

# THE HERALD

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### **"Anticipation"**

Years ago there was a great commercial on television that, as we watched, we knew exactly what the message was. It was a ketchup commercial. As the commercial runs, we watch as the bottle turns on its side and the ketchup slowly, very slowly, moves towards the opening and then just as slowly drips onto the hamburger or hotdog. All the while the song "Anticipation" is playing. The message was clear – this ketchup (to be left unnamed) is so thick and tastes so good that it was well worth the wait it takes to actually get the ketchup to your food.

With that in mind, you and I and indeed the whole Christian Church live in anticipation throughout Lent and Holy Week. We live in anticipation of Easter and the resurrection of our Lord. It was hard to hear the words that Jesus must die in order for us to live. It was hard to know that Judas would betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. It was hard to listen as the prediction of our Lord that Peter would deny him came true. It was heart breaking to think of Jesus dying on the cross, being removed and placed in the tomb. Those three days of darkness, while Jesus lay dead in the tomb, were almost more than people of faith can stand. Yet through it all we lived in anticipation of the good news that would come on Easter Sunday morning. The news that tells us Jesus is not dead. Jesus is not in the tomb. Jesus is alive, and he is coming to meet his disciples. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

But the truth is that we lived in anticipation. We knew all these things must take place, but that the end result is well worth the wait. For in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, everything evil and everything scary that we face in life is defeated. The penalty for sin and our eternal bondage to it is now defeated. Satan's claim has been stamped invalid. Death is conquered, and we too anticipate a resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ. His defeat of death is our defeat of death. Good news!

We lived in anticipation for seven weeks, just waiting to celebrate and proclaim the resurrection. But now let us ask ourselves the following question: what are we going to do with what we have long anticipated and now enjoy? The answer to this question brings us to the purpose of the Church. The Church's role and our role as Christians is to tell the world about Jesus Christ and make disciples. That is mission one! Everything else we do flows from the successful carrying out of that mission. How will people know about the risen Lord and God's gift of reconciliation if we don't tell them?

I'm often told that being an evangelist is hard. In truth it's not that hard. We are evangelists in two ways: 1) by the lifestyle we live and model. We are to reflect the risen Christ in all we do and say. When people see that we are different, they are attracted to that difference. The difference is Jesus Christ. And 2) we are evangelists as we tell people about Jesus Christ and invite them to come with us to hear the gospel and be a part of the fellowship of all believers. If we know people who have no faith, or who are seeking for a faith, invite them to come with you. Sometimes, simply by being present, the Holy Spirit touches a person and a conversion takes place. But our invitation is essential.

We all live in "anticipation" of something. Anticipation of good things today. Anticipation of good things in the life to come. But one thing we can share today is the joy that comes from the reality that our anticipation through Lent and Holy Week is realized. We have arrived and the good news is proclaimed. Now, let us be present every day and every Sunday to continue to proclaim it to the world, and especially that world where we live.

All week long, every week, I anticipate seeing you praise God in worship. I hope you have the same anticipation every day of your life. I hope you look forward with anticipation to praising God for the gift of a Savior and for the forgiveness of sin. We are a people who live our lives in anticipation. See you Sunday!

In Christ,

*Pastor Butler +*

## Lee-Freyschmidt Circle

Lee-Freyschmidt Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 14th, at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Marianne Albrecht (6429 Come About Way, Awendaw,).

## Tovey Circle

The Tovey Circle will meet on Thursday, May 8th, at 6:30 p.m. in the church parking lot. We will then enjoy dinner together at 82 Queen Street.



## The Ladies Sewing Society

Organized 1825

May 18, 2014



3:45 p.m. — Fellowship with refreshments provided by Martha Ann Galante

4:00 p.m.— Program presented by Martha Ann Galante

Parish Hall ( Second Floor)  
We warmly welcome guests.

### Memorial Gifts were given in loving memory of:

*Gene Burges*

Louie Koester

*Leon Fulmer*

Ron Fulmer and family

*Hugh Jordan, Sr.*

Louie Koester, Frickie and Linda Martschink, Hubert and Joye Shuler, Barbara Tamsberg

*Betty Koester*

Louie Koester

*Pauline (Polly) Califf Martschink*

Wilbur and Diane Smith

### Committee Meetings

May 5	Worship and Music Committee Meeting	6:30 p.m.
May 8	Vestry Officers' Meeting	5:30 p.m.
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May 12	Social Ministry Committee Meeting	6:00 p.m.
May 19	Evangelism Committee Meeting	5:00 a.m.

## Rite of Confirmation

St. John's Lutheran Church will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation on June 1, 2014 for the following young adults: Jaden Andersen, Cille Fancher, Parker Hoffman, Eric Holmi, Ally McDonough, Drayton Siegling, and Jared Snell. These young adults have completed their catechetical instruction and will profess their Christian faith before the church by affirming their baptismal faith and accepting the responsibilities of adult membership within the church. We ask that the congregation pray for these young adults during the weeks ahead as they make their final preparations for confirmation and then in the days ahead as they live out their Christian faith in the world. Congratulations to each of these confirmands.

## New Members

We welcome the following new members to St. John's Lutheran Church and church family. Please make every effort to meet them and introduce yourself to them a number of times as they get to know us. It is much easier for us to learn a few names than it is for them to learn all of our names. Remember them in your prayers and pray for the joy and blessings of this congregation and God's Holy Spirit to be poured out upon them and for their gifts to be joined with ours as we continue to be about the ministry of Jesus Christ. Their addresses are included as well, so you may add them to your directory.

Joining on April 27:

**Steve, Sheila and Jaclyn Trayte**

118 Charleston Street, Summerville, SC 29483  
843-771-0916

Joining on May 4:

**Kelly and Cindy Donahue**

4009 E. Amy Lane, John's Island, SC 29455  
843-559-4986

**John, Helen and Jennifer Gnann**

1516 Pine Island View, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464  
843-323-8403

**Mike and Lynn Johnson**

101 Island Bridge Way, Johns Island, SC 29455  
843-297-4230

**John and Jan Kyle**

124 Beresford Creek Street, Charleston, SC 29492  
864-350-3439



# VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

On Thursday, April 10, 2014, the Vestry met to discuss and conduct the business of the church. The highlights of the Vestry Meeting follow.

- 1) The meeting was called to order and opened with a prayer offered by Pastor Butler.
- 2) The March 2014 Minutes were approved as submitted.
- 3) The March Treasurer's Report was received as information.
- 4) Pastor Butler recommended John and Jan Kyle for membership by affirmation of Baptism. Approved. Pastor also recommended the following catechism students be approved for the Rite of Confirmation: Jaden Andersen, Cille Fancher, Parker Hoffman, Eric Holmi, Ally McDonough, Drayton Siegling, and Jared Snell. Approved.
- 5) The Christian Education Committee reported on the upcoming Easter activities for children, including the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19. Vacation Bible School is being scheduled for August 3- 6, 2014.
- 6) The Finance Committee reported that the new computer for the Treasurer had been received, installed and is working perfectly.
- 7) The Social Ministry Committee reported that first quarter contributions would be made to Homeworks, Charleston Port and Seafarers Society, and Tri-County Family Ministries.
- 8) The Worship and Music Committee recommended a Friendship Concert where the combined choirs of Savannah Children's Choir and the Porter-Gaud Treblemakers would perform on Saturday, May 4, at 4:00 PM. Approved. The Committee also recommended three Summer at St. John's Concerts, one each during June, July and August. Approved. It was noted that the Lenten mid-week services were going well, and the groups providing food had done a superb job.
- 9) The next Vestry Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2014.



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<sup>1</sup> *Commissioners Standard Ordinary Mortality and Disability Tables, 2009*

<sup>2</sup> *Women & Aging Letter, Long-term Care Insurance Revisited, 2009*

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## MUSIC NOTES

What a joy was Easter, as we raised our voices in song to celebrate Christ's Resurrection in our beautifully decorated church!

I hope most of you had a chance to join us for some wonderful services during Holy Week and Easter. The Chorale pulled out all the stops in preparing music for worship, including the thoughtful and warm "Ubi caritas" for Maundy Thursday, the stark and emotional "Watch With Me" for Good Friday, and the joyous "Hallelujah Chorus" for Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday also brought our annual string quartet, which accompanied the Chorale on three pieces and played some wonderful quartet repertoire. The Handbell Choir gave its final performance until the fall, playing possibly our most challenging piece ever, the tour-de-force "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" by Jason Krug. Even our children got in on the act, performing the joyous "Hallelujah." I got to be a proud dad on that one with my son Julian joining the ensemble for the first time!

I would like to thank the Handbell Choir for another wonderful year of ringing! Our group this year was the largest it has ever been during my tenure at St. John's, topping out at 13 members. From our first rehearsal in August to our last performance Easter Sunday, this group of dedicated individuals worked hard, showed fine commitment and great teamwork, and did it all with a smile. Thank you, ringers, for sharing your Wednesday evenings with me to enhance our Sunday worship at St. John's. You are all appreciated and loved!

Two children's choirs will join our 11AM service during May. On May 4, the Savannah Children's Choir, conducted by Ms. Emmy Williams, will sing for us, and on May 18 the Porter-Gaud Treblemakers, conducted by yours truly, will lend us their voices. These two choirs will combine for a free friendship concert for the public at St. John's on Saturday, May 3, at 4PM. I hope you will make plans to attend this wonderful program of talented young voices.

Speaking of concerts, I am very pleased to announce the lineup for the 7th Annual Summer at St. John's Concert Series!

Saturday, June 14 @ 5PM **Tom Noren, classical guitar**

*Local teacher and founder of the Childbloom Guitar Program showcases the beauty of the solo guitar, performing works from both Classical and modern eras.*

Saturday, July 12 @ 5PM **The Charlestons**

*A cappella vocal quartet consisting of Brink Norton, Stephen Spaulding, William Purcell, and Todd Monsell present a program of sacred and secular favorites.*

Saturday, August 16 @ 5PM **La Belle Musique**

*Instrumental ensemble (violins, recorder, cello, harpsichord) performs works from the 17th and 18th century, showcasing works by women composers*

Each concert is free and is followed by a light reception on the portico. I hope to see you there!

With Easter behind us, now is a great time to join the St. John Chorale! This dedicated group of singers rehearses each Wednesday at 5:30 in the Choir Room, and performs weekly at the 11AM service. Beginners are welcome and sight reading is not a prerequisite! Come join us as we raise our voices to the Lord!

In music,

*Todd*

Music Quotation of the Month:

"Life is like music. It must be composed by ear, feeling and instinct, not by rule."

-Samuel Butler

## ***Why Summer Camp 2014?***

Here are a few reasons:

- Activities you cannot do during the school year: Playing outside from morning until night! Catching fireflies, roasting marshmallows,
- Making new friends and hating to say good-bye,
- Silly skits and songs, games galore! Who needs TV?
- Bible stories that come to life: lessons learned by living them,
- New skills and adventures: make a craft or climb a mountain!
- Counselors who model Jesus, always watching, teaching, and caring.
- Providing for faith formation of young people as well as leadership development for the Christian church

Register online for Lutheridge, Lutherock, or Luther Springs at [www.novusway.com](http://www.novusway.com)

Enjoy a week of fun, singing, friendship, and Christian fellowship

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Members of the Vestry serve additionally as managers of the church property each Sunday. This involves making certain the church is secured, locked and armed after services (seven different doors and four different gates) and that the parish building is secured with all doors locked, stoves and oven shut down, bathrooms vacated and all lights turned off. They also take the trash from behind the kitchen out to the street for pickup on Mondays. Let's make certain we help them out by turning out lights when we leave rooms and making certain we don't mistakenly leave a door unlocked that a manager has already locked for the day. And perhaps an occasional "Thank You" for their service would be great..

Our parking lot is rented during the week to local business persons. We have several spaces that are always reserved for church members who are coming to the church for meetings or to volunteer. Please check with Carole to make certain you are in one of those spaces and not a rented space.

There is an old saying that goes something like this: 20% of the people do 80% of the work. This truism seems to be true in most organizations. The other 80%? They may do the remaining 20%. Let's change those numbers and move to the point where 80% of our congregation is actively involved, rather than leaving the bulk of the work to the few. Volunteer for a ministry!

The edge bricks that line our walkway between the church and the parish building are still available for personalization. We are able to have the company come out and personalize these bricks when we have a minimum order of 7 bricks. Do you want to personalize a brick in honor or memory of someone? Let the church office know.

New members were received on both April 27 and May 4? Make sure you introduce yourself and welcome them to St. John's. New members are just like a new member in a family. They need to be nurtured as they grow to know us and become familiar with all we do. Remember: to a new member everything is new, including us!

If you really want to hear the worship service, the sermon, and the choir – the best acoustics occur when a person moves out from underneath the balcony.

# Financial Update

The Finance Committee provides each month an update of the contributions received in the current year as compared to the amount in the budget adopted by the congregation. The following is the budget to actual comparison through March 31, 2014.

Contributions received	\$ 81,918
Contributions per budget	<u>85,535</u>
Receipts over (under) budget	\$ (3,617)

## Congregational Concerns and Prayers

We remember in our prayers: Ed Andersen, John Anderson, Tasha Anderson, Bobby Babson, Lena Doscher, Judy Greer, Nell Jones, Geneva Kahrs, Betty Lemacks, Eleanor Luden, Billie Jean Roble, Ed Rugheimer, Margaret Stephens, Chris Tant, Cele West, all those who are infirm and recovering from illnesses and our members who have experienced losses of loved ones.

### Our Loved Ones Away From Home

We have a prayer list of those members of St. John's and our extended family who are in the military and/or involved in this current military situation. When filling out your blue attendance card, please add the names to it and indicate "military," and we will include your loved ones on our prayer list. Presently included are: Derek Bean, Alex Bedenbaugh, Lt. Joseph Gibbons Clark, Mark Evans, Ryan Hanson, John Lesemann, and Christopher Osgood.



- May 2 Stephanie Dorsey
- May 3 John Foltz  
Kay Williams
- May 5 Fuller Wimberly
- May 6 Sandra Poulnot
- May 7 Bill Lesemann
- May 9 John Haberern, Jr.  
John Lesemann, Jr.  
Robin Pitman  
Gina Snell
- May 10 Cynthia McDonough
- May 12 Eddie Kunkle
- May 13 Doris Motley
- May 16 Ted Soderlund
- May 17 Nancy Hoel  
John Kostanesky
- May 18 Mary Frederick  
Sarah McKeever  
Tradd Siegling  
Amanda Wicker
- May 20 Bob Denny
- May 21 Laurel Dorsey
- May 22 Meredith Luden  
Mark Palasek
- May 23 Jennifer Green
- May 24 Laura Lesemann
- May 25 Earl Dolven
- May 29 Catherine Chase  
McLeod Dalton
- May 30 Penny McKeever