

# Epistle



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Lutheran Men in Mission

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## SOUTH CAROLINA Lutheran Men in Mission



These pictures are of a project that the **Lutheran Men of Messiah** just finished for **Leap of Faith Farms in Fountain Inn**. These are actually loading stations for disabled children in wheelchairs to get on and off of horses. The farm is there for disabled children to learn balance, motor skills and of course to have FUN. We raised the funds from a Pancake Breakfast we had in December between services at Messiah



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### Annual South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission "Mission Breakfast"

**Date:** Monday, June 3, 2013  
**Time:** 7:00– 8:00 AM  
**Where:** Topaz Room, Downtown Charleston Marriott  
**Keynote Speaker:** Pastor Stephen Bouman,  
Executive Director of Congregational and  
Synodical Mission, ELCA  
**Menu:** Bacon, sausage, eggs, herb roasted potatoes,  
fruit, berries, orange juice, coffee, tea  
**Cost:** \$26.00 per person buffet  
**Tickets:** Synod assembly delegates should purchase  
their tickets when registering on-line.  
Non-delegate attendees need to contact Von Metts  
(803-944-0173, vonmetts@yahoo.com)  
to purchase tickets.  
**Deadline:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013  
**NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.**  
**NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE**  
**AFTER MAY 21, 2013.**

## One Year to Live Report!

The weekend of April 5-7, 2013, SCLMM hosted its 7<sup>th</sup> One Year to Live Men's Retreat. A total of 31 guys spent the weekend discussing God, their faith, themselves and each other. As happened after the previous 6 retreats, lives were changed, faith expanded, relationships made in an experience like no other.

Just imagine, 31 guys, away from the distractions of the world, getting real with themselves but most importantly getting real with God. One Year to Live is a weekend full of challenges and obstacles, a weekend of prayer but most importantly a weekend of hope. It is a place where guys can simply be themselves, not be judged, and see that we all are kind of alike. We all have had successes, we all had failures and we all need to become deeper in our relationship with Christ.

As the guys sat, listened, talked and prayed, they were able to see and realize that life does not have backward steps. Every step moves us forward. Every step moves us down a path. Men do get to decide the path they take. The path with the most light is the path lit by grace of God through the sacrifice of His son. That does not imply that the path is an easy one. The Godly path has cracks in the sidewalks, roots growing that may cause one to trip and fall. God's path is not the easy walk but rather the way with the most reward as the 31 guys learned, together, in April.

Now you may be thinking, cool story but that is not for me. Quite simply One Year to Live is for the guys that think they need it the most, and most assuredly for the guys that think they need it the least. Guys of all ages, 20's through their 80's, of all faith levels, have attended One Year to Live. Anyone can go. Some quotes from brothers in Christ who attended in April are as follows.

"To see that so many guys have the same or similar problems and concerns that I have. To realize, "That I'm not an Island all by myself." In opening up to tell others, it dawned that I was opening up to tell God. It became so easy to talk to God, not in saying prayers, but in just talking to Him. Asking for His opinion and what direction I should take. He's not dictating to me, but He has placed thoughts in my head that I have never ever thought about before."

"I believe in Jesus, but never much though about God. I think, and the story hit home with me, that I was in line with Jacob. Never knew it or just how it was effecting me, but in November I was diagnosed with PTSD. Meaning that I withdraw into myself and became an extreme introvert. This is something that has gone on for the last fifty years. I closed out everything and everybody from my life, only worshiped my job. Now in retirement, there isn't much for me to be excited about.

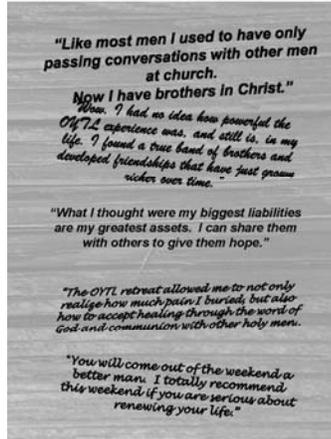
That was until OYTL. Wow! What a change has come over me. Even my wife said, "That this change worries her. Can she keep up with me?" "The feeling that men are capable of loving and nurturing one another. It has opened me to be more open to men about my relationship with God."

The next One Year to Live Retreat will be held the weekend of November 8-10, 2013 at Camp Kinard in Leesville, SC. Men, you are invited! Bring a few guys from your church. Bring a few friends. You do not have to be Lutheran to attend One Year to Live.

For more information, please contact Brian Dooley at [drdooley07@bellsouth.net](mailto:drdooley07@bellsouth.net) or 864-346-8008. Please visit [www.sclmm.org](http://www.sclmm.org) and look under the program/ activity tab for a brochure.

**Guys and God. What a great way to spend a weekend!**

Hundreds of men have already experienced One Year to Live. Here's what they're saying...



## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

### Camp Kinard

6053 Two Notch Road  
Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29070  
803-532-2235

### From Interstate 20

- I-20 to Exit 44
- Right on SC-34 for 3 miles
- Left on Two Notch Road for 1 mile

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Watch participant testimonial videos at  
[www.lutheranmen.org](http://www.lutheranmen.org)



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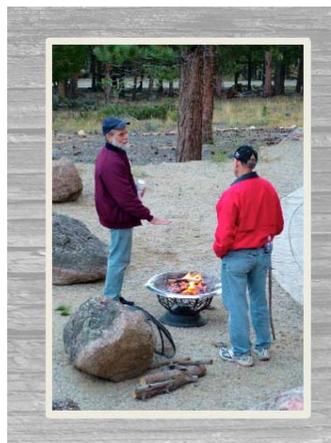
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November 8-10, 2013

Camp Kinard  
Leesville, SC

*As iron sharpens iron...*



*so one man sharpens another.*

Proverbs 27:17

## ABOUT "ONE YEAR TO LIVE"

Men of all ages yearn for real friendships and a closer relationship with Christ.

Join us and be...  
• Adventurous and courageous  
• Genuine and spiritual

Look forward to...  
• Banding together and being challenged  
• Examining your life and making decisions

Be prepared for a spiritual boot camp.  
This 45-hour experience is not for the faint of heart!

## WHAT TO BRING

- Casual clothes for 2 days
- 1 set of clothes to leave behind
- Hiking shoes or boots
- Sleeping bag, pillow & towel
- Personal items
- Bible, notepad/journal & pen
- Snacks to share
- Non-alcoholic beverages only
- No electronic devices

## SCHEDULE

- Arrive promptly at 5:30-6:00 pm on Friday
- Depart at 3:00 pm on Sunday
- Plan to stay for entire retreat—no exceptions



## COST

Early Registration:  
 \$150  
by 10/1/2013

Early Registration:  
 \$175  
by 10/31/2013

Registration is non-refundable, but is transferable.  
Includes 2 nights lodging, 6 meals & retreat materials.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to SCLMM with "OYTL" on the memo line. Detach and mail completed registration form AND check for payment in full to:

Jimmy Smith  
One Year to Live Retreat  
241 Steele Road  
W. Columbia, SC 29170

## President's Report

### What SCLMM Means Me

One of the blessings for serving as South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission president is the opportunity to go around and visit different churches, SCLMM units and or conference gatherings. I was blessed to be present at the Saxe Gotha Conference Committee of 100 dinner. To see a gymnasium so full of people that care for SCLMM, that donate to SCLMM and that have mission churches in the hearts was, well, I almost cannot describe it in words.

The reason I was so touched to be at that meeting of about 250-275 people, was that I myself am a member at a mission church, Faith Lutheran Chapel in Pickens. I have seen first hand where the Committee of 100 dollars go, what they build and how they bring people closer to God.

My story was such that I had a drug problem in my youth. I was drug to church by my parents and grandparents. Church, for me, was a place to hear about some superhero, a person that did amazing things, but in no way was affecting me in my life. It was not that I did not believe in Jesus Christ or God, but more that I was not a follower. Because I was not a follower, I had an empty place in my heart.

But then, something amazing happened! I found Faith Lutheran Chapel in Pickens South Carolina. It was at Faith where my faith really began to grow. It was at Faith that I was asked to teach Sunday School for the first time. Now, at a mission church, people have to work outside their comfort zones or else things do not grow. The Sunday school lesson was how God taught me to read the Bible. In preparing for Sunday school lessons then and since I constantly find myself looking up verses about many subjects, most of which have nothing to do about that Sunday school lesson. Those Sunday School lessons at a tiny mission church brought the Bible into my mind and heart.

It was a mission church that has given my 7 year old son the confidence to not only pray and say grace before family meals but also in front of over 100 people at the SCLMM Convention. My daughter was confirmed in a mission church. My father, who was not a fan of organized religion as we so often hear, attends every week as able, is on church council, takes care of maintenance at the church and has even served as a staff member at the One Year to Live retreats after attending himself.

So you may ask, "Do my Committee of 100 dollars matter?" Oh yes, they matter, they matter a lot. I cannot express to you in words the appreciation, gratitude and love my family has for South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission and our mission church. It has brought all of us closer to God and what a ride it has been.

The exciting thing is that I am just one man, part of one family. But there are so many other men and their families at our other mission churches and synod authorized worshipping communities that have the same story. While we may be different men with different families, we are all part of God's family, and our God home is our mission churches. So yes, your dollars matter. On behalf of myself, my family and the families that make up our mission congregations, thank you, thank you, thank you for what you have given.

Amen for Lutheran Men!

## Heber Rast

I recently served on the staff for our spring One Year to Live retreat held at Camp Kinard. Again this was a great weekend with everyone bringing their "A" game to the weekend. This is the type event where what you get out of it is directly proportional to what you put into it, and it was apparent that all the participants really wanted to have a great experience. I honestly felt this was one of the best overall Retreats that we have had. The One Year to Live events are definitely one of the best "tools" for men to progress spiritually and in their relationship building that LMM has produced! If you have not experienced one of these weekends I would strongly recommend that you seriously consider it.

This got me to thinking about other activities that will be coming up in the future. First is our annual SCLMM Cliff Bourguignon Golf Tournament scheduled for June 10th. These are always great events and a good way to fellowship together along with a good game of golf. Teams and hole sponsors are needed! Consult the Directory for information and forms or you can get them from the web site. Come out and participate in a fun day.

In July, the United Methodist Men are having their National Gathering in Nashville TN July 12-14, 2013. This is significant because LMM will have its next National Gathering in Nashville in July 2014. The Methodist have invited us Lutherans to participate with them this year as a prelude to Nashville for us next year. They have a great Gathering with literally thousands of men attending! You can get additional information from the LMM website, [lutheranmeninmission.org](http://lutheranmeninmission.org).

There have been two Building Men for Christ workshops held so far this year and several more are planned. Consult the web site and your conference for more details on dates and locations. These are geared toward congregations that want to build and sustain a viable men's ministry. If your congregation is interested in hosting one of these one day workshops, contact Brian Dooley or Tim Crout.

The next One Year to Live Retreat is on the books for Nov 8-10, 2013, at Camp Kinard. As I said earlier in this writing, this is a great weekend for banding together and being challenged. You will examine your life and make decisions that can help you become the better man that you really want to be. Join us for a rewarding experience.

While next year may seem a long ways off, July 2014 will be here before we know it. The significance is this is the next National LMM Gathering! If you have not experienced one of these you will be surprised at what happens! It is a great inspirational weekend filled with excellent music, speakers, workshops and just a great fellowship with Lutheran Men from across the country. The location in Nashville should prove to be a fun place and would make a great vacation along with the event. Mark your calendars for July 18-20, 2014 and join us in Nashville!

## Together, To Christ

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Cliff Bourguignon**  
 Golf Tournament Monday June 10, 2013  
 Entry deadline is May 27, 2013.

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

**A entry form and hole-sponsorship form are in the  
 2013 SCLMM Directory and are available on our  
 SCLMM website (www.sclmm.org).**

If you have any questions regarding team entry's, call **Dean** at 803-  
 532-3293 or e-mail [ganis@bellsouth.net](mailto:ganis@bellsouth.net) .

If you have questions regarding hole sponsorships, please contact **Joe  
 Fulmer** in the evenings at (864) 380-9171 or via email at  
[j.fulmer@rollsolutions.net](mailto:j.fulmer@rollsolutions.net)

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 10, 2013 will be  
 used to grow our SCLMM Scholarship at Newberry College (check it  
 out at [www.sclmm.org](http://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.

Our goal this year is to add \$10,000 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.

**Recipients of 2013 Mission Gift Funds:**

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Manatial de Vida Lutheran Church	\$4,653.32
Ascension Lutheran Church/ Jericho Community	\$1,500.00
Cristo Rey, West Columbia	\$4,653.32
Cristo Rey, Gaston/Pelion	\$1,500.00
Lutheran/Methodists Native American Cooperative Ministry	\$1,500.00

**70<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**

Faith Lutheran Chapel  
 Pickens, SC

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2012  
 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE  
 AWARD RECIPIENTS  
 JOHNNY MERCK AND  
 VON METTS**



**SCLMM Committee of 100**  
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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Congregation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference:** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail (print clearly):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Loan Fund**

**New Mission Start Program**

**\*undesigned gifts go to the NMSP**

**Memory/Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:           Kevin Wicker**  
**977 Quail Drive**  
**Walterboro, SC 29488**

***Worshippers Go From Beach to Eat Pancakes Easter Sunday***

It was cloudy and still dark early Easter Sunday morning when more than 700 worshippers were greeted with the music of guitar player and singer Gary McCormick of Oceanside Village. Soon they heard Pastor Brad Bellah welcome and invite those on this Atlantic Ocean beach to follow-up the singing; a Jesus Christ Resurrection message and communion with a drive several miles away to Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church for breakfast pancakes served by Lutheran Men in Mission. Although the engine of Lutheran Men and the church seem to run on pancakes, kitchen volunteers probably did not have enough pancake batter for all 700. More than a hundred did shared breakfast in the fellowship hall, located in Garden City on Highway 17 Business at the intersection of the Garden City Connector to the west and Pine Ave. on the oceanside. Lutheran men also serve pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, which was commonly known as Pancake Day, when perishable ingredients had to be used up before the fasting period of Lent began in Britain and the Commonwealth.

When the local Lutheran men’s group meets on the fourth Monday night of the month, frequently the menu choice--other than hotdogs--is pancake, especially when there is left-over batter to utilize. Lutheran men are not unique and not the first to serve pancakes. Historians say pancakes are probably the earliest and most widespread cereal food eaten in prehistoric societies. Pastors frequently quote the Ancient Greeks as root-word sources for Biblical text. Lutheran men could refer to Greek text as well. Fifth Century BC poets Cratinus and Magnes mentioned pancakes called τηγανίτης--tēganitēs--a word deriving from τήγηνον--tagēnon or "frying pan." Back then they were made with wheat flour, olive oil, honey and curdled milk and served for breakfast, says Wikipedia. The pancake’s shape and structure varies worldwide. A crêpe is a thin Breton pancake cooked on one or both sides in a special pan or crepe maker to achieve a lace-like network of fine bubbles. A well-known variation originating in Southeast Europe is Palacinke, a thin moist pancake fried on both sides and filled



**Joe DiMauro pours pancake mix on the grill.**





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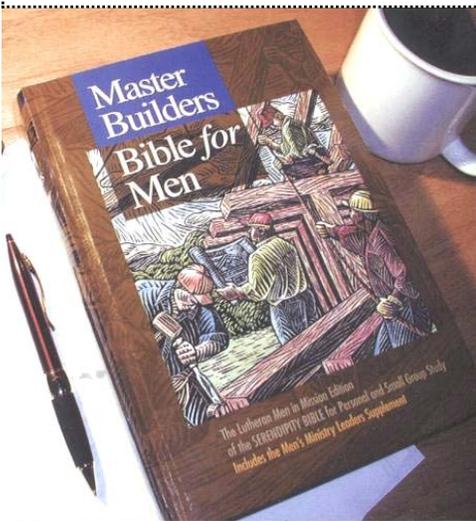


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Increasing printing and postage fee's are making this publication more expensive to print. Help save money allocated to the Promotional Fund.

## 2013 SCLMM DATE LOG

Monday Jun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00AM SCLMM Breakfast @ SC Synod Assembly Charleston, SC
Monday Jun 10 <sup>th</sup>	1:30PM 26th Annual Cliff Bourguignon Golf Tournament (Deadline May 27th)
Sunday Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2:30PM SCLMM Executive Meeting Synod Office Columbia
Friday-Sunday Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup> —25 <sup>th</sup>	SCLMM Executive Retreat
Saturday Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00AM SCLMM Executive Meeting Coastal Retreat Center Isle of Palms
Sunday Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:30PM SCLMM Executive Meeting Synod Office Columbia

## 2013 GOALS

CATEGORY	BUDGET GOAL:
Promotional Fund	\$25,000
Loan Fund	\$20,000
Gift Fund	\$35,000
National LMM	\$ 9,000