

Springs of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)

A Congregation Serving the South Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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A message from our President:

I would like to thank John Fancher for his past 28 months of leadership as the Council President. Springs of Grace has certainly had its challenges, and I thank John for his leadership during this time in the life of Springs of Grace.

--- With deepest gratitude, Gere Ablett.

[I believe the congregation definitely and gratefully seconds your thanks, Gere! – Ed.]

Wednesday spirituality and prayer support group, our "**Link Between Sundays,**" will meet at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 22nd, at the atrium at Rose-Crest. Everyone is encouraged to attend for study and discussion of the Books of Matthew and Acts. (Don't forget to bring your Bibles.)



It has been suggested that our monthly WELCA meetings be held at members' homes instead of at St. Margaret's. Our meeting last month was quite crowded in the church office and it was quite chilly in the connector. If you have any thoughts on this suggestion, please call Wendi at 578-2221 or Evelyn at 473-0753. Our next meeting will be on March 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Our **Adult Sunday School** class meets outside the Pastor's office in the connector. We will have our refreshments during that time and at that place. **WE ARE IN NEED OF SOMEONE TO MAKE THE COFFEE** and provide refreshments. Will you volunteer? Instructions are available!

Tuesday, February 28th, St. John's Lutheran Church will be hosting the **Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. Starting at 6:00 p.m., the meal consists of pancakes, bacon, syrup (regular and Lite), orange juice, hot coffee or ice tea. The cost is \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children 12 years and under. Families of any size can eat for the not to exceed price of \$12.00. Tickets will be available at the door. A program featuring master of ceremonies Don Frank will begin after the meal (approximately 6:50 p.m.). Each participating church (St. John's, Holy Communion, Joy, Springs of Grace) is responsible for a 15 minute portion of the program. We will be offering the raised voices of a barber-shop quartet named Collage for our portion of the program. Please make plans to attend the Supper and show your support for our congregation, as well as share in an evening of fellowship with our sister congregations.



All council members are asked to volunteer their services for the **Pancake Supper**, whether it be helping to set up (begins at 4:30 p.m.) or clean up. St. John's members will handle the kitchen duties as they are the most familiar with their facilities.

Kid Humor: A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

**The future site of Springs of Grace is located at 5491 Highway 9.
Just past the new schools where Holden Drive and Highway 9 intersect
Pray for the vision to Fashion the Future Together in Christ As We Live Together in God's Amazing Grace.**

Please remember to keep St. Margaret's and Springs of Grace in your prayers and also Father Alan and Pastor Nelsen. Especially remember our military forces around the world and, also, all those whose names are not known to us at this time. Remember Amy Dunlavy as she awaits the birth of her second son in the next couple of weeks.



Our **2006 Flower Calendar** no longer has many empty spaces. Thank you for filling so many dates! Giving the gift of flowers really enhances our Sunday service. The flower calendar is outside our Pastor's office. Simply sign your name and place \$17.00 in the offering plate. (We apologize for not inserting the givers' names and occasions for remembrance the last two weeks. We will correct this omission next week.)

February 12, 2006	
ATTENDANCE - 28	
OFFERING -	
Budget Fund -	\$ 970.00
Flowers -	17.00
TOTAL	\$ 987.00

SECOND REQUEST. HELP IS NEEDED! WOULD YOU AND YOUR FAMILY LIKE TO HELP? Now that our fine looking sign has been installed we need to have YOU put a message on it! You can pick up the letters at the church and you are encouraged to create your own inspirational, inviting, creative message on it. For further information, please contact Evelyn at 473-0753. Thank you for prayerfully considering this outreach for Springs of Grace.

The famous **Pancake Race** at Olney in Buckinghamshire, England has been held since 1445. Many towns throughout England held traditional Shrove Tuesday soccer ('Mob Football') games dating as far back as the 12th century. The practice mostly died out with the passing of the 1835 Highways Act, which banned the playing of soccer on public highways, but a number of towns have managed to maintain the tradition to the present day.

A REMINDER TO EVERYONE: (I KNOW THAT THE 8:30 A.M. SERVICE IS DIFFICULT FOR EVERYONE); HOWEVER, in order for each of us to receive a full hour of worship, beginning immediately, the announcements for Springs of Grace will begin at 8:25 a.m. If there are any announcements that ANYONE would like to have made at that time, please call Gere or Gail prior to the Saturday before the worship and we will try our best to include them. As always, any questions, please call Gere Ablett, President or Gail Hackett, Vice-President.

--- **Thanks from Gere.**

Please call Evelyn at 473-0753 if you wish to have information put in the Parish Paper or if you have any comments or suggestions.

