

THE GRAPEVINE

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Grace to you and Peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I've mentioned many times how blessed we are to have such good financial stewardship around here. I walked into that when I came here and realized that my number one strategy was this—don't mess it up, Lance! So I have maintained a strategy I learned from a Lutheran pastor and stewardship specialist named Charles "Chick" Lane. Chick wrote an influential book called *Ask, Thank, Tell*. I think about the times I have asked for the needs in the community or the pastor's discretionary fund, or roof shingles or whatever. And you have responded. And I hope I have thanked you well, and told you what happened. I like "Ask, Thank, Tell" because it is not a stewardship program, but a strategy.

I recently heard of a workshop with a similar tack but with regards to Evangelism. It too was based on a three word strategy---"Invite, Welcome, Connect". A recent article about a local church plant quoted the pastor saying that "Evangelism is all about building relationship." I respectfully disagree. Relationship with God and a fellow Christians is the end result of Evangelism, but how do you (yes, you!) first share the Good News of Jesus Christ? I suggest this—"Invite, Welcome, Connect".

Invite—While certain sorts of marketing strategies are useful—websites, signs, flyers, special events—by and large, most people first attend a church at the invitation of a coworker, friend, neighbor or family member. Take a moment and think about the people you know that once had faith as a major focus of their lives, but have let it slip away. Some people may have had a bad experience, so you don't have to pry. If that is discovered, you can, however, apologize for Christians acting badly (we all know that happens). Some people just got uninterested or confused, but you don't have to theologially wrangle with them. No, all you have to do is invite them—"hey, I remember that church used to be a bigger part of your life, if you ever want that back, you are welcome to come with me." And let God do the rest. Maybe you will get an acceptance, or maybe you will just be planting a seed.

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



RAZBERRIES

Don & Patsy Horton will be hosting Razberries on July 14. Look for more information in the Sunday bulletin.

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

God's Helping Hands needs are for Jiffy Mix, canned milk, cooking oil, bed sheets and bath soap. Items may be brought to the church and placed in the boxes that are located in the Cameron Hallway.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY NEW TOPIC

The Tuesday morning Bible study group is beginning to listen to the book, "American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation," by Pulitzer Prize winning author Jon Meacham. Please join us if you are interested!

ELCA PRESS RELEASES



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 6/05 Brian Maas re-elected bishop of ELCA Nebraska Synod
- 6/06 Laurie Skow-Anderson elected bishop of the ELCA Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
- 6/07 ELCA presiding bishop, faith leaders issue statement of family separation
- 6/12 DECLARACIÓN DE LÍDERES DE FE SOBRE LA SEPARACIÓN DE LA FAMILIA
- 6/18 James Hazelwood reelected bishop of ELCA New England Synod

THANK YOU

Dear Pastor Lance & Church Family,

There are no words that are adequate enough to express to all of you what you mean to us. This year began with Greg's surgery on January 15. In February, I had two serious falls. God is so gracious with his healing love and amazing grace. Through medical personnel and therapy, I'm still healing and one day I will walk again. It is through family, friends and all of you at Our Saviour who make it possible. A special thank you to Pastor Lance for bringing "church" to Greg and me at home. Prayer does work!

A special thank you those who brought delicious meals. Every kind and encouraging word, your cards, calls, and visits will always be remembered with thankful hearts and you will be rewarded from our Lord and Savior.

Please continue to remember us in prayer for my episode with nose cancer last month. After three surgeries and six months later, I'll be there, but what a way to get a nose job! God sent special doctors—my family physician, dermatologist, and plastic surgeon. I'm thankful now to be cancer free.

I've know that with trust in our living and loving Heavenly Father that all things are possible to him who believeth, but sometimes you need extra help. It comes through family, friends, and you at Our Saviour. God says to pray for one another so that you may be healed. Greg and I are truly blessed.

We especially miss coming to church and it mat be a while yet, but we will be worshipping with you again. Thank you, Mary, for saving our seat! May God's richest blessings be with all of you, and help in times of need.

Much love,
Jeanie, Greg Chapman & family

Welcome—It seems every church has an “All are Welcome” sign. But the truth is being truly hospitable is a hard thing to do. I think this congregation does well. We have learned to give people some room and still be welcoming. I think the thing to remember is that, when people walk into a church, they are foremost looking toward a relationship with God. They know their faults, but there is something restless in their hearts. And they may not even be able to articulate it, but I really think that’s the case. So our attitude should be one that acknowledges that desire. If we look at people just as potential future church members instead of a human heart seeking to connect with God, we have failed them.

Connect—This is the tough one. People do want to invest in a church. But determining the level of investment is tough. So I guess my only advice is “start small”. Asking a newcomer to serve on council or be a teller is probably not the best way to connect a person into the congregation. Social events are probably the better start. But even smaller service events might also be a way to get people to connect. Even still, a person may only be interested in strictly worship and giving. And that’s fine too. Pope John Paul II had a great saying, “the church proposes; it never imposes”. So I suggest if you are trying to connect a person into this congregation, think about asking in a way that makes it look like a suggestion. Something like “hey, you think about serving as _____? I think you would be good at it.” Again, maybe you will get an acceptance, or maybe you will just be planting a seed.

If you are thinking Evangelism is not what your calling is, consider “Invite, Welcome, Connect”. Then you might think “yeah, I can be an Evangelist!”

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance+

JULY MINISTRIES

	FLOWERS	GREETERS
Jul 1	<i>Melba Murphy</i>	<i>Melba Murphy</i>
8	<i>*Available</i>	<i>Jack & Jean Hopkins</i>
15	<i>Charles & Ruth Nicholson</i>	<i>Sylvia Ford</i>
22	<i>*Available</i>	<i>Isma Boland</i>
29	<i>Frank & Linda Yonce</i>	<i>Robin & Henry Henderson</i>
	WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	LAY READERS
Ju1 1	<i>Isma Boland</i>	<i>Virginia Morris</i>
8	<i>Virginia Morris</i>	<i>Isma Boland</i>
15	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Ruth Nicholson</i>
22	<i>Howard Hughes</i>	<i>Charles Nicholson</i>
29	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>

JULY

AUGUST

NURSERY MONITOR

Elizabeth Shealy *Kay Black*

S.S. SUPERINTENDENT

Isma Boland **Need Volunteer*

USHERS

*Chief *Need Volunteer* *Jason Powell*

Isma Boland *Wayne Lybrand*

**Need Volunteer* *Gail Marcum*

ALTAR GUILD

*Kay Black &
Rebecca Fingerlin* *Gail Marcum &
Caroline Raszewski*

ACOLYTE

Claire Fingerlin **Need Volunteer*

CRUCIFER

Adam Fingerlin **Need Volunteer*

OFFERING PICKUP

Isma Boland *Jason Powell*

TELLERS

*Horace Meetze &
Doris Wessinger* **Need Volunteers*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Jason Powell *Gary Black*

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.



July 1
Catherine Winkworth
(1827-1878)
Hymn Translator

English-speaking congregations are indebted to Catherine Winkworth for her translations of German hymns. Her work has made a wealth of hymn texts available. Nineteen appear in our ELW, including the much-loved “Now Thank We All Our God”; “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”; and “O Living Bread From Heaven.” Miss Winkworth spent most of her life in her native England, where she was an advocate for women’s rights.

July 1
Mason Neale
(1818-1866)
Hymn Translator

While he was a student of classics at Cambridge University in his native England, John Neale participated in a movement for church renewal. Although he joined the priesthood, his poor health kept him from serving as a parish rector. He worked instead as warden of Sackville College. Neale’s legacy to Christian worship consists of many hymn translations, most from ancient Greek and Latin sources. Fourteen of them appear in our ELW, including “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”; “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”; and “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation.”

July 29

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Lazarus and his sisters offered friendship and hospitality to Jesus. Thanks to the Gospel writers, these three lives have even greater significance. Mary’s anointing of Jesus stands for pure devotion. Her attentiveness to Jesus’ words while Martha busied herself preparing food and drink has rendered these women symbols of two aspects of the Christian life—namely, contemplation and action. Jesus’ raising of Lazarus from death points to believers’ hope for new life in Christ.

July 29
Olaf, King of Norway
(995-1030)
Martyr

As a young man, Olaf Haraldsson accompanied his foster father on Viking raids. After being baptized in France at about age nineteen, Olaf returned to his native Norway with an army and made himself the country’s ruler within a year. He supported Christianity over paganism and revised Norwegian law, enforcing it impartially. Danish and Swedish armies then drove him from power into exile. Soon after Olaf returned to Norway, he was killed in battle. He is revered as Norway’s patron saint, and his deeds are often extolled in stories and visual art. A cathedral was built over his burial site in Trondheim, Norway.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

From June 3-June 17

Sunday School—22

Sunday Worship—61

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(Answers on page 10)

July is National Hot Dog month. The bible doesn't say much about frankfurters in buns, but dogs are mentioned a few times. So dogs it is.

1. Who is the Judge in Judges 7 whom God directs to take as his army only the men who drink like dogs?
 - A. Samson
 - B. Joshua
 - C. Gideon
 - D. Judge Judy
2. Which prophet of 1 Kings 21 gives the warning that the evil Queen Jezebel will be eaten by dogs?
 - A. Ahab
 - B. Elijah
 - C. Elisha
 - D. Nostradamus
3. In Matthew 7, Jesus warns his listeners to not give these things to dogs. What are they?
 - A. Valuable things
 - B. Holy things
 - C. Good things
 - D. Rawhide chew toys
4. In Luke 16, what is the name of the impoverished pitiful man who "even the dogs would come and lick his sores".
 - A. Simeon
 - B. Josephus
 - C. Lazarus
 - D. Grossy McGrossface
5. In 2 Peter 2, Peter quotes an Old Testament passage about dogs. Which book is he quoting from?
 - A. Proverbs
 - B. Leviticus
 - C. Jonah
 - D. Ol' Yeller

BONUS: Martin Luther is quoted as saying he wished he could pray with the intensity of a dog looking at _____. What was it?

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Kelly Heid, Council Secretary

JUNE 2018

- VBS will be held at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church. OSLC and Faith Lutheran Church will be joining their congregation on July 22 – 26. Dinner will be served at 5:15; Children's activities will begin at 5:50 and the Adult class will begin at 6:20. Pastor Lance will teach the Adult class each evening. All classes conclude at 7:40. OSLC will provide 1 meal, which will be organized by the Kitchen and Fellowship Committee.
- The Conference Room table is in place and chair fabric selection is in progress.
- The double entry doors and side entry door will soon receive a fresh coat of paint.
- Council has signed a covenant with the Synod to continue with the Farming Church process for its 2-year duration. Council members will be participating in monthly Webinars beginning in August.
- In the near future, beautiful all-purpose notecards and envelopes will be available for purchase in packs of 10. The design of the card was a collaborative effort and the church's address is on the back of the card. Proceeds will be donated to an organization that is yet undesignated.

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 can be removed.

Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Katie Doble
Mickey Golden
(cousin of Linda Yonce)
Dolores Hopkins
Charles Hopkins

Chris Keitt
Marie Shealy
(Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
Cambridge Stone
(father of Rodney Stone)
The family of Vera Summer

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Withrow	7/11
Meredith Cleland	7/14
Bill Aull	7/17
Tori Moye	7/17
Chris Keitt	7/19
Elizabeth Shealy	7/19
Jim Garner	7/20
Sallie Hutto	7/20
Trey Wallace	7/20
Frank Yonce	7/22
Rebecca Fingerlin	7/31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Jean Hopkins	7/03
Don & Sylvia Ford	7/13
John & Willette Satterwhite	7/22
Frank & Linda Yonce	7/27
Dan & Pam Hanfland	7/31

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.

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 Monday, July 23.



ANSWERS 1, C. Gideon; 2, B. Elijah; 3 B. Holy things; 4, C. Lazarus; 5, A. Proverbs; BONUS: meat

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Secretary — Kelly Heid (356-6705
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I missed June deadline but did not have a lot for you, but, the SC Women of the ELCA Convention at Redeemer/Columbia was AWESOME! We had long sessions and lots of voting! Here's some thoughts for you:



♦ The logo artist, Anne Patterson White, was present on Friday. "Christ, Be Our Light" was our theme from John 8:12.

- ♦ The Reverend Jacqueline Utley (Ascension/Columbia) was our Chaplain and she was an awesome leader.
- ♦ Elections — President, Becky Koch re-elected; Vice President, Mary Soltis (Bethlehem/Irmo); Treasurer, Rachel Quesada re-elected; and FOUR board members — Amanda Boatwright (St. James/Leesville re-elected); and three new members — Rae F. Davis (Mt. Horeb/Chapin); Amanda Baker (St. Paul/Gilbert); and Kristin Snelgrove (St. David/WCola).



♦ One of our goals was to raise \$10,000 for the Tanzania school girl dormitory which was damaged by fire. WE RAISED \$10,004! Offerings were: Joy—\$3,670.30 and Convention — \$4,010.05. Projects: — Linens 617, Personal Items 4,197, Baby Items 1,429, School Supplies 2,316, Cleaning Supplies 693 and 13 miscellaneous items for a total of 9,265 items. Gift cards totaled \$2,134 and checks were \$4,469 for a total of \$6,603. All this went to Lutheran Services Carolinas plus 1/4 of the Convention offering. The Silent Auction collected over \$3,000.



- ♦ We passed a proposed budget for \$67,300 — a \$6,000 decrease from 2018. I will be happy to discuss the reduction areas with anyone who desires.

The 2018 OSLC-WELCA Project coordinated by Rebekah Circle received 58 personal hygiene bags for the veterans homeless shelter — Central Midlands Transition Retreat Center located near the Lexington County Sherriff's Department. Thanks to the congregation for your over-whelming support for the 2018 OSLC-WELCA Project.



Circle members, Linda Griffith, Linda Hill, Jane Wallace, and Mary Withrow delivered the items prior to Father's Day.

REMINDER: The **NOMINATING Committee** consisting of Sue Drafts, Chair (Cameron); Kelly Heid (Lydia); and Linda Hill (Rebekah) are seeking ladies willing to serve as officers for next year. Prayerfully consider serving.

HOPE EVERYONE HAS A WONDERFUL SUMMER AND TRY TO STAY COOL! SAFE TRAVELS TO THOSE MAKING TRIPS THIS SUMMER.



PLEASE PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR...

Circles will be getting back together after the summer so if you would like to join one, contact any of the officers listed in this article.

September—Fall SCWELCA Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting

October 14—3-5 PM - Joint OSLC WELCA Meeting (New Officers to be elected) Devotional/Prayer - Rebekah Refreshments - Lydia

December 2—11:45 AM - WELCA Executive Meeting immediately following Worship Service Opening Prayer: Pam Hanfland

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of our Saviour*

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Vacation Bible School

July 22nd - 26th

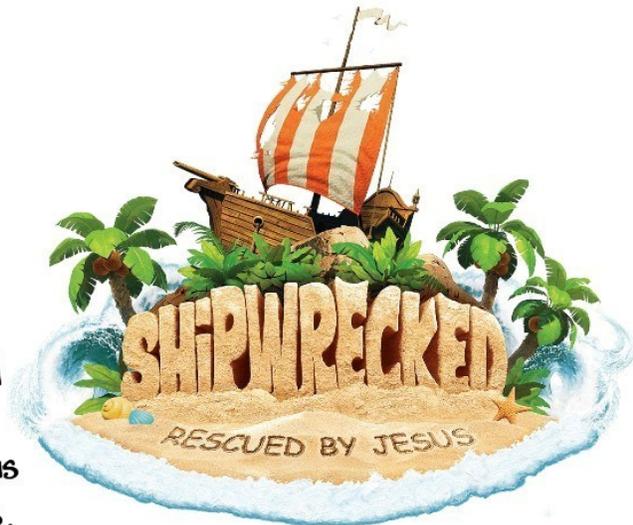
5:15 PM - 7:40 PM

*Dinner served at 5:15

*VBS starts at 5:50

*Adult Bible Study starts at 6:20

Venture onto an uncharted island
where kids survive and thrive.
Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus
carries them through life's storms.



Mt. Tabor, Faith Lutheran, and OSLC are teaming up for VBS July 22-26! If you have kids, grandkids, neighbors that want to participate in Vacation Bible School, fill out the enclosed entry form and send to Mt. Tabor. VBS is free. Dinner will be included each night. Pastor Lance will be teaching an adult class, so sign up on the bulletin board if you plan on attending. OSLC will provide the dinner one night.