

Epistle



South Carolina
Lutheran Men in Mission

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December 2011

From the President

December is always a busy month. Activities such as buying gifts, going to Christmas activities at your church, traveling to see your family, take up most of our time and thought. But December is also a time for reflection. We, as Lutheran Men in Mission, have had an outstanding year. In spite of our weak economy and unstable job market, we have met most of our goals.

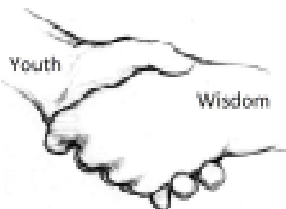
Our work is not all about raising money to fund Mission churches. We have been able to serve God in numerous ways. One, by placing a "Master Builders Bible For Men" in the hands of the seminary students at Southern Lutheran Seminary. Our OYTL Ministry has grown by leaps and bounds. Our Young Men's ministry continues to grow. So your gifts come in many forms. Romans 12: 6-8 says "We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully." Those three verses summarize South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission. You guys donate your time, talent and money unconditionally and I am proud and honored to be a part of you.

As Christmas approaches, let's remember its true meaning. That Jesus gave his life for us. So let's honor Jesus Christ's sacrifice by continuing to give our time, talent and money for His glory in 2012.

Amen for Lutheran Men!

In Christ's Service,

Joe Fulmer



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Heber Rast Call For Leadership

The world and society today is very different from that which most of us experienced some twenty five years ago. It seems that we are all much "busier" and do not know where our time has gone. We still have the same 24 hours in each day but the difference may be what we try to accomplish in that time frame. Children and grand children are always engaged in some type activity that we would like to attend, not to mention the long work hours, the chores around the house, yard work, civic clubs, sports events, "honey do lists", etc., I think that you get the point. The list seems endless and we never manage to get caught up. The question is, how do we prioritize our time? That really tells others what is important in our lives.

Stop for a moment and reflect on the stewardship of time. We are all aware that God has given each of us different talents and we are called on to use them accordingly. However, the gift of time is the same for each of us. A regular part of our stewardship routine should be to reflect on how we use our time to give back to God what he has given to us.

Volunteer organizations, such as SCLMM, are just that, volunteer, and they depend on men to give of their time to serve in leadership capacities. Without that we could not exist. We have heard questions the last few years concerning the makeup of the Executive Board and the fact that it seems to be over weighted with men from certain areas of the state. There is a good and valid reason for that in that these are capable men who are willing to serve and give of their time! There has been a conscious effort to involve men from all areas but this has proven to be very difficult lately.

It appears that too many of us have gotten complacent and are too willing to let others pick up the slack. This is a "call for leadership" from our grass roots men to get involved! We would love to have you get on board and assume a leadership role in your local unit, conference or at the synod Executive Board level. If you feel a call or have a desire to become involved in the leadership of one of the very best Men's Ministries in the church then give us a call! Members of the Executive Board would be very glad to assist in training and equipping you for this effort. If we always assume that "someone else will do it" then the job may never get done!

Remember the stewardship of time and include SCLMM in that plan!

Thanks be to God for the dedicated leadership that we do have in our local units, conferences and the synodical level. Remember also that we are always looking for others.

Yours in Christ,

Heber Rast, Ex Director

Merry Christmas Lutheran Men! I hope all of you are well, and well prepared for the Christmas celebrations on Saturday and Sunday. Sure is warm here in Walterboro, but, I guess that's not that unusual for South Carolina in December.

I have some bad news; I have caught up with all the CO100 letters to contributors for 2011. And, we have 207 "lost boys" from 2010 that have not yet sent in their donations for 2011. I have great hopes of being flooded with great piles of membership cards and checks next week such that I am confined to my computer, having to take vacation time from work, and not seeing a single football bowl game because I have to process hundreds of donations in the next seven days. I even bought two rolls of stamps this morning at the PO and a new toner cartridge for my printer so I'd be ready.

If you can, please help my dream come true. (My employees would really like it if I had to take vacation next week.) Need a list? E-mail me right away and I'll send it to you as quickly as I can.

Wishing you the most blessed Christmas ever.

Kevin — kwicker@lowcountry.com



2012 Cliff Bourguignon Golf Tournament Monday — June 4, 2012

You will find within this issue of the Epistle all the information about the tournament. Hole sponsorship forms and team applications can be found in the Epistle. Please support the golf tournament in anyway you can. Proceeds from our tournament will be added to our SCLMM Scholarship Fund at Newberry College.

Last year \$6,300.00 was raised for the SCLMM Scholarship Fund at Newberry College. All golfers are encouraged to solicit hole sponsorships from their team, LMM Unit and businesses in their congregation and community. Your support in publicizing and soliciting hole-sponsorships will be greatly appreciated.

A hole-sponsorship form and team application will be in the 2012 SCLMM Directory and on our SCLMM website (www.sclmm.org).

Entry deadline is May 20, 2012.

The Place to be.... Saturday Feb. 18th, 2012



SC Lutheran Men in Mission 2012 Convention

Living Springs Lutheran Church

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Hard Scrabble @ Clemson Rd. (across from McDonalds)

NE Columbia, SC 29223 803-736-0661

“This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”

1 Timothy 2:3-4



**BE SURE TO BRING A FRIEND FOR A
DIFFERENT KIND OF EXPERIENCE**



To celebrate the generosity of Messiah Lutheran's men's group, who graciously built a pergola & grill for our residents at Aleda Terrace.

This Community was built by Homes Of Hope. An organization that we have partnered with before to work on houses for people in the community. We gathered for a Fall BBQ to introduce our residents to our volunteers & eat some grub!

Big thanks to the Hope Depot Foundation who provided \$1000 for the materials to build the Pergola!

The church's dynamics are changing and we must learn to change with them. LMM comes under that heading. Men's ministry comes in all shapes, sizes and depths. What fits one church will not fit the personality of another. However, there should always be one goal: To offer an opportunity for every man to have a chance to be disciplined. Not every man is ready when you are so keep a plan going for the success you will have with another event and another for the ones not quite ready.

The Saturday morning pancake breakfast or Monday evening meetings qualify for men's ministry. However as young men have more to do with his family and his time becomes more valuable you must go where he can go. Sometimes it is to lunch or later one evening or a pond or a golf course. But it should, at some time, center around faith somewhere and get deeper. That is our goal, for every man to have a personal relationship with Jesus....And to have fun doing it!

I am noticing a steady decline of attendance in these standard men's meetings and our quarterly meetings. These meetings may start becoming a staging area or an information gathering place for your small groups. They will be tied to one smaller planning group that relies on prayer and the Holy Spirit to lead them where He leads, not where we want to go.

Small groups are where most men feel comfortable whether at an office or a Habitat House. You can share some things and learn more about your brother and offer some support or get some support when needed. This starts your intentional path to discipleship for this man. Too simple, huh?

We offer a Building Men For Christ workshop that usually takes 5 or 6 hours and can help you learn how your men can fit into a men's ministry or actually how your men's ministry can better suit your men. We would like to offer one of these in each region or conference in SC in 2012. It is worth your time and investment to make a difference.

Discipling is the key to the Church's future, because Jesus told us to. Quite frankly, we have not wanted to touch this tool in a LONG time but it is essential. We can help you start that process with a group of men attending a One Year To Live retreat over a weekend. The next retreat is March 23-25 at the Coastal Retreat Center in the Isle Of Palms, SC. You must preregister and be there at 6pm Friday.

Contact Brian Dooley or Tim Crout for more info.

I would urge you to consider supporting your National LMM ministry. We offer the above services and have plans for more ministry that can affect your own ministry at your home church. We are a 501(C)(3) Corp with ties to the ELCA. This has enabled us to do things more efficiently and to reach more men. We receive no direct monetary support from the ELCA and rely on your individual contributions to grow in our ministry. Please consider sharing a gift to LMM. You may donate at WWW.LUTHERANMEN.ORG, set up a monthly debit (I use this method on my credit card) or send a donation to:

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION 8765 West Higgins Road Chicago, IL 60631

Registration for March 23-25, 2012
Coastal Retreat Center "One Year to Live" Retreat

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

E-Mail _____

Church _____

Special Needs _____

Cost: \$175 per person
Deposit: \$75 per person
Deadline: **March 9, 2012**
Send registration forms to:
Jimmy Smith
241 Steele Rd.
West Columbia, SC 29179

Questions contact:
Brian Dooley
brdooley07@bellsouth.net
864-346-8008.

Make checks payable to SCLMM, and write One Year to Live on memo line

What to Bring

- Snacks
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Bath towel
- Clothes for 2 days
- Flashlight
- Hiking/Walking Shoes
- Jacket or coat to wear outside in morning and evening
- Prescription drugs
- Bible and journal
- A willingness to be open to God!

What Does the Schedule Look Like?

This is a spiritual boot camp to be prepared! Everyone should arrive at Coastal R.C. between 5:30 and 6:00pm Friday March 23. Saturday will be a full day, and Sunday March 25 the retreat will conclude at 3:00. This will be a weekend of strategy. A time for men to look into their lives and work with other men to hold each other accountable for their decisions made about their spiritual journey. Bethany co-leader Todd Little likes to call One Year to Live "Bible Study Meets Indiana Jones." "Our congregation is full of men in their 20s, 30s and 40s who are yearning for a spiritual connection with Christ and with their brothers in the church. This new program offers an opportunity to be adventurous and courageous while at the same time spiritual, genuine, and vulnerable." "This is truly a program that helps us men be the husbands, fathers, and friends that God has always wanted us to be!"

One Year to Live is a new program not for the faint of heart, but for the courageous man with a full heart and a spiritual awareness that brings us together in one congregation - the body of Christ!

To have a reaction to Jesus you have to forget your reputation!

You can't expect a reaction to Jesus if you don't open your heart and put yourself on the line. Are you "man enough" to be a part of One Year to Live? The retreat is only the beginning. "One Year to Live is not about trying to fill parish halls with men," says Doug Haugen, ELCA Director of LMM. "It's about creating places and events where men encounter Christ and where discipleship can take place. It's about men who know their lives are a train wreck without Jesus and who are willing to walk with other guys, not only in the good times, but also in life's dampers. Those kinds of places and events often do not happen within the walls of a church building."



One Year To Live is a LMM ministry. To find out more, visit our website at WWW.LUTHERANMEN.COM

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Do you need help finding your way?
March 23-25, 2012

Check sclmm.org

For copies of brochure

2012 SOUTH CAROLINA LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

"26th ANNUAL CLIFF BOURGUIGNON GOLF TOURNAMENT"

HOLE SPONSORSHIP FORM

Each year the South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission (SCLMM) sponsors this golf tournament, focusing on the fellowship of Christian Men and Women while promoting the goals of our auxiliary. This year 240 golfers from all over the state will gather for a day of fun and frolic that renews and refreshes us for service to Christ.

This year the proceeds from our tournament on June 4, 2012 will be used to grow our SCLMM Scholarship at Newberry College (check it out at www.sclmm.org). We pray this endowed scholarship will encourage a South Carolina man or woman to serve the church in either an ordained position or lay church leadership position by providing financial assistance to help defray the expenses of attending Newberry College.

Much of our funding support comes from hole-sponsorships (**minimum of \$100 per hole-sponsorship**). We encourage each team, LMM units and conferences, and individuals who own a business to sponsor one or more holes. Every dollar that is received for sponsoring a hole will go to the SCLMM Scholarship Fund at Newberry College.

The cost is as follows: Indicate which course or courses you wish to have your sign on.

Mid Carolina Country Club	\$100	_____
Newberry Country Club	\$100	_____
No Preference on which course check here	\$100	_____

Our goal this year is to add \$15,000 to the SCLMM Scholarship at Newberry College. Please consider sponsoring one, two, or three or more holes. Your generous contribution will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged back to you for your tax records and will certainly aid some deserving student to obtain a quality education.

For each hole sponsored, a professionally prepared sign will be placed at a hole and recognition will be given at the Awards Banquet and in publications after the tournament. If you have questions, please contact **Tom Ramsey** in the evenings at (864) 967-8768 or via email at tdrams@charter.net

Please complete the following information in order for us to prepare your sign(s):

Please complete and mail by May 20th. 2012

Name of Individual, Company or Lutheran Men in Mission Unit Sponsoring Hole

OK to use Last Year's Sign If Available (circle one) YES or NO

Information to go on your sign(PLEASE PRINT): _____

Contact Information on POC for Hole Sponsorship (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

POC's Name _____

POC's email address _____

POC's mailing address _____

POC's Phone Number _____

Please make checks payable to SCLMM. Mail checks and the completed Hole Sponsorship Form to: Tom Ramsey, 208 Eastcrest Drive, Simpsonville, SC 29681 by May 20th, 2012.

2012 SOUTH CAROLINA LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION
"26th. ANNUAL CLIFF BOURGUIGNON GOLF TOURNAMENT"
MONDAY JUNE 4, 2012

Captain's Choice - Four Person Teams
\$65.00 Entry Fee Per Person (includes 2 Mulligans)
Shotgun Start – 1:30 PM at Mid Carolina Country Club and Newberry Country Club
Limited to 240 golfers (60 four-person teams) – Team Handicaps Determine Course Assignment
Awards Ceremony After Play at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Newberry.
BBQ Dinner Catered by Shealy's BBQ

ENTRY DEADLINE May 20th , 2012

Team Captain and POC for team (PLEASE PRINT)

Team Email Address _____

Captain's Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone # _____

Handicap or Avg. 18 Hole Score (not the score you shoot when you have a bad day) _____

GOLFER #2

Name _____

Handicap or Avg. 18 Hole Score (not the score you shoot when you have a bad day) _____

GOLFER #3

Name _____

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Name _____

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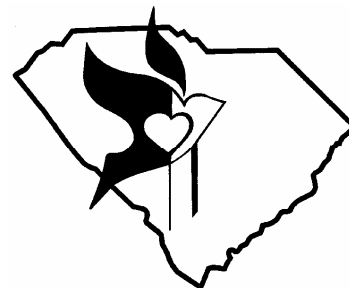
Congregation(s) of Your Team _____

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Team Captains will be notified of their course assignment approximately one week before tournament.

Amen! For Lutheran Men.

SCLMM Committee of 100
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Address: _____

New Mission Start Program

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Congregation: _____

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e-mail (print clearly): _____

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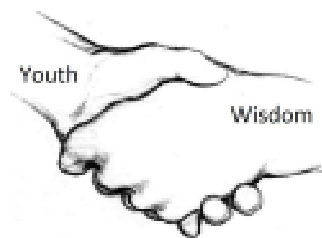
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SCLMM Theme for 2011

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Pass The Torch!





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Increasing printing and postage fee's are making this publication more expensive to print, and we are asking for your help in saving money in the Promotional Fund.

2012 SCLMM DATE LOG

- Saturday January 14 10:00AM **SCLMM Executive Meeting;
Synod Office - Columbia

- Friday February 17 7:00PM Past Presidents Dinner
Living Springs Columbia

- Saturday February 18 9:00AM SCLMM Executive Meeting
1:00PM SCLMM 69th Convention
4:30PM Communion Service
7:00PM SCLMM & Guests Banquet (TBD)
Living Springs Columbia

2011 GOALS as of 11/29/2011

CATEGORY	BUDGET GOAL:	% OF GOAL
Promotional Fund	\$23,000	64.2%
Loan Fund	\$22,000	29.5%
Gift Fund	\$35,000	41.3%
LMM-ELCA	\$ 9,000	36.8%