hope I can be of some help in advancing that work."

Goins served Lutheran Services for the Aging for 13 years before being named president in 2000. He received his A.B. from Lenoir-Rhyne University, is a licensed nursing home administrator, and a certified nursing assistant. Goins is active in a number of state and national organizations, has served on the N.C. Study Commission on Aging and the N.C. State Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators, and serves on the editorial board of the NC Medical Journal.

Lutheran Services for the Aging and its affiliates offer a broad range of services to older adults across North Carolina including nursing home care, adult day care, assisted and retirement living, geriatric care management, and information and referral services.



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 20th of each month.

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
						
						Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Breakfast 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship
1 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 3:00 p.m. Circle of Faith (Complex)	2 7:00 p.m. Exercise Group	3 7:00 p.m. Circle of Love (Pastor's Classroom)	4 10:30 a.m. Young at Heart (Lex. Style Trimmings)	5	6	7
8 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	9 7:00 p.m. Exercise Group	10	11 6:30 p.m. Circle of Hope (Jackie Helton's home)	12 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting	13	14 9:00 a.m. Executive Committee meeting for Women of the ELCA Feed the shelter
15 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Men at the shelter	16 7:00 p.m. Exercise Group	17 September Newsletter Information Due	18 3:00 p.m. Worship Board	19 6:30 p.m. Lutheran Men's Meeting	20	21
22 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	23 7:00 p.m. Exercise Group	24	25 Davidson County & Lexington City Schools starts!	26	27	28 FEB Reserved
29 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	30 7:00 p.m. Exercise Group	WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: Acolyte: Lucas Alley Lector: Kent Beck Communion Assistant: Maxine Mull Greeters: Doris Allen Crucifer: Caitlin Aberg Prayers: Chris Jenkins Nursery:				