

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.

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.

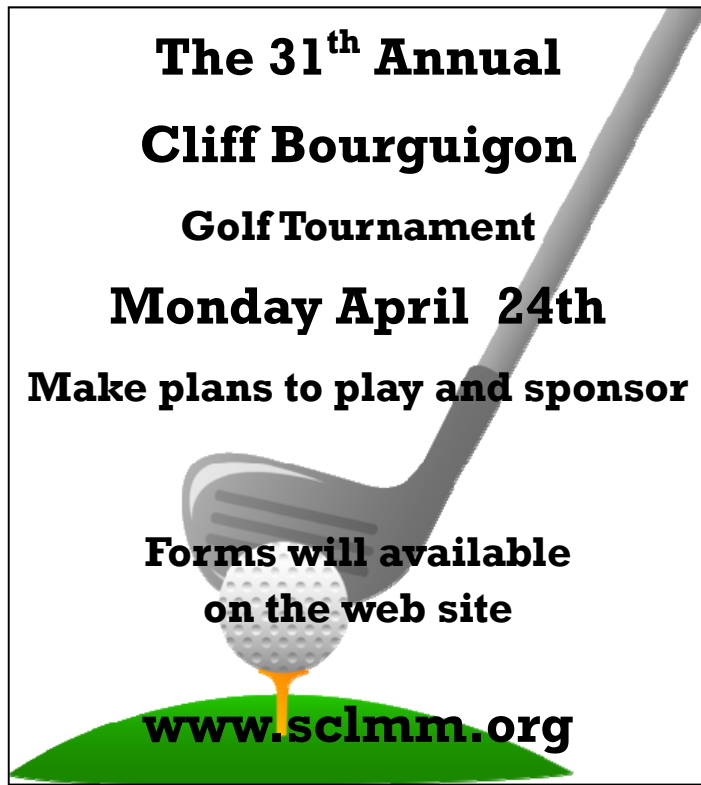
We then casually ask them questions about their lives and get their phone numbers and text and talk with them. If they respond, we follow and lead them to deeper processes such as a bible study, a Courageous study or 33 The Series and then an invite to One Year To Live and our follow ups. We start Discipling 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 31th Annual
Cliff Bourguigon
Golf Tournament
Monday April 24th
Make plans to play and sponsor
Forms will available
on the web site
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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Watch participant testimonial videos at



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March 10 - 12, 2017
Tracy's Camp
Pinewood, SC

*As iron
sharpeners iron...*



*so one man
sharpeners 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: _____ Age: _____
State: _____ 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



74th ANNUAL CONVENTION Shepherd of the Sea



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



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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH 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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH 2017

Worship at Shepherd of the Sea



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

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

Everything you need to know
Check the calendars for

**2017 SCLMM Past President's Dinner and
74th 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.

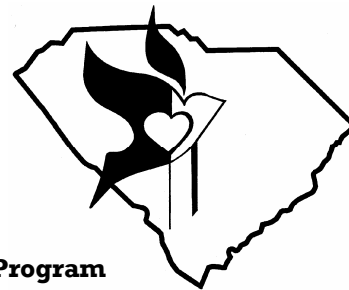
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ARE ON THE WEB SITE

WWW.SCLMM.ORG

SCLMM Committee of 100

Supporting Mission Churches in S.C. Since 1976



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

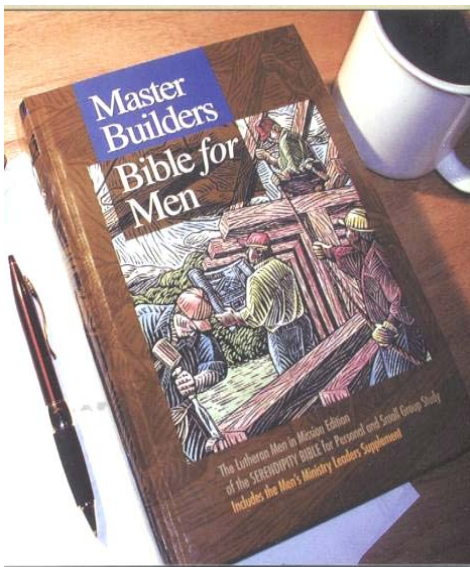
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SCLMM DATE LOG

2017

Saturday Jan 8th, 2017
SCLMM Executive Meeting
Synod Office, Columbia

Friday Feb 17th
6:30pm Past Presidents Dinner
Wahoo's Seafood House

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

March 10-12th
OYTL, Tracy's Camp, Pinewood, SC

April 24, 2017
31st Annual Cliff Bourguigon
Golf Tournament

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