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### Grace and Peace to You from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Paul wrote that we are one in Christ Jesus. That's true. But after that, we are divided in this world---divided in two—Cat people and Dog people. Oh sure, there are plenty of people that have both in their homes. My family has one cat Pippa and two dogs, Rosie and Petey (Or it might be PD or even Petie. There is some disagreement in the family as how it is spelled, and she herself has not weighed in on a preference). At any rate, and I speak only for myself, I am deep down a Cat Person. But Dog People will always say "but dogs are always so HAPPY to see you come home." That is true, but my ego is such that I believe it is good for me to come home and Pippa my cat could not care less—at least not right That humbles me. My personal theory is that cats know they were once treated as gods by the ancient Egyptians and still hang onto the idea. But cats don't look so high and mighty when they fall into a bathtub, I can tell you that. The point is, even if you don't own animals, you know that down deep you are a Dog Person or a Cat person.

Perhaps the greatest thing about pets is that they, like us, are creations of God, but unlike us, they glorify God just by their existence. All creation does this. A rock has nothing to do but be a rock and it declares God's goodness in all its rockiness. The tree grows, budding in the spring, dropping leaves in the fall, and the greatness of God is declared by its treehood. But pets are different. Pets are the part of creation that we live most intimately with. They lie on our bed



#### **GOD'S HELPING HANDS**

September is OLSLC's month to take food to the 10 shut-in families that God's Helping Hands supports. We are scheduled to take food out on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> and will meet at God's Helping Hands at 8:30 that morning. Last year was a **BIG** success because we had a large group of volunteers. I will be coming to see individuals personally to get out list of volunteers together...please keep that Saturday morning free for this community project!

#### **RAZBERRIES**

A private tour of Crouch Distilling has been scheduled by Sallie and David Hutto for the Razberries on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. The address is 947 S. Stadium Road, Bay #3. First tour will begin at 5:00 pm. Last tour will be at 6:30, so late arrivals are okay. We will go out to eat afterwards at a restaurant (to be announced).

Please RSVB to Sallie at 414-6009 or email sloftis@sc.rr.com

#### **ELDERBERRIES**

Please watch Sunday bulletin for information about the September 15 Elderberries meeting. Plans will be announced.



# HOMECOMING COME CELEBATE! COME HOME! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016

Homecoming at OSLC will be on Sunday, October 23, 2016. We are inviting all Our Saviour family to join us: our current members, all families that have moved away, and people we haven't seen in years. What a great celebration it will be!

We will have a worship service that morning at 10:30 and afterwards a covered dish lunch. The fried chicken and ham will be provided by the Elderberries. Please bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share.

Look for the sign up sheet or call the church office at 803-794-8180.

We look forward to seeing all of you for Homecoming 2016. Please invite family and friends.



#### PEANUT PARTY

On Saturday, August 20, the Cameron circle sponsored a peanut party for the congregation. Lots of boiled

peanuts, hot dogs and chips. Participants were asked to bring a contribution for the WELCA service project. Pastor Ron Brown provided entertainment.



#### Pastor's Message (cont'd)

with us and eat the treats we give them and make us laugh when they fall in the bathtub. And that is why we bless Historically, Blessing of the them. Animals is connected to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the peaceful saint who had such regard for God's creation. And in addition to declaring God's goodness of all creation, a Blessing of the Animals service is a time when many people bring the important animals in their lives to be blessed.

This year we are holding a Blessing of the Animals service at the West Columbia Riverfront Park on Saturday, October 1. We tried last year, but the historic rains forced us cancel. When we do these sorts of things, we are trying to accomplish a few things:

- 1) raise our visibility up in the community.
- 2) raise some money for a good cause, and
- 3) foster fellowship among different groups in the congregation.

There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex and plenty to do. need to plan and get ready, and finally have the service. We have the basic service available, but we'll need to sort out what sort of hospitality we plan to But the most important job will have. be to get the word out. So this is a perfect opportunity to talk to your dogwalking neighbors a bit about Our Saviour and give them an invite. Be on the lookout for more info coming your way soon.

> Peace in Christ Pastor Lance+

#### SEPTEMBER MINISTRIES

#### **FLOWERS**

Sep 4 Melba Murphy

11 Barney & Loleta Keitt Melba Murphy

18 Isma Boland

**GREETERS** 

Isma Boland

Barbara Hunter & Pam Hanfland

25 Dot Haltiwanger

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS** 

Sep 4 Isma Boland

11 Howard Hughes

18 Rebecca Fingerlin

25 Loleta Keitt

Barney & Loleta Keitt **NURSERY KEEPERS** 

Lydia Circle

Doris Wessinger Theresa Garner

Melba Murphy

#### LAY READERS

Sep 4 Sylvia Ford

11 Pam Hanfland

18 Kelly Heid

25 Don Horton

#### **CHAT & SNACK**

Need Volunteer\* Need Volunteer\*

The Bolands

**OCTOBER** 

Need Volunteer\*

Margaret Jumper

Barney Keitt, Chief

#### **SEPTEMBER**

#### S.S. SUPERINTENDENT

Isma Boland

**USHERS** 

Don Horton, Chief

Gary Black

Mark Satterwhite

NURSERY MONITOR

Margaret Jumper

**ALTAR GUILD** 

Kelly Heid & Beverly

**Nivens** 

Gail Marcum

Isma Boland

Howard Hughes

Marie Lybrand

**ACOLYTE** 

Isma Boland

CRUCIFER

Adam Fingerlin

Jason Powell

**OFFERING PICKUP** 

Isma Boland

Claire Fingerlin

Barney Keitt

**TELLERS** 

Margaret Jumper &

Dot Haltiwanger

Barney Keitt & Sallie Hutto

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Frank Yonce

Barney Keitt

#### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

Barbara Hunter, Council Secretary

No Meeting in August

# A NEW ROAD 34 BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR FOR WIDOWED PERSONS

A Bereavement Seminar will be held at Camp Kinard near Batesburg-Leesville, SC on October 7-9, 2016. The seminar offers support for men and women who have been widowed within the past five years. *A New Road 34* is sponsored by the SC Synod ELCA and assisted in funding by friends and former participants.

Professional counselors and presenters will be available with information on financial and coping skills. Ruth Strait-Ellis, Grief and Trauma Counselor, will speak on "Keys to Coping for Adults and Children." James Caulder, Informed Decisions, Inc., will share information on Social Security and Financial issues. Attorney Matthew Myers will present a session on Wills, Trusts, and Probate.

The Reverend Tommy Lineberger Jr, Head Chaplain, will present a session on "The Healing Element of Sharing Our Stories." Jane and Craig Duersing will share "Songs for the Journey." There will be a series of panel discussions that include young adults who have experienced the death of a parent. Another panel will discuss "Plan B for My Life."

For more information and a brochure please contact by email deesc@me.com or dcgadm@knology.net or by phone (864) 706-6596 or (706) 910-7534 or (803) 892-2556. Registration deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE REPORTS

Floyd Hanna, Chairperson

July and August reports will be in next month's *Grapevine* 

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet on Sunday, September 11, at 5:00 pm. In the Conference Room

#### **CAMERON CIRCLE**

Cameron Circle will meet on Monday, September 12 at 10:00 at the church.



#### **AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**

From July 31-August 21

Sunday School—27

Sunday Worship—68



President—Pam Hanfland
Vice President—Barbara Hunter
Secretary—Rebecca Fingerlin
Treasurer—Ann Satterwhite

Circles

Cameron second Monday morning

Elizabeth Shealy & Isma Boland

Lydia second Monday evening

Gail Marcum

Rebekah third Monday evening

Linda Yonce and Linda Griffith

#### 2016 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

**Action**—Lydia (Nursery, OSLC Project, 2016 OSLC-WELCA Retreat)

Community—Cameron (Local Service Project, Easter Egg Hunt, Hospitality, and Entertainment

Growth—Rebekah (2017 OSLC-WELCA Retreat, Women of the ELCA Sunday, Spiritual Gifts, Seminary Auxiliary Sunday, Newberry College Women's League Sunday)

#### September 18, 2016 - WELCA Sunday

September 18, 2016 - 3 PM - Fall 2016 WELCA Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting – @Our Saviour Lutheran Church

- Speaker Catharine Senterfeit, SCDB South Carolina Department of the Blind
- Refreshments provided by Cameron Circle

**2017 Nomination Committee** — Margaret Jumper (Chair), Beverly Nivens, and Linda Yonce. Nomination Committee will present Slate of Officers at October General Meeting, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**2017 Budget Committee** – Ann Satterwhite (Chair), Pam Hanfland, Barbara Hunter, Rebecca Fingerlin, Gail Marcum, Linda Hill, and Kay Black. The proposed budget will be available for **circles to review at their September meeting** and **presented for adoption at the October General Meeting, October 6**<sup>th</sup>.

Mar 31-Apr 2, 2017 WELCA Retreat - St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, Johns Island.

Plans are to spend 2 nights and include 2 breakfasts (Saturday/Sunday) and Saturday night's meal. You'll be on your own for Friday night, but there'll be plenty of snacks for those of you who eat big lunches enroute!

**Deposits** — Make checks out to OSLC–WELCA and give to Patsy Horton.

\$50 due by August 21

\$50 due by November 20

Balance due January 2017

#### **WELCA Dates to Remember:**

 October 6, 2016 - 6 pm - Joint WELCA Meeting

Devotional/Prayer - Rebekah Refreshments – Lydia

- December 8, 2016 6 pm WELCA Executive Meeting Opening Prayer: Ann Satterwhite
- Mar 31-Apr 2, 2017 WELCA Retreat St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, Johns Island
- July 13-16, 2017 "All Anew" is the theme for Women of the ELCA's Tenth Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota

#### COMMEMORATION PROFILES

Ruth Nicholson

The Lutheran Church, as part of its worship, celebrates the lives of notable Christians of the past. Our hymnal provides a calendar (pp. 15-17) for us to follow which recognizes these individuals on the anniversary of their deaths.



#### September 2 Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, **Bishop** (1783-1872)Renewer of the church

Nikolai Grundtvig, a 19th-century Danish theologian, had strong views about returning the church to Lutheran orthodoxy, centering on the Apostles' Creed and the sacraments. He was also an authority on Norse and Anglo-Saxon sagas and wrote poetry, including a Danish version of Beowulf. Lutherans know Grundtvig as the author of hymn texts such as "O Day Full of Grace" and "Built on a Rock."

#### September 16 Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage (c. 200-c.258) Martyr

A native of North Africa, Cyprian became a Christian at age 46, was ordained a priest, and became the bishop at Carthage soon after that. He had to care for his fellow Christians in covert ways because of persecution b y imperial authorities. Cyprian believed strongly in the need for unity in the church, so he urged compassion for those Christians who had compromised their faith under pressure from Rome. In 258, when Cyprian was asked to renounce his own Christianity, his refusal led to his beheading.

#### September 18 Dag Hammarskjold (1905-1961) Renewer of society

Swedish statesman and international peacemaker, Dag Hammarskjöld began his career as a teacher before entering civil service. He was an astute financial expert whose influence extended beyond Sweden's borders following WWII. Two years after joining his country's delegation to the United Nations, he became the UN's second secretary-general. He was instrumental in bringing peaceful ends to conflicts in the Middle East in the 1950's. In 1961, while on a peace mission to the Congo, Hammarskjöld was killed in a plane crash. He was posthumously awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for that year. The depth of his spiritual life and devotion is evident in the book called Markings, based on his diaries.

#### **ELCA PRESS RELEASES**



#### **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** God's work. Our hands.

- ELCA presiding bishop issues statement on 7/20 police shootings
- 7/25 ELCA members offer prayers for congregation of Hawk Creek near Sacred Hart, Minnesota
- 7/28 ELCA introduces second phase of future directions initiative
- 8/08 ELCA 2016 Churchwide Assembly gathers under theme "Freed and Renewed in Christ"
- 8/10 ELCA assembly receives vice president final report
- ELCA approves Lutheran-Catholic ecumenical 8/10 document
- ELCA elects vice president 8/12
- **ELCA** approves Word and Service roster 8/12
- ELCA presiding bishop reflects on work of the church and looks to future priorities
- 8/16 ELCA key actions

#### **GRAPEVINE QUIZ**

Answers on page 10

- 1. In Genesis 3, Adam and Eve take a bite from the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, what was the other tree at the center of Eden (Genesis 2)?
  - A. The Tree of Life
  - B. The Tree of Healing
  - C. The Tree of Wisdom
  - D. One of those danged sweet gum trees
- 2. In Numbers 11, the wandering Israelites forget about being free and start remembering Egypt as a place where they could eat these things.
  - A. Bacon and Eggs
  - B. Bread and Wine
  - C. Cucumbers and Leeks
  - D. A Big Mac and Fries
- 3. Despite being denied meat, Daniel and his colleagues continue to thrive drinking only water and eating only what (Daniel 1)?
  - A. Vegetables
  - B. Grains
  - C. Fruits
  - D. Stuff from GNC
- 4. In Matthew 24, Jesus says when you see this sort of tree sprouting, you know that summer is on its way.
  - A. Apple
  - B. Sycamore
  - C. Fig
  - D. The American Elm
- 5. In Revelation 22, the Tree of Life produces how many different kinds of fruit?
  - A. Three—one from the Father, one from the Son, one from the Holy Spirit
  - B. Four—one to be taken by each of the four winds
  - C. Twelve—one for each month
  - D. 100—just like Pelican's Snoballs

BONUS: Legend says someone asked Luther what he would do if he knew the world was to end tomorrow. In the calm certainty that the future was in Jesus' good hands said he would do what today?



#### **BACK TO SCHOOL HUMOR**

Walking through the hallways at the middle school where I work, I saw a new substitute teacher standing outside his classroom with his forehead against a locker. I heard him mutter, "How did you get yourself into this?"

Knowing he was assigned to a difficult class, I tried to offer moral support. "Are you okay?" I asked. "Can I help?"

He lifted his head and replied, "I'll be fine as soon as I get this kid out of his locker."

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I was teaching a life-skills class to my high school students one day, and we were discussing the various terms one might encounter in a restaurant. I asked, "What does the phrase "à la carte" mean?" "It means," a student said, "you're in the wrong restaurant."

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I'm a high school geometry teacher and I started one lesson on triangles by reading a theorem. "If an angle is an exterior angle of a triangle, then its measure is greater than the measure of either of its corresponding remote interior angles."

I noticed that one student wasn't taking notes and asked him why. "Well," he replied sincerely, "I'm waiting until you start speaking English."

# THANK YOU

Pastor Lance & Our Saviour Friends,

We cannot thank you enough for the love you have shown us during Heyward's mishaps and knee surgery. All your prayers, cards, visits, and delicious food have been so special. Your concerns and kindness reminds us that we are so blessed to have Our Saviour as our church family.

To the above we must add a sincere thank you for all the cards, calls, kind words of sympathy, and your attendance at the service for Heyward's brother, Wendell, who passed away on July 25.

**Heyward & Doris** 

Dear Friends,

We have begun welcoming our newest 4K students and their families into our schools in Lexington School District Two. Your church has played an important role in this process by allowing us to use your facility for the 4K screening in June. We are extremely grateful for your kindness and support. You are champions for children and we appreciate you.

Sincerely, Early Childhood Department Lexington School District #2

Dear Our Saviour and Friends,

We would like to thank you all for all your love and support in helping us celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary with the renewal of our vows. As David puts it, our next goal is 51 -- one year at a time. We'll be off on our cruise soon and look forward to sharing our venture with you all.

Love and Peace to you all, David and Linda Griffith

#### **ASK JOSEPHINE**



Dear Josephine,

After attending out Sunday School class on July 17 and hearing the discussion on church architecture and how it relates to our worship experience, I began wondering about something related to that. When we visit various Lutheran churches, we see that some have a pulpit and a lectern and others, like OSLC, have only a pulpit. Is there a reason for this? Does it have to do with the architecture of the church, the free-standing altar, or what? Is the pulpit in some churches considered a "holy of holies" which only an ordained minister can speak from? Any light you can shed on this would be greatly appreciated.

Always wondering about something

Dear Always,

The reason there is a raised platform (Latin word: *pulpitum*) in the church is simply so that the person speaking can be heard by the congregation. So the pulpit was the place from where Scripture was to be read and commented on. With the involvement of lay people in worship ministries (reading Scripture) a practice evolved that reserved the pulpit for the clergy and a smaller stand (lectern) was provided for the laity. That tradition still exists in some churches where there are both a lectern and pulpit.

In some churches, however, there is just one reading/speaking stand (a way of architecturally highlighting the Reformation's emphasis upon the priesthood of all beleivers, or maybe because of limited finances), When there is just one stand, it is properly called an "ambo" (a Greek word meaning elevation). From the ambo, Scripture is to be read so as to be heard. That is what you have in your church.

Is it a "holy of holies"? No, the ambo is the place where a person should stand to read the Word of God and to offer reflection upon it. The piece of furniture exists for very practical reasons, so that the congregation can focus their attention and that the reader can be heard. What is holy is the Word of the Lord.

Love,

Josephine

# MORE OSLC NEWS & NOTES

#### **LUTHERAN MEN**

Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Monday, September 19 at 7:00 pm, at the church. Frank Yonce will be Program chairman and will conduct the meeting in the absence of the President and Vice President. has the program. Heyward Wessinger & Herman Shealy are in charge of food.

#### **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

We will gather again for community lunch on Wednesday, September 28. Invite others to join us at noon.

#### **GOD'S HELPING HANDS**

Current needs are for juice, peanut butter, and cooking oil. Items may be brought to the church and placed in the boxes in the Cameron Hallway.



# OSLC-WELCA SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18

The Reverend Dr. Mary Havens

Rebekah Circle hopes you all will come join us on September 18th for the *Annual WELCA Sunday*. The ladies of the church will be conducting the Worship Service on this day. If you have not been asked to participate, please accept this as your invitation to help us out on this Sunday. We need those voices in the choir. Please contact Loleta Keitt or Sandra Hughes if you can help out.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

On August 28 the Adult Sunday School Class will begin a six-week examination of the Old Testament Book of Exodus using the Book of Faith Series from Augsburg Fortress. Come and find out what God is saying to us today in these stories from long ago.

#### **SINGING & RINGING**

Choir and Handbell practice will resume on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 pm (choir) and 7:45 (handbells).

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday evening Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 pm.

#### SRAA OUTREACH SCHOOL SUPPLIES & HEALTHY SNACKS

August has been a month for collecting money for school supplies and backpacks for students at SRAA who are in need of them for many different reasons. Elderberries want to thank you for your generosity. Next month we will continue our outreach program at SRAA as we collect healthy snacks for students identified by the guidance counselor as those in need of them. These students are given a bag with healthy snacks each Friday to put in their book bag to have over the weekend. We will collect snacks the first two Sundays of each month during the school year. The box for collection of these snacks will be in the Narthex. Thank you again for your continued support.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Those listed below have special prayers needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church secretary so the name cam be removed.

Carol Aull
Charles Aull
(cousin of Bill Aull)
Sarah Childress
(friend of Chris & Beth Boland)
Christina Davis
(friend of Anna Diggins)
Katie Doble
Margaret Ford
(Oakleaf Village, Apt. 335)
Emma Gobelek
(friend of Anna Diggins)
Clara Gregory
(Harbor Chase #203)

Dorothy Haltiwanger
Retha Kinman
(grandmother of Rebecca Kleckley)
Judy Lemons
Savannah McRae
Linda Keisler Meetze
Dr. Larry Mohr
(friend of Jane & Benee Wallace)
Marie Shealy
(Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
Vera Summer
(Oakleaf Village, Room 214)

#### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Please Note: if there are any errors or omissions in birthdays or anniversaries, notify the church office. We want to make sure our records are correct.

#### **eVINE MESSAGES**

If you are not receiving eVine Messages and would like to, please contact the church or sent a message to evine@oursaviour.net



#### **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

DeLeon & Jane Wallace 9/09 Barney & Loleta Keitt 9/20

#### **GRAPEVINE ARTICLES**

If you have articles, reports and/or pictures that you or your group would like printed in the next Grapevine, please send them to the Church Office on or before Wednesday, September 21.

#### **NEW ADDRESS**

Chris Keitt 13 Williamstown Court Irmo, SC 29063

ANSWERS: 1. A. The Tree of Life; 2. C. Cucumbers and Leeks 3. A. Vegetables; 4. C. Fig; 5. C. Twelve—one for each month; BONUS "Plant an apple tree"

#### **AUGUST PICTURES**



Blessing of the Back Packs

(Prayer is good!)





**Elderberries were hosted by Pastor John and Willette Satterwhite at Heritage at Lowman Home** 



Razberries enjoy Sunday lunch at California Dreaming

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