

## St. Thomas Lutheran Church Newsletter

**Date:** January, 2012  
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### *Pastor Hagerty writes...*

As we begin the New Year of 2012, God calls us to remember our Baptism into Christ. This means that we are all part of a Christian Community that is centered on the cross and His death and resurrection. We are all called to die to sin and rise to new life every day.

January 1st falls on a Sunday this year, so we can start the New Year right by worshipping God together in community. The first Sunday of the year finds us still in the church season of Christmas. On the second Sunday of year, we will observe the Baptism of our Lord on January 8th. It is then that we will find ourselves in the church season of Epiphany.

But as I am writing this, it is still late in December. Therefore, I couldn't resist including this photo of our sanctuary on Christmas Day. Notice how the baptismal font is at the center, as well as the cross! Behind the lectern and pulpit paraments are Bibles that are opened. Martin Luther once said that an open Bible looks like a manger and when we look inside, it reveals Christ to us.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for blessing me with your presence and your presents during the Christmas season. I look forward to the new year and having us all grow in our faith in God and in fervent love toward one another as we worship, study, fellowship, and serve the Lord together.

I thank God for all of you and pray that you have a wonderful and holy 2012.

**See you at church!**

*Pastor*



## Church Council Minutes December 11, 2011

**Call Meeting to Order:** Bob Ziemer

**Check Roll:** Alice Lindler, Shirley Petersen, Beth Ervin, Pastor Hagerty, Jeff Stuck, Kurt McCartha, Joe Joy, Lib Derrick, Shirley Gossett, Bob Ziemer, Tony Bernecky, **New Members for 2012:** Carl David Lindler, Cindy Woodham, Gene Gossett, and Ricky Derrick.

**Absent:** Kevin Hite, Mary Bendziewicz

**Devotions:** Lib Derrick read “A Special Place for Santa”

**Reports:**

November 13, 2011 Council Minutes – approved via email.

Treasurer’s Report – written report received and reviewed.

Memorial fund Report – written report received.

Pastor’s Report – written report received and reviewed.

**Announcements:** Shirley Gossett reminded everyone of the Church Christmas Party in the Parish Building on December 17 and asks that everyone pitch in to assist in decorating. Everyone is asked to bring an appetizer to share. Soda and punch will be provided.

**Committee Reports:**

Property: Jeff Stuck reported. Written report received. Discussed an ice maker is needed in the kitchen area. Jeff had a

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

***President***

Bob Ziemer

***Vice President***

Jeff Stuck

***Secretary***

Beth Ervin

***Council Members through 2012***

Tony Bernecky

Kevin Hite

Joe Joy

Bob Ziemer

***Council Members through 2013***

Beth Ervin

Tony Bernecky

Kurt McCartha

Jeff Stuck

***New Council Members through 2014***

Ricky Derrick

Gene Gossett

Carl David Lindler

Cindy Woodham

***Positions to be filled:***

Worship and Music

Youth and Children’s

Ministry

Christian Education

Property

Evangelism

Finance and

Stewardship

Social Ministry

Cemetery

**STAFF**

***Pastor***

The Rev. Larry Hagerty

***Director of Music***

Ginny Lindler

***Organist***

Marie Stoudemire

***Administrative Assistant***

Sharon Dickert

***Sexton***

James Eskew

**LEADERS**

***Treasurer***

Alicia Amick

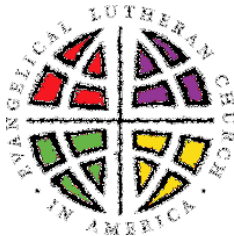
***Recording Treasurer***

Pete Petersen

***Memorial Fund***

***Treasurer***

Anne Shealy



quote from Wessinger Appliance of \$1200 (normally \$2000) with installation costs of \$250. This ice maker will produce 50 lbs of ice. WELCA has also discussed paying for an ice maker but council felt we should go ahead with the purchase of the ice maker to decrease the burden on individuals bringing in ice for events at the church. Council approved purchase. Jeff to proceed with purchase and installation. Discussed the A/C unit supplying the Pastor's office and Sharon's office will need replacing soon...council decided to hold discussion until next meeting in January. Discussed paint color of church doors. Jeff to investigate changing color to red.

**Social Ministry:** Joe Joy reported that GoodWorks is looking for 18 stoves to place in homes. Joe has a quote from Wessinger Appliance to sell stoves at \$320 each for a group price for 18 stoves and will install them for free. Joe suggested that St. Thomas head up this initiative and get area churches to partner with St. Thomas in this endeavor. Council discussed and voted to accept the proposal as Joe Joy suggested. It was also suggested that the remaining funds in our 2011 social ministry and our evangelism budget line items be used to support GOoDWorks in providing appliances. Council approved unanimously.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**Policy and Procedure Manual for New Water System Maintenance:** Jeff reported that Randy Shuler is working on this manual.

#### **New Business:**

**Memorial Fund Transfer:** Pastor reported that due to \$15 service charges on this account would like to transfer Memorial Fund money/account to BB&T. There will only be charges if checks are written but will overall save money. Motion discussed and carried.

**Election of New Officers:** Outgoing council members were allowed to leave. Installation of officers will be at both services on January 8, 2012.

Officers elected as follows:

**President:** Bob Ziemer

**Vice President:** Jeff Stuck

**Secretary:** Beth Ervin

**Keeper of Keys Assignment:** Duties reviewed and written handout given to all members.

Jan: Beth E.; Feb: Joe J.; March: Kurt M; April: Cindy W.; May: Ricky D.; June: Carl David L.; July: Gene G.; Aug: open; Sept: Alice L.; Oct: Tony B.; Nov: Jeff S.; Dec: open.

Pastor Hagerty asked that the housing allowance portion of his pay package remain at \$32,000 for the upcoming year 2012.

This is for his personal income tax purposes only, and does not change the pay package that the congregation approved for the 2012 budget. Council approved.

The meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Ervin



## Music News

*“Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and every where;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!”*

What a birth announcement God sent for Jesus! We found angels singing, wise men seeking, shepherds praising, and a star shining to light the way. And what a beautiful gift we have received! God’s only Son sent to save us all. As the spiritual states, we should “Go” and “tell it on the mountain!” We are told to share the good news of Christ’s birth, the joy of salvation, and to declare what a marvelous and wonderful gift we have been given. As we follow in the magi’s way, let us offer our own talents to our King. Let our deeds be the example of proclaiming His never ending love. Share and declare God’s love and grace as we worship our newborn Savior.

In Christ’s love, Ginny

### NOTE OF THANKS:

Our sincerest thanks to our St. Thomas church family for remembering us at Christmas with your gifts. We are blessed to work with you in Christ’s ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

Wishing you each a Blessed New Year!  
Marie Stoudemire and Ginny Lindler

### Music Notes:

- Children’s Choir will resume on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Our children did a great job, under Dana’s leadership, for the Children’s program! We look forward to singing for the 10:30 worship service again soon!
- Thanks to all who participated in the Christmas Eve service in the many forms of music – from piano, trumpets, handbells and choir... your gifts are truly appreciated. Handbell practice will resume on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. Let Ginny know if you wish to participate!

### KICS (Kids In Christ’s Service)

We had a fantastic time caroling this year at Lowman Home and Generations. Thanks to all who participated and help to spread holiday cheer and best wishes to our older members. **Also, mark your calendar. February 5<sup>th</sup> will be the Souper Bowl of Caring at St. Thomas. Our children will lead the 10:30 a.m. service on this day.** There will be more information in the weekly bulletins as the day approaches. This is always a wonderful way for our children to participate in the service and see what caring for others is all about!

We are happy to share that Dana Bernecky will be leading the KICS group as of January 1, 2012. Ronnie and I have enjoyed our time leading this group over the past 5 years and look forward to Dana’s leadership. Thank you to the many individuals who have supported us in this ministry throughout the years. We appreciate.

See you at church – Ronnie and Ginny

## Middle and High School Youth

*Winter Retreats:* Please mark your calendars for the following SC Synod Winter Retreats:

**Jan 20th-22nd:** “*Jesus Is Our Cornerstone*” for 9th and 10th graders at Camp Kinard. The sign-up deadline is January 6th.

**Feb 17th-19th:** “*Jesus Is Our Missing Peace*” for 11th and 12th graders at the Coastal Retreat Center. The sign-up deadline is January 27th.

**Mar 16th-18th:** “*One Love*” for 7th and 8th graders at Camp Kinard. The sign-up deadline is February 24th

Each weekend will include large and small group activities such as songs, games, devotions, worship, fellowship and more. The cost is \$45 each which includes the program, meals, and lodging. Don't miss out on these great events! Please see Pastor for details.



**The 2011 Christmas Cantata was held on December 11th at 10:30 AM  
It was entitled, “And This Shall Be a Sign.”**

## Pastor's Report to Council

### A) Recent highlights in the life of our congregation during December

- 1) *A Holy Communion Service at Generations of Chapin* took place at 10:45 AM on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2) *The SC Synod's Club 4-5-6* event was held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Irmo from 10 AM to 3 PM. Grace Derrick, Reagan Krell, and Abby Williams represented St. Thomas. Chaperones were Pastor Hagerty and Amber Williams.
- 3) *Sunday School*: We had the children decorate the Christmas tree on December 4<sup>th</sup> and had them make Christmas cookies on December 11<sup>th</sup>. During December, we suspended using our "One Room Sunday School" curriculum and Pastor's confirmation class until January 8<sup>th</sup>. The Adult Class and high school students continued using the Augsburg Adult Bible Series and was taught by Holly Wessinger on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 4) *Advent Meals and Worship Services* were offered on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM (meal) and 6 PM (worship). The theme was "Lost in the Night" and pastor preached on an Advent scripture text related to the theme.
- 5) *The Lutheran Men in Mission* met on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 6) *Our Annual Christmas Cantata* was held on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 AM. This year's cantata was entitled, "And This Shall Be a Sign."
- 7) *Feeding the Homeless at Finlay Park* was done on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM.
- 8) *The Young at Heart* met on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> for a meal and program.
- 9) *Our St. Thomas Christmas Party* was held on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM to 8 PM in our fellowship hall. We thank Shirley Gosset for organizing this event.
- 10) *The Children's Christmas Program* was held on December 18<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour. We thank Dana Bernecky for leading the children and youth. It was entitled, "The Twases of Christmas."
- 11) *The Baptism of Abigail Morgan Bickley* took place on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at our late service.
- 12) *Our KICS Christmas Caroling* was held on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the Heritage at Lowman and on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM at Generations of Chapin. The Christmas Cantata was also performed at Generations at 6:30 pm on December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 14) *A Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service* was held at Generations at 10:45 AM on December 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 15) *Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service* was held at 8 PM on December 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 16) *On Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*, we had one service at 10 AM.

## B) Upcoming events in January

- 1) *The Lutheran Men in Mission* will meet on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.
- 2) *A Holy Communion Service at Generations of Chapin* will take place on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 AM.
- 3) *Installation of Church Council Members* will take place on January 8<sup>th</sup> at each service.
- 4) *Feeding the Homeless at Finlay Park* will be done again on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the church at 12:20 PM and serve from 1 PM to 2 PM.
- 5) *The Young at Heart* met on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> for a meal and program.
- 6) *Children's Choir Practice* will resume its regular schedule at 10 AM on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 7) *Handbell Practice* will resume its regular schedule at 10 AM on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 8) *Acolyte and Crucifer Training* will be held Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> after the late service.



**Grace** enjoyed the SC Synod's Club 4-5-6 Event on December 3rd and made a new friend in LCY President Lindsey Patton. Abby, Reagan, Amber, and Pastor had fun, too!

## **A Message from our Church Council President**

A very special greeting to one and all!!!!

As I always have done in the past as we exit this special time of the year, I try to reflect on the events of my life and to give special thanks for my many blessings. But I also like to reflect for a moment or two on those things that I have experienced or done that I am not so proud of having done. This helps me to maintain a little humility and also gives me an opportunity to relearn from my mistakes so that I will not repeat them in the future.

As a youth, I grew up as a member of the Presbyterian Church, than became a Methodist when I married Marian, and with my move to Chapin to become Gloria's husband, I joined St. Thomas so that she and I could be united both in spirit and our religious beliefs.

This year as I was thinking about the past events of my life, a recent conversation that I had with a member of our congregation channeled my thoughts in another direction – away from me as an individual and towards us all – the Congregation of St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Chapin.

Now I must admit that as a “newbie” in this Congregation, about all that I know about the past events of St. Thomas has been mostly hearsay. So I can't dwell on them except to understand them from every prospective possible.

But having been a member of and having served in many congregations during my life, I can reflect on our blessings – both yours and mine. As I mentioned, this particular conversation focused my thoughts on an awareness of a blessing that I guess that I (and I believe all of us) have come to expect without any thoughts.

And that blessing? It is the many, many, many hours that are volunteered by everyone within our Congregation to make this truly a remarkable place to worship our Lord and God.

At first as I considered writing this message, I was going to name individuals to whom we ought to give our thanks. But as I started to make a list, I suddenly realized that

even if I tried, it would be impossible to name you all. Because I suddenly realized that everyone in our Congregation volunteers time and efforts in some manner to the success of this Congregation – whether it singing in the Choir; preparing the Chancel and Sanctuary for worship; ushering; teaching in Sunday School; working with our youth during VBS or KICS; visiting a shut-in, a sick person, or a senior citizen at Generations or the Heritage; serving on committees; participating in LMM or WELCA; and the list of volunteer tasks just kept expanding and expanding.

I will try to thank you all personally, but if I miss you, please know that while I can't personally thank each and every one of you, I do want to acknowledge you and say THANK YOU for all that you have done and continue to do for St. Thomas.

And do me a favor as well. Next time you meet a fellow member, thank them as well for all of the volunteer work that they do to make this a truly remarkable place to worship.

THANKS FOR THE GREAT JOB THAT YOU DO!!!!

Bob Ziemer  
President – Church Council

## **Time and Talent Sheets for 2012**

Please see the insert for volunteering your Time and Talents for the new year of 2012. Please prayerfully consider how God has blessed you and how you can help God's Mission through our congregation here at Saint Thomas. Thanks! ~ Pastor Hagerty

## **New Church Calendar for 2012**

The new church calendar is now posted in the Parish building hall across from the church office. Please be sure to put all events and activities on this calendar as it is the "official" calendar we go by.

## **Special Events Calendar for 2012**

***January 8th:*** Baptism of Our Lord

***February 5th:*** Souper Bowl of Caring / KICS Sunday

***February 21st:*** Mardi Gras / Fat Tuesday celebration

***February 22nd:*** Ash Wednesday Service

***April 1st:*** Palm / Passion Sunday

***April 5th:*** Maundy Thursday Worship

***April 6th:*** Good Friday Tennebrae Service

***April 8th:*** Easter Sunday

***April 21st:*** Operation INASMUCH community service event

***May 27th:*** Pentecost / Confirmation

***June 4th-8th:*** Lutheridge Day Camp at Bethel Lutheran Church  
for current K-5th graders

***June 17th-23rd:*** Confirmation camp at Lutheridge  
for current 7th and 8th graders.

***July 8th-13th:*** Win Our World Mission Trip, Knoxville, TN  
for current 6th-12th graders

***July 15th-19th:*** Vacation Bible School

***August 2nd-5th:*** Beach Retreat at Coastal Retreat Center, Isle of Palms,  
for all ages

***September 23rd:*** Homecoming

***October 28th:*** Reformation Sunday

***November 4th:*** All Saints Sunday

***December 24th:*** Christmas Eve

## Social Ministry

### *GoodWorks:*

- We have kicked-off an appliance fund drive for We Care, who will be providing over 40 appliances for the needy in Chapin and the surrounding community in 2012. These appliances are ordered as the projects need them, given that the sizes may vary.
- We are also planning to work with GoodWorks to help a person in our surrounding community in need of home repair. Please call Jeff Stuck at 816-4162, if you are interested in volunteering. More details to follow.

*Feeding the homeless:* Our next date for this ministry will take place **Sunday, January 8th.**

We will leave the church **at 12:20 PM.** If you would like to help, bring food to the church and / or come down to Finlay Park with us to serve. Call Shirley Gossett or Pastor if you have any questions. We have moved it to the second Sunday of the month, because there is a greater need than the first Sunday of the month.

## **Financial Update: A Measure of our Faithfulness (as of 12/25/2011)**

Average YTD worship attendance = 122

Current Fund Offering Information:

2011 budgeted income (12 months x \$ 20,564 need per month)	\$ 246,771
2011 actual income (12 months x \$ 18,702 average per month)	\$ 224,432
2011 budget income deficit after 12 months	\$ <b>22,339</b>

We had \$ 22,701 in current fund offerings for the month of December through Sunday December 25th. Our overall 2011 budget deficit (not counting additional offerings that may come in prior to December 31st) stands at \$ 22,339. Thus, we have reached 91 percent of our budgeted income. Considering the economy, the giving has been faithful. We have been blessed with savings that have tided us through these rainy days. We also expect to come in under budget with our expenditures.

The official treasurer's report will be available for our first council meeting in 2012. This will include our actual expenses for 2011. We will have a 2011 financial summary in the bulletin for January 15th. As always, we thank all of you for your generous tithes and offerings to help support the ministry here at St. Thomas. Please note that your 2012 offering envelopes are located in the cry room adjacent to the narthex. God's peace!

~ In Christ, Pastor Hagerty



- 5 Alison Amick  
Cory Campitella  
Kim Starnes
- 6 Samuel Bendziewicz
- 8 Nell Dreher
- 10 Sidney Gnann (102)  
Sharon Lindler
- 12 Dena Fredrick
- 13 Carson Woodham  
Cooper Woodham
- 14 Alicia Amick  
Terri Bickley  
Katherine Lindler

- 15 Brooks Bickley  
Barbara Sweatman
- 18 Franklin Monts
- 19 Lee Lindler
- 21 Chantz Monts
- 24 Susie Gardner
- 25 Rita Derrick  
Jennings Wessinger
- 26 Kurt McCartha
- 27 Salley Slice
- 28 Melverta Sandel
- 29 Ryan Starnes
- 30 Karla Kilpatrick
- 31 Ellen Rabon

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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|---------------|--------------------------|
| Jan. 13, 2007 | Kevin & Rebecca Sproles  |
| Jan. 15, 1966 | David & Shirley Freeman  |
| Jan. 15, 1983 | Robert & Patricia Cullum |
| Jan. 16, 1953 | James & Edith Wessinger  |
| Jan. 23, 1993 | Kurt & Rhonda McCartha   |
| Jan. 28, 1961 | Rothell & Nell Derrick   |

## IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE FOR JANUARY

Date	Flowers	Greeter	Nursery	Lay Reader	Acolytes	Crucifer/Torch/ Banner
1	Richard Lindler	Shirley Petersen	Robin Bello & Logan McCartha	Gloria Ziemer	Thomas Ervin & Harrison Bedenbaugh	
8	open	Shirley Petersen	Robin Bello & Beth Ervin	Fred Falls	Kyle Bernecky & Adam Bedenbaugh	Cameron Stuck
15	Gaspar & Sarah Ragusa	Shirley Petersen	Robin Bello & Rhonda McCartha	Shirley Gossett	Jessica Rennhack & Logan McCartha	
22	open	Shirley Petersen	Robin Bello & Shirley Petersen	Susan Waites	Cameron Stuck & Mathew Rankin	
29	open	Shirley Petersen	Robin Bello & Betty Rowland	Margaret Brasington	Zachary Lindler & Tyler McCartha	

**Ushers:** Ray Seay-Captain, Norman Wilson, Alicia Amick, Anne Orange

**Keeper of the Keys and Offering Courier:**

**Altar Guild:** Betty Koon, Lee Lindler, Edith Wessinger, Roger & Tricia Edwards

**Funeral Crucifers:** Harrison Bedenbaugh, Ray Seay, Bill Shipley

The new flower chart is posted on the door of the Cry Room. Please sign up if you would like to reserve a date to put flowers in the church.

**Heifer gifts** are valuable and reap continuing rewards for the receivers. They do not need to be returned for size and they can be given year around for birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, new babies and thank yous!



**HEIFER**  
INTERNATIONAL

**PASS**  
ON THE  
**GIFT**

\$20 will provide chickens for a struggling family who can boost their immune systems by eating the nutritious eggs.

\$60 will provide a trio of rabbits which can rapidly increase income for a family from the sale of fur, wool or manure.

\$120 provides a goat that can gift several quarts of nutritious milk a day and 2 or 3 kids a year .

\$500 will provide a heifer that can give a family milk, manure, money and motivation.

Happy New Year, resolve to make renewing gifts to those you love and continuing gifts to those in need of a better life in 2012 and beyond!

~Lib Derrick

PS...If you can't give such big gifts-put change in the arks or "ark boxes" or give smaller amounts to add to other's gifts.

***Tuesday, January 10th at 11:30 a.m.***

**Devotions & Blessing: Bill Sandel**

**Hosts & Hostess: Roger & Trish Edwards**

**& Earline Derrick**

**Program: White Elephant**



***Food Assignments:***

**A-G Dessert or Miscellaneous**

**H-P Meat or Meat Casserole**

**Q-Z Vegetable or Salad**

**Please join us for a great time of food, fun, and fellowship!!**

**Remember...ANYONE who's "young at heart" is invited!**

## LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

**Lutheran Men in Mission:** We will meet *Wednesday, January 4th at 6 PM* for our regular share-a-meal meeting. All men are invited and encouraged to come be a part of the LMM of St. Thomas.

## WELCA NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

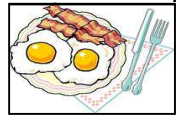
Happy New Years from WELCA.

We took the month of December off but will be back together on January 23rd at 7pm. At this meeting will be making plans for the upcoming year.

Please join us for a devotion and hear about the services that we provide for our church and community. All of the St. Thomas ladies are welcome.

## FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Fellowship Breakfast meets *on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. at Lizard's Thicket in Irmo*. Everyone is invited to come share in this Dutch Treat time of good food and fellowship. Please notify Lee Lindler of your plans so she can make reservations. We hope to see you there!



**F.Y.I.** The History CD of St. Thomas is available as a gift to anyone who would like a copy. Please let Sharon or Melverta know if you would like a copy. The CD takes about a minute to load on a computer. Instead of a slide show, the slides can be advanced with the advance arrow, one slide at a time, thereby giving as much time as needed for viewing each slide.

## WE CARE NEEDS

Please bring your donations to the church and place in the We Care box in the Fellowship Hall, and they will be delivered to We Care.



## MEMORIALS



*Given in loving memory of...*

**Harold Wessinger**, by George & Maria Lindler, James F. & Edith Wessinger, Ronnie & Ginny Lindler, Larry & Linda Metts, Harold & Carrie Bickley,

**Charles Wessinger**, by Harold & Carrie Bickley, Ronnie & Ginny Lindler

**Faye Monts**, by Larry & Linda Metts, Carolyn Frick & Family, George & Maria Lindler, Family's Friends at Todd & Moore, Inc., Chapin High School Class of 1969 (Larry Monts class)

**Herman & Faye Monts**, by Frank Monts

**Loyd & Emma Monts**, by Frank Monts

**Annie & Forest Bickley, Carol R, Bud & Bruce Bickley**, by Carolyn Frick & Family

**Katherine Koon**, by Ronnie & Ginny Lindler, Larry & Linda Metts

**Julia Bouknight**, by Mary Joyce Shealy, Richard Lindler, Pete & Shirley Petersen, Mac & Barbara McCaslin, Dorothy Lindler, George & Maria Lindler, Larry & Linda Metts, Ronnie & Ginny Lindler, Erika E. Shannon, A.L. Lindler, Francis Shealy, James F. & Edith Wessinger, Howard, Anita & Nathan Lindler, Bobby & Patty Eleazer

**Verona West**, by Tommy & Ruby Slice

**Kyle Sandel**, by Dan & Marie Sandel



Dear Pastor Hagerty,

Please know how much Sistercare appreciates the generous contribution of \$1,000 from St. Thomas Lutheran Church in support of our work.

This thoughtful gift will help Sistercare address the needs of battered women and their children who seek shelter and services to escape the abuse in their lives. Your ongoing support places us in a better position to counteract the effect of domestic violence on victims' lives and break the cycle of family violence.

Thank you for your church's continued support of Sistercare and concern for battered women and their children.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Barton, Executive Director

Dear St. Thomas Friends, Thank you so very much for the Christmas gift you gave me. It was so thoughtful of you to remember me and I am humbled by your continued love and support of me. These past 12 years of being with you have been some of the happiest of my life and I think of you as my "Family". My God continue to bless this dear church and each one of you as we serve Him together.

With much love and affection, Sharon Dickert

Dear St. Thomas Church,

Thank you so much for the generous gift donated for the purchase of my new wheel chair. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. May God bless and keep each on of you. Thanks again for remembering me in such a special way.

Sincerely, Billy Byrd



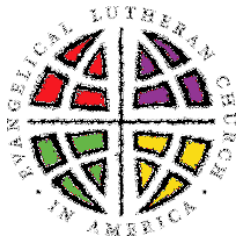
We would like our prayer list to stay current. If you have a name which you would like to continue to have listed, please indicate by filling out a pew card or by calling the church office. Names will then remain on the prayer list for four weeks, unless we are notified to extend the time.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ STLC, Staff, Pastor &amp; Family</li> <li>◦ SC Synod, Bishop, Staff &amp; their families</li> <li>◦ Bryan Lindler (deployed to Afghanistan, August 8th)</li> <li>◦ James Robert Lindler (deployed to Afghanistan, September 25th)</li> <li>◦ Steve Frick (Guillain-Barre syndrome / major paralysis / physical therapy at Health South / Alice Lindler's cousin)</li> <li>◦ Jane Branch (friend of Cindy Woodham / surgery on broken arm)</li> <li>◦ Carrie Bickley (Heritage at Lowman Bethany Building)</li> <li>◦ Marian Campitella (Mark's</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>mother / complications following hip surgery)</li> <li>◦ Melissa Harvey (friend of Cindy Woodham / biopsy for 3rd time cancer)</li> <li>◦ Nell Seay (Hospice care at home)</li> <li>◦ Bill Parker (brother-in-law of Bob Ziemer / general declining health)</li> <li>◦ Jessica Templeton (Pastor's niece who is expecting her first child in April of 2012; the ultrasound of the baby indicates heart problems)</li> <li>◦ Jennings Wessinger (leukemia / recovery from hospitalization at home)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Pam Dowley (cancer/cousin of Robin Shuler)</li> <li>◦ Violet Amick (declining health / hospice care at Generations)</li> <li>◦ Clara Bickley (recovery from knee replacement surgery / Baptist Hospital rehab)</li> <li>◦ Donnie Slice (cancer in the mouth / upcoming treatment with radiation and chemotherapy)</li> <li>◦ Sydney Gnann (recovery from fall on December 13th)</li> <li>◦ Grace Creech (Transition to Generations of Chapin)</li> <li>◦ Phyllis King (cancer treatments / owner of Groomin' Room)</li> </ul> |
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