

# THE GRAPEVINE

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

Thank you to all who completed the Farming Church inventory. We have our results back and the council has already gotten to work. I wrote back in June, but I know there are more questions out there.

**What is “farming church”?** Farming Church is a two-year process which enhances a congregation’s capacity to accept change. Change is coming, and we do not know what it will be (that’s up to the Holy Spirit). But if we are not ready, we won’t be able to follow God’s will.

**What does the process look like?** First, a congregation takes an inventory to gauge its position in 7 key categories that mark a congregation’s readiness for change—faith, trust, vision, leadership, urgency, discovery, alignment. A score from 1-3 demonstrates a congregation hesitant to embrace change. A score from 4-6 demonstrates a congregation which may have some ambivalence to change. A score from 7-10 marks a congregation that is eager to embrace change.

Next, the leadership of the congregation (council) takes a look at one of the 7 areas to get a better understanding of what one of those categories is all about. For example, last month we looked at faith. The faith of a congregation has to do with its worship experience, its education opportunities, and its members own spiritual practices.

Once the leadership has an idea about that practice, the pastor and the council president go through a coaching session via teleconference with a consultant from Pinnacle Associates. This is to help them lead the next leadership session. Then the

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# OSLC NEWS & NOTES



The designer was Richard Bryant and Don Lawson of Christian Builders was our contractor.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

## WELL DONE, GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANTS

On August 19, we dedicated our remodeled conference room. The project was led by Marie Lybrand and Mark Satterwhite.

Funds from the memorials of Craig & Margaret Jumper, Thomas & Margie Dawson, Gary Raszewski, Mae Wicker, Jesse & Julie Corbett, Ilmars & Faith Birznieks, Raymond Eargle, Justin Parks, Walter & Evelyn Lybrand, Carroll & Kay Kester, Gladys Hutto, Janie McRae, Emily White, Judy Lemons, Manning Hook, Pearl Richardson, Ralph Ayers, Wendell Wessinger, Rev. Jerry Alexander, Dot Haltiwanger, Clara Gregory, Barbara Nivens, Jay Davis, Charles Cullum, Mabel Miller, Benjie Rikard, and Margaret Ford were used.



Generous gifts from Jumper Carter Sease Architects, Mark & Ann Satterwhite, and anonymous donor were also received for the remodel.



## FUN FACT

Thanks to Bill Aull for making our doors all snazzy looking again! During the project, the question of why do Lutherans paint their doors red? At the time of the Reformation, a town might have more than one church—a Roman Catholic parish and a Evangelical (Lutheran) church. In the days before church signs, Lutherans began painting their doors red as a way of differentiating themselves from the Catholic parishes. Why red? Our guess is the same reason so many barns are red. Red paint was one of the cheapest paints to make!



leadership all comes together again to figure some ways that the faith of the congregation might increase. After that, changes may be implemented throughout the congregation.

**How did we do?** Overall and in each measure, we were consistently in the high 6's. Just under the mark from falling into the "eager" zone. To me, this was a great spot to be. I think it shows where we want to be and yet maintaining a healthy but small amount of skepticism. That's probably just pure prudence with a new process that is not well understood. It also means that we are in a position where the changes we will make will not be drastic or radical ones.

**So what changes are being made?** We have already been making tweaks to our worship service. But the biggest change is that we are attempting to get field education student this year from LTSS. This will be a big thing. We've not had any new worship leadership in a long time. It also means that we will be a teaching congregation. The current situation at the seminary means it is at the congregation where a seminarian learns how to lead worship. Your part in that will be to a supportive, welcoming and encouraging place. So if this unfolds (the seminary is not certain of the number of incoming students), I am asking you to let me be the voice of instruction and critique. We will also be asking our communion assistants to help pray the prayers of the people.

With regard to education, read the back cover to get an idea. I'm wanting to keep it under wraps for a bit, but I'm really excited about this opportunity. And regarding spiritual practices, I need you all to let me know about interest in a monthly (?) prayer breakfast.

That's a lot of info. I think my biggest request of you at this time is just to pray for your church leadership. We are taking on a fairly large amount of extra work, so your prayerful support will be a blessing.

Peace in Christ,  
PLH+

## SEPTEMBER MINISTRIES

### FLOWERS

Sep 2 *Bill & Linda Hill*

9 *\*Available*

16 *Inez Black*

23 *Barney & Loleta Keitt*

30 *\*Available*

### GREETERS

*Bill Aull*

*\*Need Volunteer*

*Wayne & Marie Lybrand*

*Bill & Linda Hill*

*Robin and Henry  
Henderson*

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sep 2 *Bill Aull*

9 *Virginia Morris*

16 *David Griffith*

23 *Howard Hughes*

30 *Isma Boland*

### LAY READERS

*Bill Aull*

*Virginia Morris*

*David Griffith*

*Caroline Raszewski*

*Wayne Lybrand*

### SEPTEMBER

#### S.S. SUPERINTENDENT

*Bill Hill*

#### NURSERY MONITOR

*Doris Wessinger*

#### USHERS

*Chief Howard Hughes*

*Jason Powell*

*\*Need Volunteer*

#### ALTAR GUILD

*Jane Wallace &*

*Linda Hill*

### OCTOBER

*Barney Keitt*

*Sue Drafts*

*Barney Keitt*

*DeLeon Wallace*

*\*Need Volunteer*

*Isma Boland &*

*Anne Moye*

#### ACOLYTE

*\*Need Volunteer*

*Isma Boland*

#### CRUCIFER

*Henry Henderson*

*Jason Powell*

#### OFFERING PICKUP

*Meredith Cleland*

*Jason Powell*

#### TELLERS

*Barney Keitt & Beth  
Cleland*

*\*Need Volunteers*

#### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

*Bill Aull*

*Barney Keitt*

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

*Kelly Heid, Council Secretary*

AUGUST 2018

- Caroline Raszewski gave a presentation on the Lutheran Services Carolinas three-year fund raising campaign.
- A motion was passed to replace the cup component of our brass chalice.
- OSLC will be participating in a Habitat for Humanity project of building 1 home, beginning September 2018. More details forthcoming.
- OSLC has entered into a 5 year copier lease agreement with Pollock Office Equipment effective August 2018. We will save approximately \$10,000 over the 5 years.
- Council members met at the church in August 9 to participate in the first Farming Church webinar. They also met Sunday, 8/19, after church to discuss the webinar and results of meeting with our coach.
- All-purpose note cards were sold in August. The cards are available in packs of 10 for \$5.00. Please see Pam Hanfland, Marie Lybrand or Kelly Heid for additional purchases.
- Evangelism and Kitchen/Fellowship teams are collaborating with the Elderberries to have Welcome Home Sunday on October 21. More details will be forthcoming.
- Operation Christmas Child box contents collection has begun. The goal is 100 boxes. Donations may be placed in the Cameron Building hallway or monetary donations can be made with designation for Operation Christmas Child.
- Claire Fingerlin reported that our youth are working on ideas to present details of their TX trip to the congregation.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

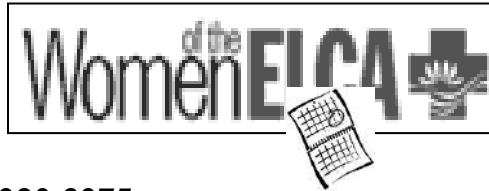
October 21 will be our Welcome/Home celebration. We will combine our annual homecoming with an outreach invite to the neighborhoods. So, invite a friend or neighbor!

### **AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**

*From August 5-August 26*

Sunday School—23

Sunday Worship—65



President — Linda Griffith (920-3975  
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 Secretary — Kelly Heid (356-6705  
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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR...**

**September 16—3 PM** - Fall SC WELCA Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting at Emmanuel/West Columbia. Come see an amazing performance , elect and install new officers. Everyone will want to attend this conference meeting —

It's that time of year again for leaves to begin changing, cooler weather (I hope), apple picking, football, and circles begin their fall schedules. If you are not coming to one of the circle gatherings, please consider attending at least one this year. All women of the church are considered members of WELCA and we'd love to have you and a friend join us some time. Here's a list of contacts:



Lydia Circle — meets 2nd Monday at 6 PM  
 Contact: Gail Marcum  
 (791-3893 gparks2073@aol.com)

Cameron Circle — meets 2nd Monday at 10 AM  
 Contact: Isma Boland  
 (760-6645 ilbright@bellsouth.net)

Rebekah Circle — meets 3rd Monday at 7 PM  
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 (794-4697 mhill78@sc.rr.com)  
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*Journey  
 Missionary  
 Performing Arts Ministry  
 Spreading the Gospel through the Arts!  
 Rev. Jackie Utley plays the roll of Sarai.  
 Pegi Roberts plays the roll of Mary Magdalene. The director is from Broadway, New York. This ministry is exciting and filled with the Holy Spirit.*

**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*

**CAMERON CIRCLE**

Cameron Circle will meet at the church on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

# 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 nineteenth-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 9  
Peter Claver,  
(1581-1654)**

**Priest, Missionary to Columbia**

Born into Spanish nobility, Peter Claver was persuaded to become a Jesuit missionary to the New World. In 1610 he began ministering to Africans brought on slave ships to South America. Not only did Claver give them food, clothing, and medicine as soon as they debarked, but he also helped them after they were taken to plantations or mines. He learned the Africans' languages in order to teach them about Christ. Peter Claver reportedly baptized 300,000 slaves during his 33 years as a missionary.

**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 by 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 30  
Jerome,  
(c. 347-420)  
translator, teacher**

Jerome was a priest and scholar of the early church. After his baptism in Rome at age 19, he traveled widely on pilgrimages and continued to study, learning Hebrew as one of his endeavors. After admission to the priesthood, he received a papal commission to translate the Bible into Latin. Jerome's translation, known as the Vulgate, served as the standard Latin version for 15 centuries after its completion.



**HAH, HAH**

During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later on in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: "Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I'm getting a wife."

## GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(Answers on page 10)

“Farming Church” is what we are talking about, so why not make the quiz about farming?

1. In Genesis 4, which of Adam’s sons do we know is definitely not a farmer?
  - A. Seth
  - B. Cain
  - C. Abel
  - D. Handy Manny
2. In Judges 15, Samson ties torches to the tails of what animals, turning them loose to burn down Philistine crops?
  - A. Foxes
  - B. Cats
  - C. Weasels
  - D. Wombats
3. In Ruth 2, Ruth meets her future husband Boaz in the fields. What is she doing out there?
  - A. Reaping barley
  - B. Picking up remnants left behind by the reapers
  - C. Separating wheat from chaff
  - D. Just hanging out, checking out the dudes
4. In Matthew 12, Jesus and his disciples get in trouble for plucking grain on the Sabbath. Why did they do it?
  - A. They were hungry.
  - B. They were trying to provoke the Pharisees
  - C. They did not realize it was the Sabbath
  - D. “It wasn’t us, it was those guys over here!”

5. In I Corinthians 3, Paul says that he and his fellow apostles are God’s servants. Who does he say is “God’s field”?

- A. *The whole world*
- B. *The Gentiles*
- C. *The members of the church in Corinth*
- D. *He and his fellow apostles. Paul is very confusing.*

BONUS: “Now the Green Blade Rises” is a hymn which has the first verse of “Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,/ wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;/ love lives again, that with the dead has been;”. In what church season do we sing this hymn?



## ELCA PRESS RELEASES



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

- 7/11 Idalia Negrón Caamaño elected bishop of the ELCA Caribbean Synod
- 7/25 Lutheran Disaster Response receives grant for Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts

# THANK YOU

Dear Members of OSLC,

I wish to express my deepest appreciation for the many cards, phone calls, prayers and food that I received during this unbelievably challenging time in my life. Without your love and support I would not have gotten through this difficult time.

Quinton and I also want to thank the food committee for the delicious meal they prepared for the family after the funeral.

A special thank you to Pastor Lance for the visits to Charles during the last couple of months. Quinton and I also want to thank Pastor Lance for the visits and prayers during the last days of Charles' life.

God Bless All of You,  
Dolores Hopkins

Dear Elderberries,

The mission of Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation, Inc. is to support the ministry of Lutheran Homes of South Carolina by enabling donors, who care about older adults and hospice patients, to achieve their philanthropic goals and by being a faithful steward of their gifts.

We are in receipt of your recent gift to the Heritage at Lowman in honor of Rev. and Mrs. John Satterwhite and David. Please know how grateful we are for your gift, and be assured that your donation will be used as you have designated.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those we serve at the ministries of Lutheran Homes of South Carolina. Your partnership is vital to achieving our mission of enhancing the well-being of older adults.

Sincerely,  
Melanie R. Gregg  
Director of Annual Giving  
& Donor Relations



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

In September we will continue collecting for our Christmas Shoeboxes. Our September emphasis will be on personal care items: Hairbrush, toothbrush, washcloth, bar soap, band-aids, plastic cup, compact mirror, stick deodorant. The children who receive our gifts are between the ages of 2 and 14. Reminder: We **cannot** send liquids, candy, toothpaste, war related items (toy guns, knives, or military figures), food, vitamins. There is a collection box in the Cameron Hallway for your items. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to OSLC and in the memo line indicate that it is for "Christmas Child."

This is a mission opportunity that everyone can participate in. Some of us can't go on a medical mission to Peru, or build a house for the homeless, but we all can purchase a pair of socks or a box of crayons for a child in need. Samaritan's Purse includes with our shoebox gifts, age appropriate material that conveys the story of Jesus in the native language of the child who receives our gifts. For more information contact Loleta Keitt.





## **MORE OSLC NEWS & NOTES**



### **ELDERBERRIES**

Summer is over and fall is upon us. Let's plan on meeting in the Fellowship Hall on September 20th to discuss plans for Homecoming and talk about our summer ventures. Watch for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Cameron Hallway.

### **RAZBERRIES**

Razberries in September will be hosted by Caroline Raszewski. More details to follow.

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

The Adult Sunday School Class will begin a four-week study of Ephesians on Sunday, September 2. According to the introduction, "Ephesians is an invitation into a world of grace, sweeping us into an all-encompassing vision of God's eternal plan to redeem all creation." Please join us for this study.

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

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

### **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

Community Lunch will be served on Wednesday, September 26 at noon. Invite your friends and neighbors to attend.

### **WELCA WOMEN**

You are invited to a special event on Sunday, September 16 at 6:00 pm at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church. Please join us for dinner and a special program presented by Mary Burkett of West Columbia. Mary will exhibit her drawings in her program entitled, "Beloved: Children of the Holocaust." Through her drawings she honors the lives of the children lost to the Holocaust and gives them a chance to speak to the world.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this special event! For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board in the Cameron Hallway.

### **OKTOBERFEST**

On Friday, September 21, Mt. Tabor will be holding its annual Oktoberfest. We are invited of course, but they are also looking for volunteers. Location is to be announced.

### **AUTUMN FLOWERS**

We have quite a few gaps in the Flower Chart. Consider how you might choose to honor a special occasion, memorialize a loved one and give glory to God.

## 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*  
*Margaret Chapman*  
*(sister of DeLeon Wallace)*  
*Carol Green*  
*(mother of Beth Cleland)*  
*Mickey Golden*  
*(cousin of Linda Yonce)*

*The family of Charles Hopkins*  
*Dolores Hopkins*  
*Chris Keitt*  
*Marie Shealy*  
*(Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)*  
*Jean Vasquez*

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Alan Hunter	9/07
Danny Boland	9/11
Ben Lemons	9/11
Horace Meetze	9/16
Shirley Hanna	9/22
Virginia Morris	9/25
Elizabeth Satterwhite	9/25
Emily Heid	9/27
Shelby Kehrer	9/27

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

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 September 24.



ANSWERS: 1, C. Abel; 2, A. Foxes; 3, B. Picking up remnants left behind by the reapers 4, A. They were hungry; 5, C. The members of the church in Corinth; BONUS, Easter season

## SUMMER 2018 PICTURES



**Principal Jim LeBlanc and Asst. Principal Laura Clark of Saluda River Academy of the Arts receive the Backpacks packed by OSLC.**



**Blessing of Bookbags, and the students, teachers, and administrators who carry them.**



**ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas**

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of our Saviour*

## SOMETHING'S COMING!

Do the words "bible study" fill you with guilt? You feel like you ought to be doing it, but never do. You try on your own and don't stick with it? You can never seem to make it when it's going on at church. What if there was an easier way?

There soon will be! This fall we will be subscribing to a new service that will allow you to watch a professionally produced Christian video at your own time. Then you'll have the opportunity to sign into Google Hangout from the comfort of your own computer and Pastor Lance will lead on online bible study live going over the Scriptures highlighted in the video. The great thing about this is it will be available to anyone associated with the church. Got a friend? Sign up together. On the Grapevine mailing list? Sure, you can participate. Details will be coming, so the best way to stay updated is to follow Our Saviour Lutheran Church on Facebook!

