

# Epistle



South Carolina  
Lutheran Men in Mission

www.sclmm.org

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## SOUTH CAROLINA Lutheran Men in Mission

### Updating Communications

Going Green and improving our communications.

We have used The South Carolina Lutheran eNews to publish activities more timely. The South Carolina Lutheran eNews is a publication of the [South Carolina Synod](#) of the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#) and is published weekly. The publication deadline is Monday at close of business. We have found it helpful and encourage you to subscribe to **the South Carolina Lutheran eNews**.

Besides saving cost and waste, the eNews give us the ability to quickly notify our Lutheran men and interested individuals, add color and other digital content. Since there is no cost we can publish Notifications as often as necessary.

We are trying Mail Chimp. It maintains a list of those who have subscribed and allows for you to opt out by unsubscribing to the email list.

We have imported emails available - if you have **not** received an email from SCLMM.org you will need to Subscribe.

We have put a "Join our Email List" link on our Website.



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**Springs of Grace** dedicated their new worship facility on Sunday Nov 11 at 3 PM. Location: 320 Holden Drive, Inman, SC 29349

5/01/2016 What a celebration at the dedication of the new Facility at **Crossroads Lutheran Church** in Indianland. The Holy Spirit was definitely present. It was nice to meet the congregation and to enjoy fellowship and food with them.



Doug McKenzie presents check from Segelken Fund (left) Crossroads disciples presented Kevin Wicker with \$2,400 of gifts for the CO100!(right)

## Letter from your Executive Director—Ken Heckel

I am honored to have been selected as your Executive Director. The fine work done by our two most recent Executive Directors, Heber Rast and Dean Ganis, establish a high standard for anyone following in their footsteps.

In addition to SCLMM's longstanding support of mission churches, SCLMM continues to promote spiritual growth of men in South Carolina through the One Year to Live (OYTL) retreats, Building Men for Christ, and High, Wide & Deep events, which are results of work done by our national Lutheran Men in Mission.

Members of the SCLMM Executive Board are committed to have at least one board member in attendance at conference meetings. It is also my intention to attend local church LMM unit meetings.

Loan funds provided by SCLMM have enabled Springs of Grace Lutheran Church in Boiling Springs [Spartanburg County] to break ground on their new sanctuary this past March. Crossroads Lutheran Church in Indianland [Lancaster County] dedicated its new facility on May 1, 2016, thanks in part to a loan from SCLMM.

The 2017 annual SCLMM convention and banquet will be held at Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church on the coast in February 2017. Make plans to attend the 2017 SCLMM convention and banquet.

Amen for Lutheran Men!

— Mr. Verne "Ken" Heckel, III,

Are you seeing declining numbers in your congregation?

Are you willing to try something different than what we have been trying in churches for a few hundred years? If you truly are, there are things that you must understand.

The Modern Church that we grew up in is dying. It is sick. We have loved our system and the structure, maybe too much. We lost our focus on Jesus.

The Post Modern Church is beginning to take shape. This era is about finding men and women where they are and showing them Jesus outside our comfortable doors. This will be more a house church, sort of like Jesus created two thousand years ago. It worked.

There have been three major reformations of the Church about every five hundred years. Do the math. It's here.

It seems the further we get from the latest reformation, the more rules we write so Jesus looks more like us humans rather than us looking like Jesus. We began to run the church as a business as we invite leaders with business backgrounds to lead, yet they have not been disciplined. And here we are.

The answer is simple, intentional Discipling. The implementation is slow and sometime painful but true. It is met with much resistance because we already have a comfortable system but it does not work. But we like it as consumers. We demand things be done for our own comfort, sometimes with very good intentions, sometimes not.

Let us show you how to reform your focus to creating disciples so they may create more disciples. A church very rarely creates disciples, but disciples almost always create the church.

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Do you have many young men in your congregation? I didn't think so. They may never come to your church because of their skepticism of seeing very little fruit there. The millennials will not waste their time with something that does not fill them.

Men In Action is a ministry aimed at all men but is especially effective with this group.

We start with a non threatening event such as skeet shooting, or fishing or hiking or hunting or a local community project. They feel comfortable there.

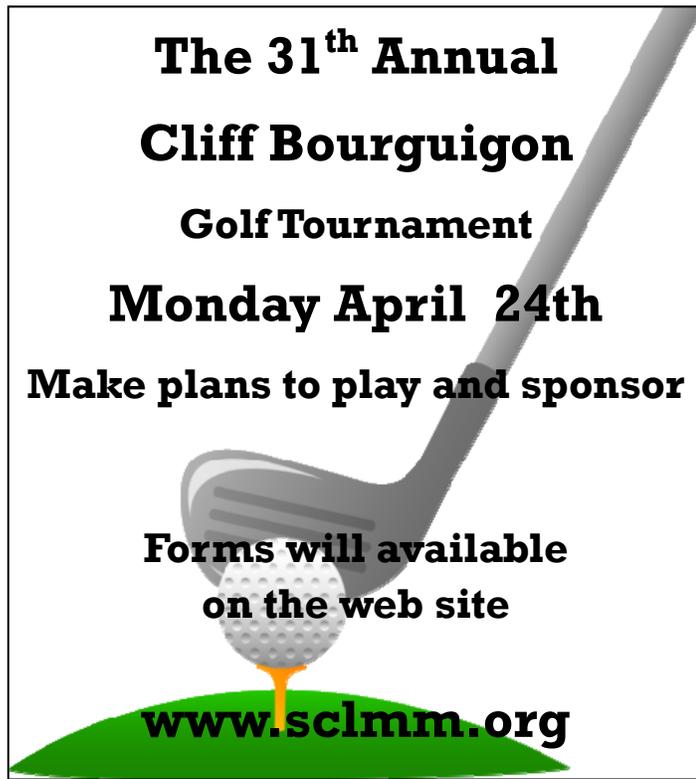
We then casually ask them questions about their lives and get their phone numbers and text and talk with them. If they respond, we follow and lead them to deeper processes such as a bible study, a Courageous study or 33 The Series and then an invite to One Year To Live and our follow ups. We start Discipling them and then they will disciple others like them.

Ahhh. The magic bullet is exposed. It's building honest and open relationships based on the character of Jesus.

Call us and let us give you a glimpse.

Tim Crout  
893-261-7011

Jimmy Smith.  
893-730-4637



**The 31<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Cliff Bourguigon  
Golf Tournament  
Monday April 24th  
Make plans to play and sponsor  
Forms will available  
on the web site  
[www.sclmm.org](http://www.sclmm.org)**

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

"Like most men I used to have only passing conversations with other men at church. Now I have brothers at church."  
- Hundreds of men

"Wow, I had no idea how powerful the OYTL experience was and still is, in my developed friendships that have just grown rather over time."

"What I thought were my biggest liabilities are my greatest assets. I can share them with others to give them hope."

"The OYTL retreat allowed me to not only realize how much pain I buried, but also how to accept that pain through the word of God and communion with other body men."

"You will come out of the weekend a better man. I really recommend this weekend if you are serious about re-inventing your life."



**DRIVING DIRECTIONS**  
Tracy's Camp  
2031 Crooked Pine Trail  
Pinewood, SC 29115  
(803) 452-3566

From Columbia, SC:

- Travel Gamers Ferry Rd (Hwy 378/76) ~25 mi.
- VEER RIGHT onto S Kings Hwy (SC261) and continue 12.5 miles to VEER RIGHT on Camp Mac Boykin Rd.
- Continue 7.3 miles to make LEFT on Gov. Richardson Rd. After 1.7 miles make sharp LEFT onto Cheving Rd.
- After 1.1 miles make sharp LEFT and follow to camp.

From Greenville, SC:

- Travel I-26 E to I-77 N towards Charlotte.
- Take exit 9A to Gamers Ferry Rd.
- Follow directions above from Columbia.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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803-730-4679  
jasmith527@windstream.net  
www.lutheranmen.org

Watch participant testimonial videos at



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presents



March 10 - 12, 2017  
Tracy's Camp  
Pinewood, 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 44-hour event is not for the faint of heart!

**WHAT TO BRING**

- Casual clothes for 2 days
- List of contact numbers
- Comfortable walking shoes, Shower shoes
- Sleeping bag or twin sheets, pillow, and towel
- Light jacket or hoodie, and umbrella.
- Personal items
- Bible, notepad/journal & pen
- No alcoholic beverages
- No electronic devices or weapons

**SCHEDULE**

- Please arrive promptly at 5:30-6:00 pm on Friday. This is critical.
- Depart at 5:00 pm on Sunday
- Plan to stay for entire retreat--no exceptions

**COST**

Registration: \$150



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

**REGISTRATION FORM**

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

Make checks payable to **SCILMM or South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission**. Detach and mail completed registration form AND check for \$150 to:

Joe Sheband  
One Year to Live Retreat  
240 Harbor Heights Ct.  
Leesburg, VA 22972

**What does it mean to have a relationship with Christ**

What does it mean to have a relationship with Jesus Christ? Is it a Sunday thing? Sunday and a mid week bible study? Or is it an every day every moment thing? Each of you will answer this question in different ways. Lets turn this around and ask what relationship does Jesus have with you?

Now the answer is starting to soak in. Jesus has an everyday, every moment relationship with us. In order to see this we must start finding Jesus in the everyday things we encounter. These moments are called Kairos moments (or more simply significant moments where we see Christ). For example a friend recently told me he saw Jesus in the sun as it was rising another said he saw Jesus in his wife as he cared for her when she was in the hospital. Jesus is with us all the time we just have to realize it. One family uses this every evening when they put their kids to bed. They ask the question "what was a significant event that happened to you today?" Then the kids get to ask their parents the same question. Giving them an opportunity to share their life with them. Also an excellent time for the parent to share Kairos moments.

We must walk with Jesus let him be a part of our everyday life. Driving, working, or playing let Him be a part of your everyday life, not just the spiritual days. Once Jesus is with us we will start to unconsciously begin the impossible task of being like him.

Peace and Love!

# ▪ SOUTH CAROLINA LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION



## 74<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION Shepherd of the Sea



2637 South Business Hwy 17, Garden City, SC 29576  
Phone 843-651-7377

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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> 2017**  
**\*Past President's Banquet 6:30 pm**  
**Wahoo's Seafood House**  
**Choice Seafood/non seafood**  
**Pay at bill**

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### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2017**

**Registration** begins at 12:00 in the Narthex

**Convention** starts at 1:00 pm,

**Worship** begins at 5:15pm, in the Sanctuary

**Banquet** begins at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall, \$25 each **BBQ**

**Make checks payable to: SOS LMM**

**Mail Checks to:** Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church  
2637 S. Highway 17  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

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### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> 2017**

**Worship at Shepherd of the Sea**

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**Motel: Surfside Beach Resort Hotel**

**15 South Ocean Blvd, Surfside Beach, SC 29575**

**Phone: 800-533-7599**

**Cost: 2 Queen bed ocean view \$69.00 + tax per night**

**1 King bed ocean view \$79.00 + tax per night**

**Reservations for above prices by January 17, 2017**

**Note SCLMM when making reservations**

**Changes to the SCLMM Website  
SCLMM.org**

**SCLMM Church Officers  
updated on web site**

To verify updates go to  
[www.sclmm.org](http://www.sclmm.org)

Select Conferences (left side home page) Select your conference  
**Note: Added a link to the ELCA Interactive Map - South Carolina Congregations**

The conference page shows the conference officers and a link "Click here for Church Officers"

This is where the officers for the churches in this conference will be found

Note: there is a link to the ELCA web page for each Church

You may want to verify the information on the ELCA web page for your church.

**Email Corrections/Changes to**

Check out our website  
[www.sclmm.org](http://www.sclmm.org)

Everything you need to know  
Check the calendars for

**2017 SCLMM Past President's Dinner and  
74<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Registration**

**Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church**  
2637 South Business Hwy 17, Garden City, SC 29576 Phone 843-651-7377  
Friday and Saturday, February 17 & 18, 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print clearly)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation Name \_\_\_\_\_

Conference \_\_\_\_\_

February 17, 2017 (6:30pm)

Past President's Dinner:

Wahoo's Seafood House: seafood and non-seafood choices, pay individually at bill

TOTAL number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Everyone is encouraged to attend and honor these SCLMM leaders **Speaker TBA**

February 18, 2017 (6:30 pm or after worship)

Annual Convention Banquet (\$25 each) BBQ at Shepherd of the Sea

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

February 18

12:00 am Convention Registration begins in the Narthex

1:00 pm Convention begins in the Sanctuary, breakouts TBA

5:15 pm Worship

6:30 pm Banquet in the Fellowship Hall- Catered local BBQ

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SOS LMM AND REMIT TO:

Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church  
2637 S. Highway 17 Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

February 19

12:00 am Worship at Shepherd of the Sea

Hotel Reservations: Call Surfside Beach Resort Hotel at 800-533-7599. Two queen beds \$69/night plus tax. One king bed \$79/night plus tax. Must be reserved by January 17 and specify SCLMM to get these rates.

IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS PLEASE LIST THEM BELOW.

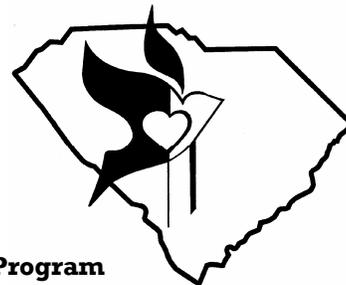
**REGISTRATION / BROCHURE**

**ARE ON THE WEB SITE**

**WWW.SCLMM.ORG**

**SCLMM Committee of 100**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Loan Fund**

**New Mission Start Program**

**\*undesignated gifts go to the NMSP**

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

**Mail to: Kevin Wicker**

**977 Quail Drive**

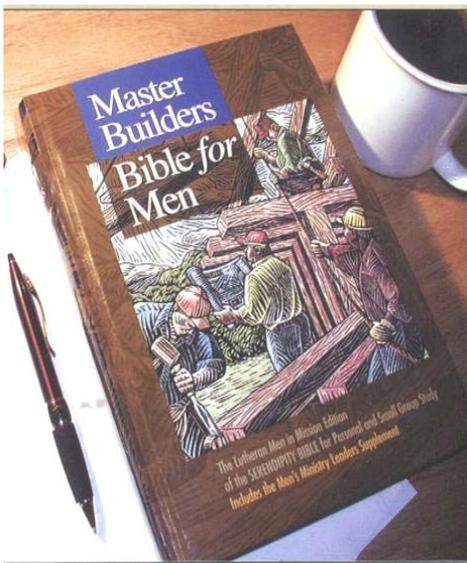
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### SCLMM DATE LOG

## 2017

**Saturday Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
SCLMM Executive Meeting  
Synod Office, Columbia

**Friday Feb 17<sup>th</sup>**  
6:30pm Past Presidents Dinner  
Wahoo's Seafood House

**Saturday Feb 18<sup>th</sup>**  
1:00pm 71<sup>st</sup> Convention  
5:15pm Communion Service  
6:30pm SCLMM & Guest Banquet  
Shepherd of the Sea, Garden City

**March 10-12<sup>th</sup>**  
OYTL, Tracy's Camp, Pinewood, SC

**April 24, 2017**  
31<sup>st</sup> Annual Cliff Bourguigon  
Golf Tournament

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Campobello, SC 29322  
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